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Our Mission Statement
 With Jesus as our guide we promise
 To care for one another,
 To work hard,
 To build a community in Christ's love.

We learn



NEWSLETTER 13th September 2019

ADVENT (AUTUMN) TERM


Dear Parents/ Carers
 We've had a super week – hope you have too. Below are reminders for next week.

Curriculum Information Evenings: Meet your Children's Teachers and find out about the curriculum and expectations for your child this year and talk to the class teacher about how your child is settling in.

EYFS: Tuesday 17th September 2017: 3.15p.m- 6p.m
KS1/ KS2: Monday 16th September 2017: 3.15p.m – 5 p.m

Activities will be provided for children in the studio, supervised by Miss Jordan and other adults: so parents can meet in the classrooms with the class teachers. This is a very informative meeting about the Curriculum for your child and the higher expectations for each year group. The Year 2 and Year 6 teachers will also explain about SAT's procedures and ways to help your child. You can also talk to teachers about how your child is settling in, ask questions or raise any concerns. If your child is on the SEND register a separate appointment letter will be sent to you for an additional meeting. Please note that there are not appointment times.

Monday 16th September: 6p.m in the school hall: Reading workshop
Wednesday 18th September: 9a.m in the school hall: Reading workshop (repeat of Monday)
Come along and find out about how we teach reading at St Mary's school!



Thursday 19th September: 11.am in the school hall: St Mary's Harvest Liturgy.



You are warmly invited to the school's Harvest Liturgy. Each class will be performing a song, poem or drama. We are collecting tins of food, biscuits, dried food items such as pasta or rice, or items from the allotment and donations will be gratefully received and given to the Carpenter's Arms.

Friday 20th in the School Hall: film night 3.15p.m to 5p.m. Tickets can be purchased in the school office next week. Dance club is still on in the parish hall: 3.15p.m to 4.30p.m.

PIANO LESSONS AT SCHOOL



Mrs Leaney, the school's piano teacher currently teaches two children on a Monday. She is able to do more lessons on a Monday, during the school day for children Y3 to Y6. 15 minutes is £9.00 and half an hour is £15.

Phone app and passwords: Please speak to Mrs Cavanagh in the school office if you have not had your password yet or are having trouble downloading the app. We do send the messages on it- to say if your child is receiving a certificate at Achievement assembly. Please keep checking on the app, that you are not logged out, so that you are not missing vital messages. Some phone models seem to have a problem with the app, if it keeps logging you out, just uninstall and reinstall the app on school jotter for St Mary's.

Parent Pay

The St Thomas Academy, which the school belongs to has informed the school, that for all their schools they are using Parent Pay for a cashless system for dinners, trips etc. At the moment we are just setting this up in school and having the training. Please continue to send money in using the envelope system. You will be notified with instructions when Parent Pay is set up at St Mary's school.

Governing Body Vacancies for a Parent Representative: A letter will be sent out next week, inviting parents to apply to be a parent representative Governor on the St Mary's Governing body. Please do come and have a chat to Miss Jordan if you are interested and would like to know more first.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Invitation to school Liturgies/ assemblies: Families are very welcome to attend school assemblies/ Liturgies as follows:

Tuesdays	9a.m	Prayer and liturgy led by the Headteacher or classes.
Fridays	9.00am	Achievement assembly

NO whole school Liturgy- next Tuesday – see Thursday's Harvest Liturgy.

The next achievement assembly will be on Friday the 20th September at 9a.m in the school hall. Please do join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards, if you have the time.

Thank you so much to the families and children who attended the Education Sunday Masses on the 8th. The parishioners were so pleased with the children's reading, welcoming and offertory.

HARVEST LITURGY: 19th of September at 11a.m in the school hall. Parents are all invited to the Liturgy. Your generosity was amazing last year: please could children bring tinned and dried food, biscuits to donate to the Carpenter's Arms. We will add this to the parish donations for their Harvest Mass on the 22nd of September.

Preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are led by the Parish Catechists and are not led at schools. Any child from year three upwards can receive these Sacraments, but you are required to attend mass weekly. You need to collect a form from St Mary's church, if you wish your child to part of the programme this year. Thank you. Classes are on Saturdays, using the parish and school hall.



ST MARY'S FRIENDS: FOSM: Come along to the first meeting – child care provided!

Come along and see what we do, if you are a new parent to the school it is a great way to meet other parents and you do not have to commit to every event. This year we will be fundraising for new playground equipment, library books and home readers, as well as other items which benefit all the children in school.

This term the FOSM, have bought a set of 10 computer tablets for a group of children to work on and another one for a child to type on for their class work. They are also funding £1000 of the coach costs for the Years Five and Six: St Roch's and St George's to go to London overnight for a trip, which is very generous.

Please support their fundraising efforts and see if you can volunteer at an event.

Thursday 10th of October: Harvest Festival 3.15p.m in the Parish and school hall. Children will be invited to bring in their Harvest boxes and colouring for a competition, as last year and some of the children will sing their Harvest songs. There will be cakes, jumble to buy and other things. We will ask the children to sing their songs. We hope you can attend, as all the money raised will go to fund the Year Five and Six trip to London.

Friday 20th September: Film night in the school hall

Friday 25th October: Film Night in the school hall- 3.15p.m to 5p.m: all year groups invited.

3rd December: 3.15p.m – Christmas Fayre

Please note the change of date!!!!!!

School Disco: Friday the 15th of November.

No November film night!

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Coffee Morning Fridays

After the 9a.m Achievement assemblies!

You don't have to drink coffee, we have tea and other refreshments too! All Parents/ families welcome to stay every Friday after achievement assemblies. A great way to chat and meet other parents, ask questions or if you need help.

Parking and the no stopping Signs on Hastings street

We understand that it is difficult to park, to drop and collect your child at St Mary's School and thank many of you for your responsible parking and not stopping on Hastings street to drop children at the gate, as this makes it safer for everyone. However, we have received complaints from residents about parents parking in St Mary's Close and close by to the exit, making it unsafe for residents to pull their cars out. It is clearly signposted Private parking and there are two parent's cars that park in there at the end of the day, throwing cigarette ends out of their windows. We do ask you to be respectful of the residents around the school and to bear in mind the no stopping signs as Parking wardens will be starting to patrol the area and that littering is not acceptable.

School Nurse :There is not a particularly nurse allocated to the school. The pool of available school nursing staff continues to be depleted as, around the country, the offer for school aged children is changing and fewer Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are trained. Primary School drop-in sessions will be suspended but schools will continue to be able to refer. If you need to talk to someone about your child's health, you can book an appointment with a member of the Healthy Together Team at Loughborough. You can also ring their advice line: 0300 3000 007 or text a public health nurse at Leicestershire and Rutland: 07520 615 382.

Dates for Your Diary

At St Mary's we are always trying to improve our communication with you. Families requested last term, that they would like more advance notice of events, which we will endeavour to do. With the term dates, as an Academy we have kept to the Leicestershire term dates for 2019-20, after consultation with parents last year.

16 th September	Curriculum/ Parent's meetings in classrooms with teachers: 3.15p.m -6p.m 6p.m: Reading workshop for parents.
17 th September	3.15p.m: EYFS: foundation class curriculum meeting for parents
18 th September	Reading workshop for parents: 9a.m
23 rd September	Reading week at school 24 th September: Andy Craven poet into work with the children.
26 th September	European Day of languages celebrated in school: children to bring reading books with languages in from different countries.
Half Term 1 week	14th -18 th October: School Reopens for Autumn Term 2: Mon 21st October 2019. (Please note that our Academy schools kept to the Leicestershire date holidays.)
Friday 1 st Nov	Mass in church; All Saints 9.15a.m
4 th Nov	Parliament week in school
14 th Nov	Flu immunisations in school
3 rd December	10.15a.m: School at the pantomime in Loughborough Town Hall 3.15p.m: FOSM Christmas Fair school hall
Monday 16 th Dec	Ks1 Nativity Performance
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Ks1 Nativity Performance 2
Thursday 19 th Dec	6p.m at St Mary's church: KS2 Carols by candlelight
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term School finishes at 1.30p.m
Christmas Holidays 2 weeks	Monday 23 rd Dec - Monday 6 th January: Mon 6 th Inset day: staff training School Reopens Tuesday 7 th January 2020

Finally, I would like to thank you in advance for working with us to ensure the best for your child. We look forward to a happy and successful year, where we continue to celebrate and be proud of our school.

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday the 20th of September. Please do come and have a chat with me about any queries or how we can improve at school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss P Jordan Headteacher