

# St Mary's News

## First Holy Communion

Fr Eamonn and I are delighted to be able to confirm we can go ahead with our First Holy Communion Masses. This group have been preparing since before the March lockdown last year and I know they are very excited to be able to finally go ahead. Unfortunately due to ongoing COVID restrictions and guidance there will be 3 Masses each with a small number of children with invited family members only. Hopefully as we move nearer to a further lifting of restrictions and if Kirklees cases fall to a less worrying level, we will be able to celebrate together in July. Please pray for our children as they make their final preparations.

## Star of the Week and Superkids

Certificates are awarded to children who have stood out each week. It might be for kindness, behaviour, effort, determination or particular pieces of work.

Class 1: Kyra Scholes, Luke Kelly, Gracie-Mai Plunkett and Ave-Mae Connolly.

Class 2: Alicia Bader and Rory Threadgold

Class 4: Lydia Littlewood and Archie Cummins

Class 5: Mya Kelly, Harper Middleton and Libertee Flatley

Class 6: Enaan Ahmad and Tyler Miller-Ware

Class 7: Lola Broadhurst, Bethany Goodlad, Matilda Walker and Vanessa Bosela

Class 8: Tommy Finneran and Essa Naval

Class 9: Niall Stanley and Jasmine Dakin

Class 10: Kaytie Williams and Rokšana Greidane

Class 11: Jayden Foley and Chloe You

Mrs Hetherington: Imogen Gibbons

## Start and end times

Traffic has been a real problem this week in the area around school so we understand if you are late the odd morning or at the end of the time. However, we are back to normal expectations including lateness. Children should be both dropped off and collected promptly, on time.

## Just a reminder of times below:

Classes 9-11 enter at 8.45am and queue in the ball park

Classes 6-8 enter around 8.50am depending when the first 3 classes have gone into school

Classes 2-5 enter around 8.55-9am once the previous group have gone into school.

End times are

3.05pm classes 9-11

3.10pm classes 6-8

3.15pm classes 2-5

Please note that the EYU start at 8.55am and end at 3.05pm (my error last week!)

### Uniform requests

Please label or write your child's name into each piece of uniform especially cardigans and jumpers so they don't get mixed up and can be returned to the right person if found left on the field during break/lunchtime.

We have allowed some flexibility with uniform for obvious reasons since we came back in March but there should be some attempt at following our policy please. Our policy does state that hair shouldn't be dyed and no patterns razored/cut into it. An ongoing hazard in school is head lice so tying hair back is a sensible precaution. PE kits should be worn to school on PE days for classes 8-11 but please make sure they are appropriate sports shorts not skimpy holiday type shorts. Thank you

### Holiday requests

Many of us will have had our holidays disrupted last year due to the various lockdowns and travel restrictions. Thank fully, it does look like some holidays may be able to go ahead this year, both at home and abroad. Please complete a holiday request form (available to download from the website or ask at the office) before you go. Any holiday leave request with proof of an original booking or amendment booking due to COVID will not be subject to a fixed penalty (as long as usual attendance is 95%). However, ANY holidays regardless of circumstances requested for September will not be granted authorisation and fixed penalties will be enforced.

### Social media and messages

During lockdown social media and messages through gaming platforms have been a useful tool for children to keep in touch with each other, however we have had a small number of disagreements occurring online that have impacted in school. Please check your child's devices regularly especially if they are using TIK TOK, messenger etc. to ensure they are sending appropriate messages to each other. We will not deal with name calling, threats etc that have been sent through personal devices. We will advise families to call the police to deal with such activity. There is a risk these might be recorded as a hate incident. Examples include: verbal abuse like name-calling and offensive jokes, harassment, bullying or intimidation by children, adults, neighbours or strangers, physical attacks such as hitting, punching, pushing, spitting, threats of violence, hoax calls, abusive phone or text messages, hate mail, online abuse for example on Facebook or Twitter.

### Amended holiday dates for the rest of this school year.

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Close for Spring Bank
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Reopen for all pupils
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Close for Summer holidays