



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Wharf Lane, Brewwood, Staffordshire, ST19 9BG

Weekly Newsletter - 9th September 2016

Dear Parents

We have had a good first week back at school and the children are all settling well into the new school year. I have really enjoyed catching up on the children's holiday news! I am sure you will join me in offering a special welcome to our new families who have become part of the St Mary's school family this week.

Our first newsletter is quite lengthy as it contains important information as we start our new academic year. Newsletters will be sent each Friday so please look out for any additions or amendments for your diary.



Dates for Your Diary

- 11 September - Welcome Mass 11.00am on the school field weather permitting (otherwise in Church) followed by a bring and share picnic lunch
- 12 September - Last day to return after school sports club forms
- 12 September - Class 4 Meet the Teacher - Mrs Woolley 3.00-3.30pm
- 13 September - Class 2 Meet the Teacher - Miss Barber - 3.00-3.30pm
- 14 September - Class 3 Meet the Teacher - Mrs Pagett - 3.00-3.30pm
- 15 September - Class 1 Classroom Visit - 3.00-3.30pm
- 16 September - **Please note that Mass this week is on Friday 9.00am in Church**
- 19 September - Individual photos (younger siblings from 8.30am in hall)
- 20 September - Swimming lessons start for Class 3
- 26 September - Blessed William Howard open evening 6.00-8.00pm for Years 4-6
- 30 September - MUFTI and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at 2.00pm
- 6 October - Harvest Festival 3.00pm in school
- 7 October - CAFOD family fast day MUFTI
- 17 October - Parents Evening 3.45 - 5.45
- 19 October - Parents Evening - 5.30 - 7.30
- **24 - 28 October - HALF TERM**

Classes

This year classes are structured as follows.

Class 1 - Reception/Y1 - Teacher: Mrs Jaimie/Mrs Walker & Teaching Assistant: Mrs Instone

Class 2 - Years 1 & 2 - Teacher: Miss Barber & Teaching Assistant: Mrs Gamston

Class 3 - Years 3 & 4 - Teacher: Mrs Pagett & Teaching Assistant: Mrs Horton

Class 4 - Years 5 & 6 - Teachers: Mrs Parlane & Mrs Woolley & Teaching Assistant: Mr Cox

As in other years, we have had to restructure to keep class sizes under the Department of Education limits. In future we would, of course, notify you well in advance if this was once again a necessity.

Congratulations Assemblies

Please note that our special 'Congratulations' assembly will be held on Fridays at **9.00am** in the school hall. I would like to invite you all to the Friday assemblies if you can possibly make them. The first Congratulations assembly will be on 23rd September. If your child is to be awarded a surprise certificate, you will be informed by text. Please remember that these special certificates are in addition to the individual praise and class rewards all our children will receive during the course of the school week.

Children will also be encouraged to bring in any awards or special achievements they have gained outside of school to share with the school.

Mass

Children will be attending Mass on Thursdays at 9.00am in Church. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Mass - Registration

Please ensure that your child is in school punctually as we go across to Church at 8.55a.m. For the safety of your child it is of vital importance that you notify the school office if you are late and you have taken them directly to Church on Mass days. If we do not have them registered we would be unaware that they were missing from school until after Mass.

Absences

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please notify the school office between 8.45a.m. and 9.30a.m. on the first day of absence. As a safeguarding measure we will require a phone call on each day that your child is absent. Please note that we must be informed of the absence by the child's parent or carer. **We strongly advise against making medical/dental appointments etc. during school hours but if it is unavoidable we will require a copy of the appointment letter.**

School Uniform

Our children have begun the new school year looking very smart in their new uniforms - thank you! Until half-term summer uniform can still be worn. Following our return to school on 8th November our winter school uniform of collared shirts and ties should be worn.

Uniform is stocked at Crested Schoolwear, 4a Wolverhampton Road, Cannock Town, WS11 1AH (Tel. 01543 504866).

Uniform is also available to order on their website www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Uniform is also available online from www.yourschooluniform.com

MUFTI Days

Children can wear their own clothes normally in return for a charity donation.

School Milk for Over 5s

Milk is provided for children under the age of 5. If your child is over 5 and you would like to order a daily carton of milk, please register at www.coolmilk.com where you will be able to pay for milk orders and amend your account as necessary. If you would like further details, Cool Milk can be contacted via email: registrations@coolmilk.com or telephone: 0844 854 2913.

Open Door Policy

Parents are always welcome to speak to either their child's class teacher or Mrs Corbett by appointment.

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Sunday 11th September - Welcome Mass 11.00am

All families of children in school are invited to help us to welcome our new pupils into our Parish community. There will be a bring and share picnic lunch after the service. Please come along and join us in the school grounds if the weather is fine, otherwise in Church.

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Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th September - Meet the Teacher 3.00 to 3.30pm

There will be a chance for you to meet your child's teacher in class this week:

Class 4 - Mrs Woolley - Monday 12th September

Class 2 - Miss Barber - Tuesday 13th September

Class 3 - Mrs Pagett - Wednesday 14^h September

If you are unable to make this and you have any queries about your child's new class please make an appointment.

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Thursday 15th September - Class 1 Classroom Invitation 3.00 to 3.30pm

Please come and see how your child is settling into their new class and chat to Mrs Jaimie and Mrs Instone.

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Invitation to parents

ACTA open meeting: Sunday, September 25th Archbishop Kevin McDonald speaks on 'Spirituality, Migrants and other Religions'. Q&A, discussion, 1.30 for 2 till 4.30pm. Newman House, Harrison's Rd, Edgbaston B15 3QS. Everyone most welcome - laity, religious and clergy, for both members and visitors. No charge. Enquiries - Jean at mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

ACTA Website: acalltoaction.org.uk

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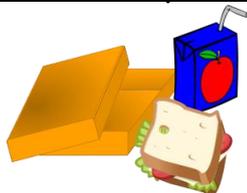
Dinner Money

A reminder that whenever possible please pay dinner money each Monday for meals required during the week ahead. The cost is £2.15 per meal (lunches are provided free for children in Years R, 1 & 2).



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Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies



We are looking for lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

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Gardening Volunteers

If you are able to spare an hour (or more!) between 10.00 and 2.00 on Saturday 1st October, weather permitting, to help with gardening/tidying tasks we would really appreciate it. We are hoping to make the gardens easier to maintain in preparation for gardening projects that the children can be involved in and would love it if you were able to help (dads welcome to help with the heavy work). We are also looking for volunteers to ask for vouchers, donations etc. from garden centres to help us along - we are happy to mention them as sponsors in our newsletter.

Some of the items we need are:

Large matching ceramic plant pots

Compost

Membrane

Stones/slate

Wood stain/protector

Shelving for shed (if you have any unwanted shelving at home old stuff would do)

Children's small wellies to use as planters



If you are able to help please contact the school office.

Noah's Ark Nursery News



Please remember to notify us if your child is not in Nursery for any reason - thank you

Welcome back and a big hello to all our new children - we hope you all had a lovely summer.

The letter of the week for week commencing 12th September will be 'm'.

Would you please check to see if your child has accidentally brought home a boys black 'BOSS' top - thank you

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Corbett
Headteacher



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