



# **ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **SEPTEMBER 2016**



*Dear Parents/ Carers,*

*Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to all those who are new to the family of St. Mary's. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and the staff are very much looking forward to working with you and your child/ren over the year ahead. It is wonderful to see the children settling so well into their new classes already.*



Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that our correct school uniform is worn by all children. Please remember that from Reception to Year 6 shirts/blouses/polo tops are white, trousers/skirts are grey, jumpers/cardigans are navy blue and sensible shoes are black. The children look so smart in their uniforms and are a credit to you. Ensure that your child's name is on each item of uniform so that we can then easily reunite any mislaid items to their owners. Thank you.

**Please remember that the wearing of jewellery and make-up is not permitted at St. Mary's. This includes earrings and nail varnish. The Governing Body expects this essential policy to be supported by all families.**

School begins at 8.55a.m. and all children are to be in class by this time for registration and the beginning of the first lesson. We enable children to enter school from 8.45a.m. so that a smooth beginning to every day can be had in all classes. We expect that 100% punctuality will be achieved on a regular basis over this next school year and we look for your continued support in this matter.



Key Stage 1 children are provided with a piece of fruit per day as part of the national healthy eating scheme. Children in Key Stage 2 are allowed to bring a piece of fruit from home to eat at morning break if they wish. Please do not supply any items containing, dipped in or drizzled with chocolate.



Children are allowed to bring in water bottles to reduce dehydration and aid concentration. They must contain STILL water only and can be used by the children throughout the day. If you wish to purchase a school water bottle, they are available from the school office for £1.



May we remind parents/carers that following government guidelines children cannot be taken out of school for holidays. If your child/ren have to be absent from school due to **exceptional** circumstances, a written request should be made to the Governors, via the Headteacher, explaining the exceptional circumstances **before** the absence begins. A proforma may be obtained from the school office.

You will find the autumn term calendar on the back of this newsletter with some familiar events and some that are new. We look forward to welcoming you into school over the autumn term ahead so that can celebrate together all that is wonderful about our school. Please join us when you can.



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September	29th	9.15am Y5/6 Mass
October	5th	Y5 Workshop @ Contact Theatre - details tbc
	6th	9.15am Y3/4 Mass - parents welcome
	13th	9.15am Y1/2 Mass - parents welcome 2pm School Open Afternoon - for prospective parents
	18th	8.30am Photographer in school - individual & family groups
	21st	9.10am Harvest Assembly - parents welcome
		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY (22.10.16 to 30.10.16 inclusive)</b>
November	1st	10am Whole School Mass - parents welcome
	2nd	3pm - 6pm Parent Consultation Meetings
	10th	9.15am Y1/2 Mass - parents welcome
	16 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 National Film Week - Y4 to The Lowry
	17th	9.15am Y3/4 Mass - parents welcome 10-12 National Film Week - Y1, Y2 & Y3
	23rd	Y6 Robin wood trip (23 - 25 incl)
	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am Advent Assembly - Y5 to lead - parents welcome
December	1st	9.10am Advent Assembly - Y3 to lead - parents welcome 2.45pm Nursery/Reception - Tree Dressing - parents welcome
	5th	PTA Events - details to follow
	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Peace Prize Assembly - parents welcome
	9th	9.10am Advent Assembly - Y4 to lead - parents welcome
	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Y1/2 Nativity Play for parents
	14 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm Y1/2 Nativity Play for parents
	15th	9.15am Y5/6 Mass Advent Carol Service in Church - details to follow
	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am Advent Assembly - Y6 to lead - parents welcome
	19th	Class Christmas Parties
	20th	9.15am Nursery & Reception Nativity Play 2.15pm Nursery & Reception Nativity Play
	22nd	9.30am Whole School Mass 1.30pm School closes for Christmas holidays



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*On our journey of faith, with Jesus as our guide, we share friendship, value learning and show respect for ourselves and others, as we live, learn, play, work and pray together in our community."*

