



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OFSTED SUCCESS! All parents were sent the S8 Inspection Letter on Wednesday this week. We are very pleased that the school continues to be recognised as 'GOOD' and we want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support for our wonderful school. The Inspection Letter can be viewed on our website on the 'Performance' page and should be on the Ofsted Website early next week.



NATIONAL U12 CHAMPIONS 2018!!! We told you a while ago about the All Saints' Girls U12 Football Team having won the North West Regional Finals, but yesterday we were even more delighted to discover that the girls (including former St Mary's pupils) have been crown National Champions this week!!! You might recognise two faces in this photo..... Samantha Obleada and Ella Rejiba. How proud are we!??? **WELL DONE GIRLS!!!**

GOOD ATTENDANCE + PUNCTUALITY = SUCCESS!!



PTA REQUESTS The PTA Summer Fayre is fast approaching (Saturday 7th July) and we need some support and help from anyone who can give it!! One particular request is for Raffle Prizes that will encourage people to buy tickets on the day of the Fayre. If you own a business and you can offer a Voucher of some kind, or you know someone who can offer a good prize we would be very grateful.

The PTA have given us some funding recently to help get some repairs done on the climbing equipment in the KS1 Playground. They have also helped us to pay for the transport costs of both the Ampleforth and Keswick Residentials and have offered to contribute towards a very special bespoke stone sculpture being created by a local stonemason depicting Our Lady and a small child. We hope this will be completed and erected before the Summer holidays near the Main Entrance.

FORMER HEADTEACHER DIES It was with great sadness that we heard this week of the death of Mr Peter Wild, who retired as Headteacher of our school in July 1985 having served the community in that role for 23 years!!! Please spare a moment to say a prayer for him and his family.



PARKING & DANGEROUS DRIVING We are very aware that problems continue to exist at drop-off and collection times outside the school. Aside from the 'Mr Yummy' Ice-cream Van parking illegally, (please don't give this van your business) we have had more reports of incidents involving selfish and irresponsible behaviour. Mr Brennan and Mrs Whetham (Holy Trinity Headteacher) have continued to press the police, locality officers and the Council for help in

reducing the problems and they are all aware of the potential for a serious injury. Some actions have been taken against offenders and we have received assurances that more will be done where it can be. At the same time, we would like to ask that parents remain calm and do not take matters into their own hands, as this may result in unintended consequences. The police have advised us that any one causing damage to vehicles or blocking the road can be prosecuted and it is also unwise to confront people, especially in 'gangs' or where threats are made against them. We hope you understand.



TEXT MESSAGE CHANGES

Many of you will have noticed that our text messaging has changed recently. This is because the company we have always used (**Teachers2Parents**) have been taken-over and the new company are changing some of the formatting and procedures. One thing you may notice is that several different numbers are being used to send the messages. This is because

the new company (**Eduspot**) are using whichever lines are cheapest at the time. You will also notice that occasionally a privacy notice and/or a link to terms and conditions will be included in messages. This is to comply with new data legislation taking effect from the 25th May. If you download the eduspot app some of the issues will be less obvious – This might be something you decide to do for your convenience. The app is of course free and available from the usual app providers.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

Our school is always a very busy place, but it has been especially full of life since we came back after Easter:

- Girls and Boys Football teams have been playing the first games of the season
- Netball Team at Holy Trinity
- We have had several groups and classes out on trips: KS1 – Cannon Hall Farm, 1st Confession children – Bowling, Y5/6 Cycling at Brooksbank.
- Poetry Workshop with Winston Plowes – Y5
- UK Maths Challenge – Y6
- Parent Day – KS2

LATE ARRIVALS: *We would like to remind parents that if your child is late into school he/she MUST be signed in personally by an adult.*

There will be lots more ahead as we moving into the Summer!

GROUP PHOTOS

We would like to remind parents that the school photographer will be in school on Monday to take photographs of all our classes and the various sporting clubs and other clubs in school. These photos will be available for purchase later in the term as momentos of the 2017-18 academic year. We ask that children are wearing correct uniform and that it is clean and presentable for these photos.

ATTENDANCE

One of our action areas from the Ofsted Inspection is around improving attendance and punctuality, but is more specifically about improving the attendance of children whose absence rates are consistently poor. Please **DO NOT** expect Mr Brennan to authorise holidays in school term time. All unauthorised absences lasting longer than 5 days will be subject to a referral to the Attendance Officer for a Fixed Penalty Fine.

CLASS	Attendance 26.3.18 – 20.4.18
REC	91.5
1/2H	96.8
1/2D	93.6
2M	93.7
3/4C	97.8
3/4R	93.8
4R	96.5
5BT	97.8
5G	94.4
6F	95.6
6L	94.7
School Average	95%

SATs SUPPORT

Please do your best to support and encourage children over the next few weeks as they go through the SATs. Y2 children are mainly Teacher Assessed, but we still need them to be at their best. Y6 will be undertaking their formal tests in the week beginning the 14th May. All these children will need lots of sleep, good food and sensitive support!!

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Look out for our latest podcast Link: **Children's Page** on the website.