



St Mary's
Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Parent Consultation Spring 2015



Parent consultation meetings this term will take place on the **10th and 11th February**. Please make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you!

Diocesan School Building Fund

Very shortly you will be receiving an updated leaflet from the Diocese concerning the Building Fund. There are a number of changes which are summarised as follows;

- i) if you wish to make your voluntary contribution annually by Direct Debit or Standing Order, the leaflet explains where the forms can be downloaded from. The first contribution will be made on 7 March 2016. You can also use the forms to Gift Aid your contribution;
- ii) as a new option, the leaflet explains how you can contribute directly to the Schools Building Fund on-line. Again, you will also be able to Gift Aid your contribution using this method;
- iii) if you wish to make your voluntary contribution by cash/cheque direct to school, the leaflet enables you to make donations in this way using a detachable page in the leaflet (Form A). A detachable Gift Aid Declaration (Form B) is also included in the leaflet that can be used if you are making your contribution by cash/cheque directly to school.



School Website



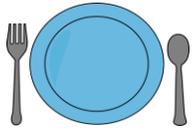
We hope you have had the opportunity to visit our new website since the last newsletter. Please visit your child's class page to keep updated! We will continue to add and change things as we go along.

Weather

If we experience any really wintery weather, please remember to remain on the treated pathways around the site. The gritting plan is attached to the main routes into school and we will keep in touch with you via the parent text system and the website if there are to be any changes to our usual practice or procedures.



Lunch Time



Please may I remind parents and carers that we do not have the capacity to be able to swap and change pupils in Key Stage 1 from sandwiches to a hot school meal and vice versa on a daily basis. As most of our food is fresh, orders are placed well in advance, and **we require at least a weeks' notice for the change to take place.**

On Line Payments

Please remember, payments can be made on line for school lunches, Early Years Snack, building fund, trips etc. Visit our website www.stmaryscrewe.co.uk and look for the e-payments to schools under the parent and carer zone.



School Telephone Number



Please remember that it is important that all parents and carers make a note or store the school phone number on mobile phones so that you are aware that it is school calling and not a nuisance number! If we are calling you, it will be important for one reason or another.

0845 1480060

In addition, it is also vitally important that we have **up to date numbers and contact details for you.** Please ensure your details are returned on the data collection sheets or updated using an internal school form for the remainder of the year. Thank you.

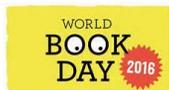
Sacramental Programme Dates

For those parents and pupils involved in preparation with the parish catechists, please make a note of the remaining dates: **Children's sessions at St Mary's in KS1 Hall from 9.30am to 10.30am** 7th February, 28th February, 6th March and 17th April



The Parish Catechist Team

World Book Day 2016



World Book Day 2016 takes place on **3rd March 2016**. Please start thinking about that book character costume!

Uniform Sale

A selection of uniform, in used but good condition will be on sale on **Wednesday's** before each half term break from 2pm onwards. If you have any uniform to donate which could be included in the sale, please bring it into school.



School Information



Please find a link below to the DFE school performance tables.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/search.pl?postcode=cw2+8ad&distance=1&phase=all&searchType=postcode>

Uniform Reminder

There are a number of pupils who are not in the correct uniform. Our policy is clear: **if your child is wearing a shirt; a tie is required.** Ties are available directly from school. If your child does not have a tie, please ensure they are wearing a school polo shirt. Please ensure your child has appropriate, **black, stout school shoes** and a warm weatherproof coat which has your child's name clearly marked in it. **Tights and socks should be plain and grey.** Please remember that **boots will need to be changed once your child has arrived in school.** It is vitally important that we maintain our high standards. Thank you.



SMART Club



SMART Club Fees are now as follows:

Breakfast Club	£ 4.50
4.15 Club	£ 6.20
After School Club	£10.00
Holiday Club – Full Day	£21.00
Holiday Club – Half Day	£11.00

Siblings will continue to benefit from a 10% discount in the above fees. **If your child is booked in and you no longer require the place, please inform a member of the team to avoid us worrying that we have a missing child or have a potential safeguarding issue. Thank you.**

We have places available for holiday club during the **February Half term break.** For all SMART club bookings, enquiries and information please contact a member of the team on **07983304425**

Could all parents /carers using the staff car park in the mornings, please use a marked, allocated space, which enables staff to park their vehicles. Some cars are being abandoned in random places and across more than one space. This not only causes irritation, but also limits the flow of an already overstretched area. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Term Date Reminder 2015 2016

	School Closes	School re-opens
Spring Half Term	Friday 12th February	Monday 22nd February
Easter 2016	Thursday 24th March	Tuesday 12th April
May Day	29 th April	Tuesday 3 rd May
Summer Half Term	Friday 27 th May	Monday 6 th June
Summer 2016	Tuesday 19th July	

Good Friday 25th March 2016 Easter Monday 28th March 2016 May Day 2nd May 2016
Remaining INSET DAYS (school closed for pupils) 20th and 21st July 2016

Dates for 2016 / 2017 are at the end of this newsletter following governor approval.

Nail Varnish

Please check that your child is not coming into school with nail varnish on. We seem to have had a number of issues recently with pupils required to remove it. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Early Years Pupil Premium



The Early Years Pupil Premium is additional funding that St Mary's can claim for our Nursery children. This additional funding is used to support children's development, learning and care. Any claim is based on; children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or children who were in local authority care but are no longer in care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order.

If you think you may be able to help, please ask Mrs Lee, our School Business Manager for a short application form to complete. Only limited information is required to check eligibility which includes your National Insurance number, name and date of birth. Your personal circumstances will not be discussed.

For further information, please contact Mrs L Lee, call Cheshire East Early Years and Childcare on 01270 685888 or visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fee

Please take time to apply TODAY and help our school!

Class 10 Assembly

Class 10 and I would like to invite you to our Class Assembly on Friday 29th January at 9.10am. We will be celebrating the work we have been doing in our current R.E unit called '*Sacrament of Reconciliation*'. The assembly will last for approximately twenty minutes.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Woodward

Tennis Coaching



Mr Crook will be running a tennis coaching club for Year 5/6 children on Tuesdays after school for 3 weeks! There are 10 places available and places will run on a first come first served basis.

Tennis isn't the easiest sport for young children to learn, but if you start children positively, they're likely to be lifelong players. The key, not surprisingly, is to make sure they're having fun. The best way to make sure they have fun and learn well is to keep them experiencing success.

The aim of the club will be to introduce:

A B C (Agility Balance & Coordination) for tennis

A range of strokes that can be applied to competitive and non-competitive games

A love for the game of tennis!

Date & Time:

Tuesday 1st March, Tuesday 8th March, Tuesday 15th March **from 3.15pm - 4.15pm**

Venue: Key Stage 2 Playground (MUGA) **Kit:** Supportive footwear, suitable P.E kit and a waterproof jacket in case the heavens open!

Please familiarise yourself with the collection arrangements and venue before completing the form on the letter which has been circulated and returning it to Mr Crook.

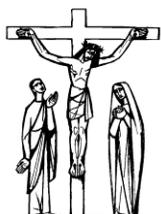
Bicycle Shelter

We are concerned that a number of bicycles and scooters are being left in our shelter overnight and sometimes for a number of days. Please ensure that all bicycles and scooters are reclaimed at the end of each day. The shelter is popular, and we need the room on a daily basis. Many thanks.



Site Team

A Calendar for Lent 2016



Please find attached to this newsletter a calendar for Lent for you and your child to illustrate and share together as we start our journey through Lent from 9th February.

‘Pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life’ (from the Face of Mercy, by Pope Francis)

Y6 Manchester Museum Visit

Class 19 and **Class 21** will be visiting Manchester Museum on **Monday 1st February**. **Class 20** will be visiting on **Tuesday 2nd February**. Letters have already been circulated to the children. Please ensure that you have returned the Form C and the voluntary contribution of £10 before the end of next week please. Many thanks in advance of your co-operation!



Year 6 Team

Y5 Y6 Dodgeball Competition



A number of Y5 Y6 pupils will be taking part in a Dodgeball competition on **Monday 25th January** at South Cheshire College. The competition starts at 3pm and will finish at 5pm. Mrs Landstrom will walk the children to the college unless you have informed her otherwise. **Please ensure pupils are collected from South Cheshire College by 5pm.** Please come early and cheer the team on! We hope to witness at St Mary's victory!

Nursery News

Our new Little Tikes tow truck arrived this week, much to the excitement of all the children! Thank you to all who bought photographs, which helped raise the funds to buy it!

We have a fairy door....!...on the skirting board where the children find their names at the beginning of sessions. Hoping fairies or elves move in soon...!

Many of our children love to dress up and a small box of old costume jewellery has been very popular. If anyone has any unwanted bracelets, necklaces or rings – especially chunky ones, we could put them to good use in our dressing up box.

Unwanted Visitors! Please check your child's hair regularly as head lice are very common in nurseries and schools – head lice are not fussy – anybody will do! Should you find any, please carry out the appropriate treatment (Pharmacists or health visitors are usually good to advise on current treatment) and let us know (confidentially, of course).



Mrs Kerry and the Nursery Team

Looking Ahead 2015 2016

January	27th	Y4 Residential
	29th	Y4 return from Residential
February	10th	Parent Consultation Meeting
	11th	Parent Consultation Meeting
	12th	School closes for Half Term
	22nd	School re-opens
March	3rd	World Book Day
	24th	School closes for Easter break
April	12th	School re-opens
May	2nd	Bank Holiday
	9th	SATs Week
June	6th	One World Week
	8th	New Reception Parents Meeting KS1 Hall 6pm
	20th	Town Sports Cumberland Track (provisional)
	22nd	Town Sports Barony Park (provisional)
	27th	YR Sports (am)
	28th	Y1 Sports (am) Y2 Sports (pm)
	29th	Y3 Sports (am) Y4 Sports (pm)
	30th	Y5 Sports (am) Y6 Sports (pm)
July	4th	New Reception Pupils Visits
	5th	New Reception Pupils Visits
	6th	Y6 Ties & Tiaras Event
	8th	Reports to Parents
	12th	Open Afternoon
	13th	Meet New Teacher
	14th	Y6 Leavers Mass KS2 Hall 9.30am
	19th	School closes for Summer break

TERM DATES 2016 -2017



	School Closes	School re-opens
Summer 2016		Tuesday 6 th September 2016
Autumn Half Term	Thursday 27 th October	Monday 7 th November
Christmas	Wednesday 21 st December	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
Spring Half Term	Friday 17 th February	Tuesday 28 th February
Easter 2017	Thursday 13 th April	Wednesday 3 rd May
Summer Half Term	Friday 26 th May	Monday 5 th June
Summer 2017	Friday 21 st July	

Good Friday 14th April 2017

Easter Monday 17th April 2017

May Day 1st May 2017

Parents are reminded that holidays should be taken during the official school closure periods and leave from learning will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

INSET DAYS: Monday 5th September 2016, Friday 28th October 2016,
Monday 27th February 2017, Tuesday 2nd May 2017 and Monday 24th July 2017