



St Mary's  
Catholic Primary School and Nursery

# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back to Summer 2016!



Welcome back to school after the Easter break as we look forward to the Summer term ahead. The pupils seem happy and re-energised after enjoying their Easter eggs and two weeks of relaxation and enjoyment! Please remember we have another Bank Holiday to enjoy on **Monday 2nd May** and school closes for the Whitsun break on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**; re-opening again on **Monday 6th June**.

As with each term, we have much to enjoy and look forward to. The curriculum maps for your child's class will be uploaded onto the website by next week, and as usual, they will give you an outline of the topics and learning foci for the term ahead. Please share them with your child as the children have a real voice in shaping and leading their learning and will have lots to tell you!

Prior to the Easter break we said goodbye to Mrs Hindley who decided to take early retirement. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to our children over the past 7 years and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement with her family. Like Mrs Stokes, we will be delighted to see her popping back into school! As Class 1 parents are already aware, we have appointed Mrs Moxon for three days a week and Mrs Banwell has agreed to increase her one day to two for the remainder of this academic year. Governors will make a permanent appointment for Class 1 this term, in time for September 2016.



## Crossing the Road

If your child walks to school unaccompanied in the mornings, please remind them about crossing safely. Prior to the arrival of Peter our crossing patrol officer at 8.45am, we have witnessed some children running across the raised part of the road in front of school without checking to see if the road is clear or if the cars are stopping for them. We do not want any near misses to turn into a serious or fatal accident. Thank you.



## Cards for Sale



Our keen card makers continue to make beautiful cards for all occasions. Please call into the school reception area to have a browse!

## National Sports Week 2016

National School sport week will run **w/c: 20<sup>TH</sup> June** this year! I am delighted to have already confirmed these exciting experiences for Key Stage 2...



### Key Stage 2 activities confirmed are:

- British Archery association workshop
- Rio 'The Spirit of the Games' dance workshop with Premier Dance
- Korfbal with Nantwich and Crewe Korfbal Club
- Brazilian Street dance day with Home Grown Theatre group Cheshire
- Tae Kwon Do with Les Wright Tae Kwon Do club
- Crewe Alex former Northern Ireland international Steve Jones to talk to and lead Year 4 in a mini European Championship football tournament
- STOMP! Dance workshop and performance with a STOMP dance troupe member!
- ATP Tennis Skills
- Class V Class Competition throughout the week



If you have any questions or can add to the activities on offer please contact me directly. Many thanks in advance!

**Mr Crook**

## Dogs on Site



May I remind all parents and carers that apart from guide dogs, under Health & Safety law, no domestic dogs are permitted on the school site, **even if carried**. Please ensure they are secured safely beyond the perimeter fence and on a short lead so pedestrians on the narrow footpath are able to pass safely. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## School Website

Please continue to visit your child's class page to keep updated! We will continue to add and change things as we go along. We are really enjoying all the blogging! 😊



## 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.stmaryscreve.co.uk](http://www.stmaryscreve.co.uk) and look for the e-payments to schools under the parent and carer zone.

## Y6 SATs Information 2016

In addition to the information sessions last term, please find some additional information regarding Y6 SATs on our website. This DfE link may also be of interest:

[2016 national curriculum tests for key stages 1 and 2: information for parents](#)



## 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 sock 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.

## Remaining Term Date Reminder

	School Closes	School re-opens
<b>May Day</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Summer 2016</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	

May Day 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

**Remaining INSET DAYS (school closed for pupils) 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

Dates for 2016 / 2017 are at the end of this newsletter to ensure all holidays are booked during school closure periods.

## SMART Club

SMART Club Fees are as follows:

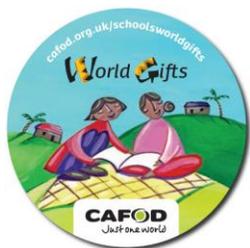
Breakfast Club	£ 4.50
4.15 Club	£ 6.20
After School Club	£10.00
Holiday Club – Full Day	£21.00
Holiday Club – Half Day	£11.00



One sibling 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 both the **Whit** and **Summer** holidays. For all SMART club bookings, enquiries and information please contact a member of the team on **07983304425**

## CAFOD Gifts



As a result of our Christmas Jumper day (I know, it seems a life time ago!) we have been able to purchase the following items: We bought 25 'Teach Someone to Read' packs @ £10 each. Reading can open up so many doors - education, work, pleasure and self-improvement, and we also bought 10 School Starter Packs @ £25 each. Many children in developing countries cannot go to school, and so are unable to reach their true potential. This brilliant gift school starter pack gift includes a uniform, stationery and a school bag; everyday items that will give a child the gifts of education and opportunity.

Again, thank you for your generosity. These gifts will have a life changing, long term impact.

# School Performance Data Update



Department  
for Education

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently released a new service at <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk> which will replace their existing [Performance Tables](#) website.

## Year 3/ 4



On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March classes teamed up for a school games Dodgeball competition!

Our four houses faced each other for a Dodgeball showdown in the beautiful sunshine. Each team played superbly and showed Respect Excellence and Friendship throughout the games. The teacher's topped up their tans as the children cheered on their respective houses.



**Benita** Year 3 :said 'It was very good playing for my team. I enjoyed winning. We didn't lose a game! If I had lost I would have been sad but I would have kept playing and told them they had played well.'

**Alan** Year 4: said ' It was great, I said to my team mates NEVER GIVE UP!'

Mother Theresa Blue team ran out as overall winners winning by 1 point for the Year 4 competition.

Mother Theresa Blue team were also overall winners for the Year 3 competition.

Congratulations to our new reigning School games champions! The challenge has been set down to the other houses...



Well done to Mother Theresa and congratulations to all of the children who took part in the competition. Our next school games will be Hockey and was chosen by Edward Shields of Year 4.

**Mr Crook**

## Gymnastics Competition



Well done to Annabelle Packham, Jackson Long, Bartosz Kida, Cristina Lemos Martins, Jenny Dunning, Calum Thomas and Isabelle Slinn for competing in the Year 3 Year 4 gymnastics competition. They all displayed excellent skills and control! St Mary's Team proudly came away with 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Camm Street! Isabelle also deserves huge congratulations for winning an individual 1st place! It was a fantastic event which the children all thoroughly enjoyed! Thank you to parents for your continued support!

**Miss Noyce**

## CAFOD Make a Splash Campaign!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our Make a Splash Campaign! We have been overwhelmed by your generosity, raising over £400! This money will now be matched by the government and therefore over £800 will go to help families in Uganda have access to clean fresh water. Congratulations to our class winners! Class 15 who raised £144 and Class 17 who raised £66. Thank You



**Mrs Hewitt & KS2 School Council**

## Our Lady of Guadalupe



In December 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to a poor Mexican farmer, Juan Diego, in a region of Mexico called Guadalupe. After this appearance, an image of Our Lady was imprinted on Juan Diego's cloak. The cloak and the image have survived for nearly 500 years and are credited with many healing miracles.

Our Lady asked that a church be built in her name in Guadalupe. The shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is the most visited Catholic site in the world. When Pope John Paul II visited Mexico, he asked that 220 copies of the image be made, and one sent to every country in the world.

The British version of the image has been travelling around the country for the last couple of years. In April 2016 it comes to St Mary's parish in Crewe! It will be received and greeted with a special Mass. A special song has been composed to celebrate the image. St Mary's school choir have learned the song and will be honoured to sing it with the adult choirs of the parish at the Mass in church this Friday **April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm**. We really hope you can join us! **Friday 22nd April** - 6:30pm Mass of Reception - veneration until 9pm. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

Further details regarding the remaining dates are as follows:

**Saturday 23rd April** - 10am Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 12 noon.

5:30pm Vigil Mass

7pm Mass in Polish

Veneration until 9pm

Soup and sandwiches will be sold all day on Saturday, with the opportunity of a light lunch during the lunch-time hours. Donations towards the Parish Centre Fund.

**Sunday 24th April**

9am Mass

11am Mass

12:45pm Mass in Polish

6:30pm Mass followed by Taize until 8:30pm.

Refreshments will be available after all Masses.

**Monday 25th April**

9:30am Mass and service of return

## Town Sports 2016

**Town Sports dates for 2016 have now been confirmed as:**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Field Events @ The Cumberland Arena, Crewe (reserve date: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June)
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Track Events @ The Barony Park, Nantwich (reserve date: Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June)

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SCHOOL SPORTS  
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## Diocesan School Building Fund

We received parental contributions of £804.00 towards the Diocesan Building Fund invoice of £9,137.00. This represents a short fall in contributions of £8,333.



Money previously allocated towards much needed resources for our pupils has now been diverted to pay for the shortfall in contributions.

There is still time to pay your voluntary contribution direct to school in a clearly marked envelope detailing your child's name and class number or online, via Epayments.

## Wishing Well Parenting Courses

Tuesday 3rd May .... 5 to 15's parenting at Jubilee House 9.30am until 11.30am  
Tuesday 3rd May ..... 0 to 6's parenting at Jubilee House 12.30p until 2.30pm with FREE creche facilities. Wednesday 4th May ....Parenting Assertiveness at The Georges Community Centre 12.30pm until 2.30pm.

If you would like to join us my contact numbers are: 01270 256919 or 07527298431  
Tracey Bentley (Senior Project Worker)



## Cross Country Cheshire Schools Competition

*Approximate distances: Y3 600m, Y4 800m, Y5 1200m & Y6 1600m*



Congratulations to all our children from Years 3-6 who competed in the second of three Cross Country LEVEL 2 competitions at Nantwich Town FC on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

It is always a privilege to watch our children compete. Staff were particularly impressed with the resilience and attitude towards the races. We had some very positive finishes from all year groups. The team of Year 5 children deserve a special mention as a team for some really good placed finishes.

With one more Cross Country meeting to go in the Summer, we are in a good position to finish in the top five schools in Crewe and Nantwich.

I am very grateful to the parents and to Mrs Harding and Miss Woodward, who all gave up their time to support this event; as without your help competition events cannot take place.

**Mr Crook**

## 50 Year Anniversary Invitation

On **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6pm at St Mary's Church in Crewe**, Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass to mark the 50th anniversary of St Thomas More Catholic High School and the 40th year of St. Gabriel's Primary School Alsager. As one of the three feeder primary schools, we will be taking part in the Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and pray for all our children and the four school communities and parishes.



Following the Mass, St Thomas More have arranged refreshments. There is also an opportunity of a Fish and Chip Supper at a cost of £5.00 from The Fish Bar retro van. To enable St Thomas More to cater for numbers, **please complete and return the slip below to St Thomas More by Friday 25th April 2016.**

## Class 15 Assembly Invitation



Class 15 would like to invite you to their class assembly on **Friday 22nd April at 9:10am** where they will be sharing their knowledge of the current R.E topic '*The Early Christians*'. The assembly will last approximately 20 minutes. Class 15 and Miss Hough look forward to seeing you there!

## Nursery News



Welcome back to what we hope will be a busy and exciting Summer Term! We have a number of events planned including a "Science is fun day", Sports Day, Summer Show, The Queen's Birthday Celebration and so on. There will be a newsletter with all information as soon as we have finalised the dates.



Our theme for this term will be growth and change, beginning with "The Hungry Caterpillar". We will have some live caterpillars to observe too!



PE lessons will begin as soon as the T-shirts arrive! Our time-tabled sessions are Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons, although we will be asking for PE kits to stay in nursery for all sessions, so that we can go outside in good weather.

**New Intake – September 2016.** We have started to look at the number of children requiring a place in nursery next year. Nursery places tend to fill up quite quickly, so if you know of anyone needing a place for a child who is 3 years old between now and January 2017 please ask them to contact us on 01270 685174 or call into school for an application form. Interested families are welcome to visit nursery too.

We said "Good bye and Good Luck" to Mrs Kulikowska on Thursday last week, as she leaves us to take up a new post at Springfield School. We wish her well in her new job!

Thank you to all for your continued support.

**Mrs Kerry and the Nursery Team**

## Mini Vinnies

As the Minnie Vinnies, we decided for our first project that we would do a cake sale for LATH (Looking after the homeless). We raised £112.00 and would like to thank all the teachers who supported us, Mrs Harding, Mrs Bevington and Mr Plant. We presented the cheque on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Annual LATH Concert.

We are really excited about our future projects. Watch this space for details!

**Grace, Halle and Charlotte (Minnie Vinnies)**

## Looking Ahead 2015 2016

<b>April</b>	12th	School re-opens
	22nd	Mass in Church 7.30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe
<b>May</b>	2nd	Bank Holiday
	4th	Mass at St Mary's Church 6pm 50yr Anniversary of STM
	9th	SATs Week
<b>June</b>	6th	One World Week
	8th	New Reception Parents Meeting KS1 Hall 6pm
	20th	Town Sports Cumberland Track
		National School Sports Week
	22nd	Town Sports Barony Park
	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)
<b>July</b>	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
<b>Summer 2016</b>		Tuesday 6th September 2016
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Thursday 27th October	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Christmas</b>	Wednesday 21st December	Wednesday 4th January 2017
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Friday 17th February	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Easter 2017</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>May Day</b>		Wednesday 3rd May
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Friday 26th May	Monday 5th June
<b>Summer 2017</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	

Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017      Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017      May Day 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017,  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017



**St Thomas More Mass of Thanksgiving Wednesday 4th May, 6pm**



Name of Pupil:..... Class:.....

School:.....

- We are able to attend the Mass. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ guests attending.
- We will be purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ fish and chip supper/s.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**