



# St. Mary's Newsletter

End of July 2016



*At St. Mary's we aim to provide an environment for all members of our school community where positive attitudes to learning and creativity are promoted and valued within the context of Christian belief and practice.*

***Core Christian Values: Friendship, Koinonia, Trust and Compassion.***

## **Year 6 SATS**

Congratulations to the staff and Year 6 children on their KS2 SAT results as we continue to maintain high standards of progress and attainment. With the introduction of the new testing arrangements, coupled with the increase and raising of the Year 6 attainment standards, we are proud of their hard work, commitment and resilience shown this year.

The percentage of children meeting the new higher standards are as follows: Maths 86%, Writing 86%, Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) 79%, and Reading is currently 57% but pending a reading re-mark will rise to 71%.

We wish the Year 6 children every success in the future and thank parents for all their support over the years at St. Mary's.

***He knows the way that I take.  
Job 23:10***

## **Year 6 leavers present**

Thank you to the generous donations from the Year 6 families to fund the Year 6 Weather Station Board. It looks amazing and will be a fabulous addition to our outside spaces areas and will be used by the whole school.

## **Friends of St. Mary's (FOSM)**

With the fundraising efforts of FOSM we have recently purchased new reading books for each classroom, a set of dictionaries, nets for the pond, an EYFS role play shop

front, and maths games. The Governing Body, staff and pupils would like to express their sincere thanks for all of their work over the year in ensuring that we have high quality learning resources. Thank you to everyone who contributes in running FOSM and for those who support their events. As we welcome the new reception parents to school, we would encourage you to be actively involved in supporting our children and school.

## **A very special message**

Thank you very much for the overwhelming messages of best wishes as I move on in September to Headlands Primary School. St. Mary's will always be a very special place in my heart as it is filled with amazing children, taught by talented staff and nurtured by encouraging and supportive families- a wonderful combination! Yesterday I was treated to a farewell assembly and presented with a variety of wonderful gifts. Thank you for all your kind words and generosity. It has been my privilege to serve your community for the past ten years and I wish you all the very best in the future.

## ***A Prayer for the end of term***

*For everything we have learnt,  
For those who have helped us,  
For the fun we have enjoyed,  
For the friends we have made,  
We give thanks.*

*Amen*

### **Reading Challenge**

We are encouraging our children to take part in this year's 'Summer Reading Challenge' organised by York Library service. You may use any local library to participate and there are competitions and prizes.

### **Top marks for our cook**

Congratulations to Kath Speed (School cook) for achieving the top '5 Star' award from the Food Standards Agency. We are very fortunate in having such a wonderful cook who takes such pride in her cooking and school meals.

### **School dinners**

Please be advised that from September 2016, paid school meals will rise to £2.15 per day.

### **Toy Donations**

Just a reminder that any donations of Lego/ Duplo/construction toys (including wooden train sets) will be gratefully received in school.

### **KS1 Holiday Postcards**

Class 1 and 2 Teachers ask if anyone would like to bring in a postcard from your travels over the holidays when we return to school in September.

### **Dates for your diary:**

26/7/2016: Break up for Summer break.

5/9/2016: Staff Training Day

6/9/2016: Term begins

12/9/2016: School uniform Stall 8.30-9.00

*We hope that you all have a very refreshing summer break .*