



St. Mary's Newsletter

July 2017



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: Compassion, Friendship, Koinonia and Trust.

Christian Values: Peace

This half term we are focussing on Peace.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Psalm 34: 14

Healthy Schools' Week

The children had a fantastic week learning about how to keep healthy from a variety of visitors. This has included Healthy Knights with York Knights, St. John's Ambulance first aid training for children, Mr Wiseman's assembly about 'doing your best', ProKick penalty challenge, Tesco fruit faces, North Yorkshire Police and Yorkshire Ambulance service! Thank you to all of the staff for making the week so successful and great fun.

Sports Day and FOSM BBQ

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic sporting afternoon. Very well done to all the winners across the school, plus also to all our children who participated and were very sporting throughout. It was lovely to see our new Reception children and parents joining us for the afternoon as well.

A big thanks to FOSM for another successful annual BBQ following Sports Day. Thank you too, to all parents and visitors who attended. The money raised will be invaluable to school in supporting every child's school experience and learning. A special thank you to Ged Bell Butchers for providing the meat and to all the parents and staff who helped on stalls and / or

organise everything.

The total amount raised this year was just over an amazing £820! This will go towards the educational equipment that the school requires.

St. Crux (FOSM)

A final reminder that FOSM will be at St. Crux on Saturday 1st July, where tea, coffee, juice, sandwiches and many delicious cakes will be available to enjoy. There will also be several stalls including tombola, bric-a-brac, books and more.

School start time

May I please remind parents that registration at the start of the day begins at 8.45am. We always welcome all parents in school from 8.30am when the gates open, but children must be in class and ready for registration and / or work at 8.45am. We have had several late arrivals over the last week or so and this can lead to children arriving anxious, embarrassed, unsettled or unsure of tasks. Please ensure that your child(ren) is / are in class and ready for 8.45am prompt, when the bell will sound. This is the time that we politely ask parents to be out of school by. Thank you to the many parents who already adhere to this.

Purple Mash, My Maths and Bug Club

Purple Mash, My Maths and Bug Club are IT programmes funded by FOSM and available for all the children to access at home as well as school. Each child has their own log in details, and there are great activities for

your child to enjoy, all linked to the National Curriculum.

School uniform stall

The next school uniform stall will take place on Monday 3rd July, from 8.30am to 8.45am.

Red Bin

On Tuesday 25th July, all named items from the Red Bin will be returned and un-named items will be sent to a charity shop. Please pay it a visit if your child has lost any items of clothing before this time.

Holidays in Term Time

Please remember that all holidays undertaken in term time are unauthorised under Government legislation, and you may receive a fine from the Local Authority.

School dinners: Attention Year 2 parents!

A letter will be sent out shortly regarding the school dinner options for Year 2 children from September 2016.

They have all enjoyed the Universal Free School Meals and we would encourage you to continue with this provision.

Dinners must be paid for in advance either weekly, half termly or termly and collected on a Monday. You may choose to have a two day (Monday, Tuesday), three day (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) or full week option. Dinners are priced at £2.15 per day. Key Stage 1 children will continue to have Universal Free School meals.

Sports' Celebration Evening

On Tuesday 11th July, children who have represented St Mary's in a sporting event will be invited to a sports presentation evening to celebrate their sporting achievements over the year.

Times Table Tussle

The children are very excited about the 'Times Table Tussle' to be held in school on

Tuesday 18th July. Please continue to help your child learn their times tables.

Governor profile

In each newsletter we are providing a Governor profile so that you can get to know our school Governors. This month it is from Alison Wragg, one of our co-opted governors.

Moving from London to York in 1999, I came to live in Askham Bryan in 2000 and joined the governing body soon after. Having spent twenty years in the Travel Industry, nine of them in teaching and training, I underwent a complete change of career on arriving in Yorkshire when I became a volunteer at Martin House Children's Hospice. This volunteering led me into a second career as a community fundraiser for the hospice and I joined the staff in 2006 where I remain to this day. These days I live in Bolton Percy with my two dogs for company - my daughter being all grown up and married. She has a handsome husband and gorgeous baby boy and like all new grandmothers I look forward to their visits tremendously.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 1st July: FOSM at St Crux

Tuesday 11th July: Sports' Celebration Evening, 5.30pm—invitation only

Thursday 13th July: Big Sing Challenge Cup

Friday 14th July: Reports out to parents

Tuesday 18th July: Times Table Tussle

Friday 21st July: Leavers' Assembly 2.15-3.00pm—Year 6 parents only please

Wednesday 26th July: Last day of term

Monday 4th September: Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th September: Term begins

Thank you for your continued help and support.