



St. Mary's Newsletter

July 2018



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: Christian Journey

This half term we are focussing on the Christian Journey.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3

Healthy Schools' Week

The children had a fantastic week learning about how to keep healthy from a variety of visitors. This has included Quad Kids, York Against Cancer sun safety, Dogs' Trust, Freddy Fit, hand washing, North Yorkshire Police, healthy eating cooking and with a judo taster session to follow! Thank you to all of the staff for making the week so successful and great fun.

Mrs Kate Waugh

With the impending retirement of Mrs Pat Gouge at the end of the term, I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Kate Waugh as our new Teaching Assistant. Mrs Waugh will be working in Class 4 and is a qualified teacher who has experience of teaching in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in and around Leeds and Wetherby. We warmly welcome Mrs Waugh in to the St. Mary's family.

Sports Day and FOSM BBQ and Family Football Fiesta

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, children and staff who helped on stalls and / or organise everything.

The total amount raised this year was an amazing £1150—over £300 more than last year! This will go towards the educational equipment that the children and school requires.

Yesterday saw the Family Football Fiesta at The Chequers in Bilton-In-Ainsty. A huge thank you to our FOSM team and Mr Bray for hosting this event, which raised another £100 for our children and school.

I would like to extend our immense gratitude to Mrs Carter for chairing FOSM over the past 2 years. Without her hard work and dedication, we would not have been able to put on so many enjoyable events for children and parents or raise the amazing amounts of money that we have, every penny of which goes to supporting your child's education here in school. Thank you Mrs Carter for all that you have done for all our children.

Nut Friendly School

Please may we remind all parents that we

continue to be a nut friendly school. There are children and adults in school with severe nut allergies, exposure to which could result in hospitalisation. Please may you remember this when providing your child with a packed lunch or healthy snack at break time, thank you.

GDPR

Following the new General Data Protection Regulations, we have updated our Privacy Notice, which can be viewed on the school website. We have also sent out new pupil consent letters. Please may these be returned by Wednesday 11th July, thank you.

School Games Active Mark

I am pleased to announce that in consideration of the all the sport that we undertake within the curriculum, as extra curricular clubs and competitive school fixtures, we have been awarded the School Games Active Mark Bronze Award!

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 9th July, from 8.30am to 8.45am.

Red Bin

On Wednesday 18th July, all named items from the Red Bin will be returned and unnamed 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 Lunch: Attention Year 2 Parents

A letter will be sent out shortly regarding the school lunch options for Year 2 children next year. To date they have all enjoyed the Universal Free School Meals and we would encourage them to continue with a hot, tasty and healthy school lunch.

Lunches 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. Lunches are priced at £2.15 per day. Reception and Key Stage 1 children will continue to have Universal Free School Meals.

Sports' Celebration Evening

On Tuesday 10th July, children who have represented St Mary's in a sporting event will be invited to our annual Sports' Celebration 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 3rd July. Please continue to help your child learn their times tables.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd July: Times Table Tussle
Tuesday 10th July: Sports' Celebration Evening, 5.30pm—invitation only
Thursday 12th July: Big Sing Challenge Cup
Friday 13th July: Leavers' Assembly 2.15-3.00pm—Year 6 parents only
Friday 13th July: Reports out to parents
Friday 20th July: Last day of term
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September: Staff Training Days
Wednesday 5th September: Term begins

Thank you for your continued help and support.