



St. Mary's Newsletter

End of 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.

Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to the staff and our Year 6 children on their excellent KS2 SAT results, as we continue to maintain high standards of progress and attainment. We are extremely proud of the hard work, dedication and resilience that they have shown this year.

The percentages of children meeting the expected standards are as follows:

Reading 100% (national average is 71%)

Writing 100% (national 76%)

Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling 87%
(national 77%)

Maths 93% (national 75%)

Combined Reading, Writing & Maths 93%
(national 61%)

These are results to be very pleased with.

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

Staffing

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Stephanie Gee as our Deputy Headteacher from September. This position includes her continued role as Class Teacher for Class Four. She has been a leading teacher here at St. Mary's for a number of years and she has demonstrated the attributes needed for this new role. I am sure that you join me in wishing her all the very best in her new role.

Year 6 leavers' present

Thank you to the generous donations from

our Year 6 families, who have very kindly bought the school a new pair of netball posts. These will be used by the whole school at break times and during PE lessons, plus by the netball club and team for training and matches.

Reverend Roy Shaw

As you may well know, Reverend Roy Shaw is leaving the parish due to retirement. He has been a kind and supportive member of our school community and the local parish for the last nine years. We presented Roy with a card made by all the children, along with two vouchers for afternoon tea at Betty's as a small token of our appreciation for all that he has done for us here at St. Mary's. Though we are sad that he is leaving, we all wish him much love and happiness in his retirement.

Simon Ripley

Unfortunately, our caretaker, Mr Simon Ripley has suffered a strangulated hernia. Following an operation, I am pleased to inform you that he is now on the road to recovery. I am sure that you join us in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

Friends of St. Mary's (FOSM)

FOSM recently managed to raise an impressive £642 from St Crux, along with another £200 from last night's end of year party. 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.

Summer 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 for the children to enjoy and to encourage them to continue their reading over the summer break.

Thank you

A final thank you to all our St Mary's family for the support and care that you have shown me during my first year as Headteacher of this great school. I am very grateful for this and I always appreciate the huge role that you all play in the development and success of our children and our school—thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 26th July: Last day of term
Monday 4th September: Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th September: Term starts

We hope that you all have a safe, fun and relaxing summer break.

A prayer for the end of term

*At the end of this school year we
give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning
that have taken place in our school,
both in and out of the classroom,
For the talents and gifts that have
been shared and the challenges that
have been faced,
For the burdens that have been
lifted and the hurts that have been
healed,
For the respect and care that have
been given.
We give thanks for the friendships
that have just begun and for those
that have grown.
For the faith that has been lived in
our daily struggles,
For the hope that has lifted our
hearts on the dark days
And for the love that has kept us
going.
We give thanks for the community
that we are.
Bless our families as we take our
holidays, may our time together
leave us with memories to cherish.
Pour out your love on us that we
may return renewed and refreshed
to continue our journey together.
We make this prayer through Christ
our Lord.
Amen*