



St. Mary's Newsletter

May 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: Faith

This half-term we are focussing on Faith.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2: 8-9

Mrs Pat Goudge

After 20 years of dedicated service here at St. Mary's, Mrs Pat Goudge will be retiring at the end of the school year. We are eternally grateful for all the support that she has given the many children under her care during this time, along with her unstinting support of the school—she will be missed by us all. We are arranging a collection for us to purchase a leaving present for Mrs Goudge, so if you would like to contribute, please give donations to Miss Kilvington-Wray in the school office, thank you.

Building Work—School Entrance

With the start of the building work over half-term and into the second half of the summer term, our contractors will be using the school entrance for access. As a result, we are asking that children, parents and visitors use the staff entrance from Tuesday 5th June until the end of the term. The contractors will be erecting a wooden gate across the entrance to this area as an added level of safeguarding and security and we will not be using this area as a staff car park at this time either. Children will be brought to this door to be collected at the end of each day. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this change during our building work.

School Bus

Our two school buses currently pick up from the villages of Askham Bryan, Wighill, Healaugh, Catterton and Bilbrough. We would recommend this service for your children, which also helps to reduce traffic here at school each morning and afternoon. For further information, please contact the CYC School Services Team on 01904 551554.

Sport in School

Many congratulations to our school football team who have finished their season. They have performed with great energy, enthusiasm and commitment. Despite playing against several strong teams and opponents who play for clubs out of school, our never-say-die attitude has stood out in each game—very well done to you all!

There are currently several after school sports clubs running here at St. Mary's.

They are as follows:

Monday - Y1/2 Tennis Club with Rachael Webster

Wednesday - Y4/5/6 Girls' Football with Paul Bird

Thursday - Y3/4 Cricket Club with Total Sport

Friday - Y5/6 Cricket Club with Total Sport
The Girls' Football and both cricket clubs are funded through our Sports Premium funding.

Safeguarding

As and when the hot weather arrives, please

ensure that your child has their water bottle at school every day and a sun hat for lunchtimes. If your child needs sun cream, please apply this before school commences.

Snacks at Playtime

Milk is provided free to all under 5s daily and at a cost for other children throughout the school. If you wish your child to start having school milk, please contact Miss Kilvington-Wray in the school office. Children within Foundation and Key Stage 1 also receive a piece of free fruit daily, under a Government scheme. It is school policy that all other snacks for playtime must be either fresh or dried fruit.

Story Sacks

A reminder that we have lots of different story sacks in the school hall which are available for children and parents to borrow from school, to support your child's reading. These contain classical children's stories, along with different games, props and activities related to that story. If you would like to browse and borrow a story sack, please sign them out with Miss Kilvington-Wray in the office.

Parking

For a few months now there have been no complaints brought to my attention regarding parking, so thank you for your co-operation with this. Last week however a resident spoke to me about occasional parking across driveways and side roads. Please ensure that you always park safely, legally and considerately with regard to the safe passage of our children along the pavements and to our local neighbours too, thank you.

School Uniform Stall

The next school uniform stall will take place on Monday 21st May, from 8.30am to 8.45am. We have a limited supply of 'new' uniform, as well as nearly new items.

Holidays during term time

Please remember that all holiday requests for holidays to be taken during term time are unauthorised under Government legislation, and you may receive a fine from the Local Authority. Any absence does have an adverse impact on your child's academic success.

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 Mr Peter Cannings, our Chair of Governors, who is a Local Authority Governor: I have been the LA appointed governor at St. Mary's since 1998. I am married with four adult children. My background is in engineering and I was a Senior Lecturer in Engineering in Further and Higher Education for more than thirty years. I also have a degree in Education. I was a member of the UK Engineering Council working party for engineering degree output standards, I regularly undertake subject inspections of University Engineering Departments in the UK and abroad. I am a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology. I have been the Chair of Governors for 13 years and in January 2014 I was designated a National Leader of Governance by the National College of Teaching and Leadership.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 2nd: New Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting, 5.30pm, School Hall
- Monday 7th: School closed for Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 9th: FOSM meeting
- w/c Monday 14th: Year 6 SATs
- Wednesday 16th: Bags to School
- Friday 18th: Royal Wedding special lunch
- w/c Monday 28th May: Half-term holiday
- Monday 4th June: School closed for staff training day
- Tuesday 5th June: Term re-starts