



# St. Mary's Newsletter

September 2019



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

*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.*

## Welcome back

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and that the children are refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead. A special welcome from us all here to the new children and families starting in Reception this week. We hope that your time here at St Mary's is a happy and engaging experience, in an environment where you flourish and thrive, as individuals and as learners.

## Building Work

The building work has been ongoing over the summer and is due to finish as planned at the end of September. We are all looking forward to its completion where we will have an amazing, extended hall.

## Christian Values: Koinonia

Each half-term we focus on a different Christian value. This half term our Christian value is one of our four core values, Koinonia.

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*  
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## Calendar of School Events

A hard copy of our calendar of school events has been given out to the children today. This can also be found on our school website at [www.stmarysprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stmarysprimaryschool.co.uk) Term dates are also included on the calendar and on the website too, so that family holidays can be booked outside term time, with thanks.

## Illness

If your child is unfortunately ill, please may you inform school on the morning of the first day of absence between 8.00-9.00am. When your child then returns to school, there is a legal requirement to provide a written note explaining their absence. If this could be given to your child's class

teacher on their return, that would be greatly appreciated.

## Parking

As we start the new year, please may we ask you to park with consideration to our local residents, allowing clear access to driveways. Also, please leave the zig zag area at the front of school free for school buses and emergency vehicles at all times before, during and after school. Parking in the village is difficult at the best of times, so I apologise for the extra vehicles that are present during the final part of our building work.

Please may I also remind parents that De Mowbray Court is a private driveway and should not be used as a turning point. Any vehicles wishing to turn around are politely asked to use the turning area at the end of the village.

## School Games Active Mark

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

## PE kit

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE and games kit in school, and all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

## School Uniform Stall

Mrs Barratt has kindly volunteered again to run our school uniform stall each month. The next one will take place on Monday 9th September from 8.30-8.45am in the school hall. This will include both new and nearly new items at reduced prices.

## Dinner money

Key Stage Two dinners must be paid for in advance through ParentPay 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.

### **School Clubs**

Throughout the school year we run a range of different sports clubs for children across the school. These are run by staff or Total Sports whose coaches we work alongside within the Physical Education curriculum provision too. Information about each specific club will come out via letters during the year.

### **Peripatetic Music Lessons**

There are a wide range of musical instrument lessons including drumming, guitar, violin, flute, keyboard, singing and trumpet lessons available for a fee. Details are available on request from the school office. When arranging these lessons, please contact your child's specific musical instrument teacher directly with any queries.

### **Safeguarding**

At St. Mary's we always welcome parents in to school every morning. After dropping your child off, please may we ask that you leave promptly by the beginning of the school day at **8.45am**. Please may we ask that any late arrivals sign in at the office, where children can then make their own way to class. Maximising learning time and the safety of our children is of paramount importance to us. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Class Newsletters**

Class newsletters will be sent out on Wednesday 18th September. This will keep you informed of the topics and curriculum covered this term, as well as provide tips on how to help your child at home.

### **Story Sacks**

These are a fun way to help your child enjoy reading and are located in the School Hall. They are available for children and families to borrow whenever you would like, especially for the children in Reception and Key Stage One, to promote a love of reading. If you would like to borrow these, please sign the story sacks out via the school office.

### **Governor Profile**

In each newsletter we provide a Governor profile so that you can get to know our school Governors. This month it is from Mrs

Ann Watson who is one of our Foundation Governors:

I joined the governing body in 2018, representing Revd Martin Otter. I have lived in Hessay since 1985 and have 4 adult children and 6 grandchildren. My background is in teaching. I originally trained for secondary teaching and taught in Yorkshire, Essex, Devon and the West Midlands, but on arriving in Hessay, I undertook a conversion course and re-trained for primary teaching. Most of my primary experience was as Key Stage 2 class teacher in Terrington CE School, where I taught until December 2000. In 2002 I began training to be a Reader in the Church of England, which means that I am a licenced to lead some services and preach. At present I run Marston Moor Messy Church, I visit three schools to deliver Open the Book and sometimes lead collective worship.

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

- Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd: Training Days
- Wednesday 4th: School starts
- Friday 20th: FOSM New Reception children party (Details from FOSM to follow)
- Tuesday 8th October: Harvest Service at St. Mary's Church, 2.15pm

*We welcome to the St. Mary's family to all our new parents and children—we hope that you will be very happy here. We look forward to getting to know you and working together to support your child. It's also good to see you 'old' children and parents too—welcome back and we look forward to helping you continue your journey with us here at St. Mary's!*