



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th July 2017

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

Devon Road  
Poole, BH15 3QQ

## **Important dates for your diary**

**21st July** Whole School Mass  
School closes at 1:30pm

### **\*\*\*\*\*NEWS\*\*\*\*\***

#### **INSET days 2017/18**

4th September 2017

5th September 2017

6th September 2017

Please see the school calendar,  
which will be published shortly,  
subject to change)

### **Headteacher's Message**

As the holidays fast approach and I look back on the school year I do so with even more pride than what I have done in the past. It has been an extremely eventful year but I know that against all the odds the children, staff, governors and families have risen to the challenge of making St. Mary's Catholic Primary School an even better place to be. All year groups have worked hard to develop their skills in writing and mathematics and to be able to apply this across the curriculum. Since my return to school I have been thrilled to be presented with work of the highest quality every day and I look forward to seeing this continue next year.

The relationships between staff and pupils continue to be a strength of our school. As a result, the resilience and determination to tackle the challenges presented to the children continues to grow. The end of the school year means different things to each of us. Some of us will be moving on to new places, others to new responsibilities. Whether summer finds us working, resting, or traveling please make sure you make the most of it. I look forward to our safe return in September.

God Bless.

Mrs Armstrong

### **The Results for 2017**

Following the recent statutory assessments which have taken place this term, we are proud to announce a summary of the results:

**Early Years:** 80% of our children attained a good level of development (the expected standard).

**Year One:** 88% of our children achieved the expected standard in phonics.

**Year Two:** 90% of our pupils achieved the Year Two standard in Reading, 82% in Writing and 76% in Maths.

**Year Six:** 87% of pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading; 81% in Writing and 71% in Maths.

In addition 40% of pupils in Year Six achieved a Greater Depth level in Reading; 30% in Writing and 31% in Maths.

The Year Group expectations are challenging for all year groups, so congratulations to the children, parents and staff who have worked so hard during an eventful year for the school.

Senior Leadership Team

### **Thank you to Parent Readers**

Once again thank you for their continued support this year. They have helped a number of children improve their reading skills even further. We hope that this will continue next year and would like to invite anyone wishing to join the team to a meeting (date to be confirmed) at the start of the new school year. Mrs Cassidy



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Email: [office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk)

### RNLI Visits

The RNLI visited our school this term to talk to Year 1, 3, 4 and 6 about the water safety code and the role of the RNLI. The children learnt about beach flags, the dangers of rip tides, currents, tomb stoning and cold water shock.

Please remember to swim between the life guard flags at the beach this Summer holidays and stay safe near open water.



### Zoo Lab

The Zoo lab rangers brought in their exotic animals for our children to handle, for the 4th year running. The children learnt about different habitats, animal adaptation and food chains, and the Eco Club had a special talk on conservation and animal welfare.



The children had a wonderful experience!

Please make sure that you have made your voluntary contribution if your child experienced these workshops (Years 1, 2, 4 and 6). This will ensure that we can run them again next year.

Thank you.

### St. Mary's is Awarded the Gold Poole Schools Environment Award!

Last week the Gold Environment Award was presented to our school by the Poole Environment officer, during our weekly assembly. The Eco Club, who meet weekly, have been very busy this year with recycling, litter picking, planting, and running a waste week competition. Our school has taken part in 'Waste Week', 'Switch off Fortnight', 'Walk to School Week' and 'Cycle to school Week'.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to care for our environment.

The Eco Club were all very excited the except the award on behalf of our school, and they celebrated with a Eco friendly party this week!



### Year 1 Make Healthy Fruit Salads and Pizza Pita Bread

Year 1 children have had an exciting last couple of weeks in which they have been designing and making healthy fruit salads and pizzas.

They learnt about the importance of the recommended 10 fruit and vegetable portions a day, as well as how to cut up fruits carefully, grate cheese and arrange food in an attractive way.







## Illness

Please may we remind you of the 48 hour rule which is particularly important at this time of year. If your child has suffered a tummy upset please do not send him/her to school until 48 hours after the last symptom. If you are aware that sickness has been caused by something other than a bug, please ensure you inform the class teacher as in such instances the 48 hour rule does not apply! Please contact the school office for advice if you are unsure as to whether your child should be in school with specific issues such as conjunctivitis, skin complaints etc.

If your child is suffering from a cough or cold we are happy to administer **prescribed** medicine in school but will ask that you complete a form with detailed instructions beforehand. Please do not send **ANY** medications in with children. Thank you.

## First Day Contact

First day contact will be made with parents if a child is absent and the reason has not been communicated to school. This should in no way be considered to be intrusive or a nuisance, it is purely to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children.

Please ensure that you call the school absence line on 01202 676207 option 1 or alternatively email the school office at: [office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk)

**by 9:00 am please.**



## Changes to pick up

Although we understand that delays in pick up can inevitably happen, can we ask that you telephone the school office as soon as you are aware so that we can ensure that the class teacher is informed.

If your child is signed up to an after school club it is essential that you let us know if they will not be attending as a register is taken and we need to check on the whereabouts of any missing children.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep all children safe in school.

## Advance Notice - A date for next term!

An event fully supported by the Diocese - South West Celebrate Weekend 2017 14/15th October, Notre Dame Catholic School, Plymouth PL6 5HN

A joyful and faith-filled event for young and old - organised for children & young people, parents can have time on their own! Lively worship, sound teaching, family Mass. A variety of workshops over two days. Drama from RISE Theatre

More details: [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

## Poole Town FC Official Summer Soccer Schools 2017

Weekdays between 24th July and September 1st 2017.

9.00am – 3.00pm **Ages:** 5 – 14 years old Lytchett Minster School, Post Green Road, Poole, BH16 6JD **Price:** £20 per day or £80 per week.

To book or for further information please email [admin@footballacademypoole.co.uk](mailto:admin@footballacademypoole.co.uk)

## Road Safety



Government guidance clearly shows that the zigzags outside the school should not be used as a drop off point for your children. **“Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.”** Please drive into school to drop off your child if you have to drive in to Devon Road—this is the only safe way of dropping off. We are increasingly concerned about the dangerous manoeuvres in Devon Road. Please can we ask that drivers do not do multiple point turns in the road. When dropping off at school in the morning please could we ask that you **do not stop on the hazards** but instead drop your child off in the disabled bays. They can then walk up the steps by the office and along the path to get into school. By doing this it should mean that 5 cars could all drop at the same time and hopefully will make it quicker for you all.

Alternatively why not park in the surrounding roads and walk to school?

It can be fun and interesting. You get to notice things along the way and the benefits are: children love walking with their friends, especially on the journey to school. It makes them feel good. Exercise makes them feel calmer and happier while improving concentration, making it easier to focus in school. It also promotes independence and freedom. Children can also make more decisions about their journey than they can in the car. They can choose to stop and look at something along the way and they can start to make decisions about road safety.

It 's also a good opportunity to master spellings and tables facts.