



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th April 2019

St Mary's Catholic Primary School
"Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ"



Important dates for your diary

5 April
Break up for Easter holidays
3:15 pm

23 April
Children return to school

26 April
KS2 Disco 6:00-7:30pm

3 May
Year 1 Liturgy & coffee morning

6 May
Bank Holiday

10 May
Year 4 Mass & coffee morning

13-16 May
KS1/2 SATs tests

17 May
Year 5 Mass & coffee morning

20 May
Parent/Teacher Consultations 3:30-6:30pm

22 May
Parent/Teacher Consultations 3:30-6:30pm

23 May
Charity Cake Sale

24 May
Half term school closes 3:15pm

3 June
Return for 2nd half of summer term

7 June
Year 2 Liturgy & coffee morning
Non uniform day

19 July
Break up for summer - finish at 1:30pm

Staff News

I am pleased to share with you that Mrs Horrell welcomed Sidney Sol William Horrell into their family. They are both doing really well. Congratulations!

Mr Simon Thomas our new Acting Deputy Head has been working hard to get to know all the children and is working well supporting our staff in school.

We wish you a peaceful and happy Easter break. Mrs Armstrong



MarvellousMe

We currently have 73% of parent/carers engaging with the MarvellousMe App. We would like to increase this to as near to 100% as possible so that you can all have more involvement in your child's learning and character development whilst they are in school. The updates can help you to have better home conversations about school and improve your child's happiness, motivation and success!



Download the MarvellousMe Parent App from the Apple store or Google Play or join up at <https://marvellousme.com/parents/>

It's free and easy to use.

If you've lost your join code, please ask the school office and we will reprint your join letter.

We are looking forward to more Hi5s after the Easter holidays!



INSET days 2018/19

22nd & 23rd July 2019

INSET days 2019/20

September 2nd, November 4th, January 6th, February 24th
June 1st, July 20th



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School Council News

The School Council have been busy this half term getting ready for 'Walk to School Week' which takes place the week beginning 20th May. Look out for information regarding a competition we are running to support this after the Easter holidays.

We have also been busy counting house points and arranging the reward for the winning house.

Keep an eye out for the results!

Fundraising

What a wonderful idea from Natalia, who gathered her friends together to make some fascinating and creative



book marks in the HUB. These went on sale for children in Key Stage 1 on World Book Day. Natalia raised funds totalling £20 to buy some books for the school library. Thank you Natalia, you are a star!

Fairtrade Fortnight

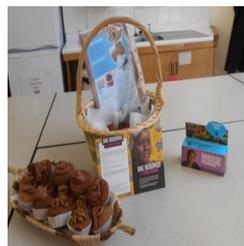
During Fairtrade Fortnight our Key Stage 1 pupils were able to visit the Fairtrade Stall to



purchase a snack or cookie, while our Keys Stage 2 children spent time in the Fairtrade Café enjoying popular hot chocolate and a cookie.

Well done to our Mini Vinnies who helped organise these events. Thank you to all our supporters; with your help we are proud to tell you our takings for this event raised £226. 00

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED AND LEARNT FROM THIS WORTH-WHILE CAUSE.



Football Success

Six Year Four children attended the AFCB Football tournament on Friday 29th March.

The children played brilliantly and came 3rd in their group. What a great achievement!



Join SafeWise Bournemouth Family Easter Special Events 11th & 12th April

£5 per person (+booking fee per ticket), Under 4s go free.

Sign up as a Junior Safety Inspector at SafeWise Bournemouth this Easter holiday for a fun and interactive family experience.

The indoor village includes a road, beach, train, bus, house and other real life scenarios - all under one roof! The whole family can join in with practical and hands on activities, such as escaping a house fire, calling 999, getting on a train and using road crossings.

The event is aimed at children aged 5-11 years and their families, but all ages are welcome, with a certificate and pack for every child that completes the tour.

Booking required at www.safewise.org/events

Pound Lane

We are aware that walking to and from school via Pound Lane often means negotiating dog mess. Please can we encourage you to contact the Local Authority (telephone : 0800 506050) to report this and ask for the area to be cleaned and monitored for the sake of the children who use the path.

Well done to our Year 6 Netballers who participated in the Netball Tournament on Wednesday 13 March at Oakdale School. It was hard work playing consecutive games against 6 other Poole Schools for Sienna, Chloe, Suhani, Rhianna, Angela and Julia. Great effort everyone!

What an achievement for our netballers, who participated in the Year 5 Netball Festival on Tuesday 19 March and played their way to victory, gaining 2nd place, as they played against other Poole Schools.

Congratulations and celebrations to Lucas, Hannah, Ovie, Suhani and Keira. We are so proud of you!



Representing St. Mary's at the Year 6 Netball Festival on Thursday 14th March at Oakdale School our Netball Squad did their best to play against a number of local Poole Schools. It was non-stop play for Rhianna, Taylah, Suhani, Chloe, Julia, Sofia, Sienna and Angela.

Well done



For fun free activities in and around Poole please see the link below or look at the Family Information Directory page on the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole website.



<http://www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com/kb5/poole/fis/results.page?qt=easter&term=&sorttype=relevance>



Road Safety

Please can I ask you NOT to drive up Devon Road to school in the mornings unless you are a holder of a disability badge and you are driving into school. It is very dangerous for the young children that are often walking up the road by themselves when cars do three point turns in the road. Thank you for your co-operation.

Health and Safety

The equipment in the playground is only for use when supervised by school staff. Please do not let your children on the equipment after school.

Please do not let children ride scooters and bikes on the school premises. Last week one of our parents got caught on her ankle by a scooter causing an injury.

Please also be careful when the children are scooting along Pound Lane due to the number of pedestrians at busy times.

Thank you for helping to keep the children and adults safe in and around St Mary's.

Fundraising

Thank you all so much!

You donated a total of £406.30 to the CAFOD Give it Up appeal. This Lent, your gifts will give vital support to the communities CAFOD work with around the world.



With the proceeds of £123.10 from the cake sale which the Mini Vinnies organised on February 14th we will be sending a total of £529.40 to CAFOD.



Healthy eating

Please do not give your child chocolate or sweets in their lunch box.



Snacks for the children in KS2 should be fruit or veg please. KS1 children are provided with fruit as per Government policy.

Birthday treats policy— treats should be something similar to small packets of Haribo. In KS2 sweets will be handed to the children to be put in their bag, in KS1 we will put any birthday sweets into the child's book bag. Please do not send in any chocolate or cakes.

Twitter

We now have **287** followers on Twitter!



Let's increase so that you can be kept up to date with all the wonderful things that happen in our St Mary's community!

Please follow us using @stmaryspoole or see the Information tab on our school website, Quick Links, where you will be able to see the most recent tweets from St Mary's.

Early Birds Breakfast and Night Owls After School Clubs



The children would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for donating some money to Early Birds so we could buy some new toys. On behalf of all the children, THANK YOU! Miss Jewell

Please can we ask that when picking your child up from Night Owls that you do not walk through the school. Thank you for your support.

SCHOLASTIC



There are **only 17 days left to order** from our latest **Scholastic Book Club**. Visit <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-marys-catholic-bh15> to browse the latest books and place your order.

Every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn **25p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards Many thanks & happy reading! Mrs Eddy & Mrs Mundy

PTA News

Thank you everyone for your support this term with bringing in your generous Easter egg donations. We are pleased to confirm that with your help we will have some wonderful donations for Julia's House, Poole Food Bank and Diverse Abilities, in addition of course to some great prizes for our Easter raffle. As you know these charities are very close to our hearts and I know that these will be greatly received.



The PTA have been very busy this term, with our first KS1 Disco being a highlight. See below for details of discos happening in the next term, for both KS1 and KS2.

We are also pleased to have been able to support the school with funding to subsidise school trips, fish for the Hub, prizes for Art competitions and 'Book in a Box', coat hooks and equipment and toys for the Breakfast and After school clubs, class visualisers in every room which helps with learning and coming soon, an exciting 'surprise' KS1 project after Easter, school membership for every child in school to the Poole Museum which will bring about many exciting trips and outreach projects, finally support with costume and set costs for the production of 'Alice in Wonderland'. The PTA have been very busy!

We have some exciting events taking place in the next few months, these events have been very popular and the children have always enjoyed themselves: **26 April 2019 KS2 Disco, 14 June 2019 KS1 Disco** .

We are always grateful for any help and support parents can provide at our events. At the moment we are planning our Summer Fayre on 28 June, if you would like to help run a stall please contact us on pta@st-marys.poole.sch.uk or write to us c/o the school office. If you or your company can provide a raffle prize these will be greatly received. Your continued support is always appreciated.

Your PTA

First Day Contact

First day contact will be made with parents/ carers 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 email the school office at: office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk **by 9:00.am please.**

Attendance

Please be aware that the Government class children whose attendance drops below 90% as Persistently Absent.



Therefore, if a child misses 19 or more days over an academic year they will be classed as Persistently Absent.

The DfE say...

"If over 5 academic years a pupil has attendance of 90% the child will miss a half of a school year, that's a lot of lost education. Pupils taking unauthorised leave of absence early in the year could be categorised as persistently absent well into half term five but have perfect attendance from their return date onwards.

As parents play an essential role in supporting attendance the changes to persistent absence need to be shared with them"

Last year our figure was 8.85% of children but this year the figure is currently at 9.56%. As a result of this increase we are working closely with the Council's School Attendance Team to try and reduce this figure. If you have received a letter from the school recently we hope that you will work with us and the Local Authority to support you and your child to reduce your child's absences.

Please be aware that Poole have recently fallen in line with the rest of the country with regard to Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised holidays in term time and will fine per parent, per child which will double if not paid within the required time frame. We fully understand the frustration and cost implications this law causes but we have to uphold it and so we ask that all parents take care to book their holidays during the school holiday periods.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

DSL—Mrs Armstrong

Deputies: Mrs Wright, Mr Lakatos and Mrs Hazell

Please do not hesitate to contact any of these staff if you have any concerns.

Please be aware that we will ask you to turn off your phone whilst in school.



If you allow your child to bring a phone to school they must hand it in, switched off, to the school office before registration. Thank you.

Coughs & sneezes, vomiting bugs etc!

Please may we remind parents and carers of the 48 hour rule— 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, (for example too much party food!) please ensure you inform the class teacher as in such instances the 48 hour rule does not apply!



If your child is suffering from a cough, cold or any illness that allows them to be in school medicated we are happy to administer **prescribed** medicine in school but will ask that you complete a form with detailed instructions beforehand.



Please regularly check your child's hair for nits and treat accordingly, children do not need to stay off school for this.

The school nursing team run drop in sessions at school so please feel free to take advantage of these if you are experiencing any particular issues.

We are also lucky enough to have a wonderful new Family Outreach Worker, Olivia Prince who will hold drop in sessions at school on the following dates: **Thursday 2nd May 9:30 - 10:30**

Thursday 23rd May 9:30 -10:30

Also she will hold a session on 'Helping Children to Manage Change' which will be held at school on Thursday 23rd May at 9am, please contact Mrs Wright if you would like to attend.



Our Mission

Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy and stimulating environments and leave us with the skills, personal qualities and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel.

"GOD IS LOVE" 1 John 4:8

Our GOSPEL VALUES

Humility—seeing life as a gift

Compassion—empathy

Kindness—gentleness

Justice—working for a fairer world

Forgiveness—reconciliation

Integrity—do what you say

Peace—committed to peace-making, non-violence

Courage—standing up for the truth

Reflection



Love overcame

Emerging from a cold tomb

All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God

Transforming a broken heart

Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden

The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love

Jesus resurrected and restored

Comforts a weeping woman

Speaks with travellers on a journey

Meets with his faithful friends

And they bow down before Christ alive

And acknowledged that the saviour has arrived

That the word of God has come alive

And that the extraordinary transformation

of heaven and earth

Is complete