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St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Attentive and Discerning'



21st July 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Today we break up for our Summer break and there is much excitement for the holidays and what they may bring. Looking back over the year, there are lots of things to celebrate at St. Mary's...

It has been wonderful to have a relatively 'normal' year again: a year where we have come together more often as year groups, across phases and whole school to celebrate Masses, productions, workshops, sport events and trips. There is much to celebrate!

This week, we have focused on transition. We have given thanks for the year and time we have had, but we are also looking towards the future. Year 6 in particular have enjoyed their last week as a year group. They put on a marvellous production of Oliver on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, they led us in a thanksgiving Leavers' Mass, where parents were able to spend time reminiscing and sharing in their memories of time in school and on Wednesday afternoon, they said goodbye to their Reception buddies. Today, they have enjoyed having their shirts signed and final goodbyes.

As the year draws to a close, I have so many people that I need to thank. I too have been on a journey in my first year of Headship and I have received incredible support from the Governors, Fr. John and the Parish, the staff, other Head teachers, the pupils and you, the parents. I thank you for your feedback throughout the year and will continue to consider feedback and comments as we move in to our next academic year in September.

Within this newsletter, I include reminders for the September return. Children will return to school at normal time on **Tuesday 6th September 2022**.

But for now, let us think about the Summer holidays. I really do hope that you enjoy this time and I will write to you again at the start of the new Academic Year.

Miss Price.

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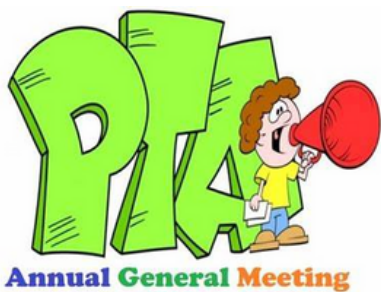
SPRING TERM



SUMMER TERM



Other News



After 6 years, our wonderful chair of the PTA: Imelda Lo will be stepping down as chair, but will continue to be active in her support. I thank Imelda and the rest of the PTA for their support this year in planning events for the children which have brought in so much funding and opportunities.

WE NEED YOU. YES YOU.

We are now advertising for next year's PTA Chair. Please speak to the Head teacher, Imelda or any member of our PTA if you are interested in the position.

Our PTA can't run without a Chair!



GOODBYE YEAR 6



Other News

Eschools



Over the Summer holidays, our Eschools platform will be closed. Please do not try to contact teachers / staff over the Summer break using eschools. For any urgent messages, our enquiry email will continue to be open, but will only be checked periodically.

We will continue to share information needed for the new school year via twitter.

Attendance and Punctuality: –

Our attendance for the whole school year is:-

Week 2nd Sept – 21st July

Class	YRF	YRL	Y1F	Y1L	Y2F	Y2L	Y3F	Y3L	Y4F	Y4L	Y5F	Y5L	Y6F	Y6L	
%	93.1%	95.3%	96.8%	96.6%	94.6%	96%	95.2%	96.6%	96.2%	96.9%	94.8%	95.2%	95.1%	94.8%	
Lates	199	122	121	107	267	164	113	115	197	139	111	63	111	146	
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.5%	School Target					97%			

Well done Y4L: - our Attendance Champions

Well done 4L you had the best attendance across the whole school year.

When returning in September, here are a few things to consider...

In school, we ask for children to use book bags rather than rucksacks

Please can children attend school with their book bag and draw string PE bag.



The book bag has sufficient space for reading books and homework and the PE bag should contain pumps for indoor PE, that can be kept in school for the half term. We are asking for this rather than the rucksacks as the rucksacks are too bulky and there is not enough space on the children's pegs for them all.

Some older children may need a larger bag if they attend before or after school clubs. When buying a school bag, please ensure that it is a plain bag, without any logos or advertising. We would prefer the school bags that children use to be in the 'blue' matching the school colours.

Jewellery



To ensure the safety of all children, we will only allow children to wear small stud earrings (not dangly earrings) and a watch, on the days that they are not doing PE.

On PE days we are asking that children do not wear any jewellery, so that it is not lost if they are asked to remove it for physical lessons. Thank you for supporting us with this, your child's safety is at the forefront of our uniform decisions. .

Correct Uniform



The children should return to school wearing their winter uniform.

Boys	Girls
Royal blue v neck sweatshirt with school badge	Royal blue sweat cardigan with school badge
Gold shirt	Gold blouse
Striped school tie	Striped school tie
Grey school trousers	Grey school skirt or pinafore
Black shoes	Grey school trousers
	Black shoes (no ankle boots)

Labelling of clothing with child's name and class name

Please label all belongings for your child (including lunch boxes / water bottles / school bags / clothing...) Items that are labelled are returned to your child's classroom when they are left somewhere else in school.

Items that are not labelled are placed in the parent shelter. To ensure that no items are lost, label everything before children return to school.



PE day



We will continue to wear PE kits on the days that children are doing PE in school, but it is important that children are **wearing correct PE uniform** in September . PE uniform is the Gold t-shirt, Royal blue shorts, dark navy tracksuit bottoms and **plain black (or white) trainers**.



St Mary's Summer Reading Challenge



- At St Mary's, we want to encourage all children to read over the summer holidays.
- During the summer, we are asking parents to help their children upload photos of their children reading – with their siblings, parents, other family members or friends to the school twitter page to share your love of reading with the school community.
@StMaryB17
- Challenge: Which year group will upload the most photos?

Use any of the hashtags:

- #MyTeacherReads
 - #MyParentReads
 - #MyChildReads
 - #SchoolCouncil
 - #Reading
- and your year group
e.g #YR, #Y2, #Y5,



Continue to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge... we look forward to seeing your tweets
It would be good to see some #MyParentReads in lovely holiday destinations...



#MyChildReads
#MyTeacherReads