

Newsletter Issue 13: 29th March 2018

Dear Parents,

Some good news as we have found a way of re-introducing the Breakfast Club which will start on Monday 16th April. Details are as follows:-

Children can arrive from 8:00am. Breakfast will be served in the hall with a selection of cereals, followed by toast and various spreads. Fruit and yogurt will also be available. Drinks on offer will be milk, squash or water. If requested, hot drinks can be provided. If your child has any allergies please let the kitchen know.

Mrs Alway will be supervising the group and activities after breakfast will include colouring, drawing, reading and board games to begin with.

The cost is £2.50 per session, but we are hoping to reduce this if numbers increase. This is not a profit making scheme and the school only wishes to cover the cost of staffing and the food. Please use Parent Pay to make your payment. If you are entitled to childcare help, you can claim back some of the cost through tax credit awards. Contact HMRC for further details.

Currently, the newsletter is posted on our school website on the home page www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk It is also posted on our Facebook page but I'm aware not all parents access Facebook, so if you would like an alternative method of receiving the newsletter, please let us know. We made the decision not to send out paper copies last year in an effort to reduce costs and reduce our carbon footprint.

Mrs Neal in the office will be leaving us on the 27th April and we wish her well and thank her for all her hard work during her time at St Mary's. Unfortunately, we've had no confirmation from our Trust, Plymouth CAST, as to whether we can reappoint. I would like to welcome Mrs Tania Reed who will be covering Mrs Watkins' maternity leave in Class 5 next term.

Have a good Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all on the 16th April when the Summer Term commences.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough



Are you able to help?

We're looking for volunteers;

- to hear readers in classes
- to make phonics resources for KS1
- **on the 'Walking Bus'**
- to be on standby to cover for other volunteers who help with supervision on the swimming coach
- to help with transportation to sporting events

DIARY DATES

April

16 th	Return to School - Summer Term
18 th	New Term Mass- Whole School @ 9:30am
20 th	Reception Class visit to Truro Museum Classes 3 & 4 swimming
23 rd	Meeting for Yr 6 parents- Porthpean Residential Trip
25 th	Class 3 Mass @ 9:30am
26 th	Class 5 Junior Lifeskills visit to Falmouth Fire Station
30 th - 1 st May	Class 5 Art Residential to Carnyorth

May

2 nd	Class 4 Mass @ 9:30am
9 th	Class 5 Mass @ 9:30am
14 th	Key Stage SATs week
16 th	Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am
20 th	First Holy Communion Mass at 10:45am
23 rd	Reception Class Celebration @ 9:15am May Procession @ 2:30pm

June

6 th -8 th	Class 6 Residential to Porthpean
20 th	Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am

Lenten Donations

Thanks to your generosity, we have beaten our target of over £350 towards the children's chosen charities and are awaiting the final sum.

Thanks too for your Food Bank donations.

Books Wanted

Any donations of good quality paperback fiction books for our library, would be greatly appreciated. Books from the following authors are particularly popular: David Walliams, Antony Horowitz, Michael Morpurgo and Jacqueline Wilson. We do not require any picture books at this time. Thank you in advance!

Go Active

If your child wishes to sign up for next term, the following clubs are available:

KS2 Summer Sports Club - Mondays starting 16th April for 12 weeks.

KS1 Summer Sports Club - Fridays starting 20th April for 12 weeks.

KS2 Archery/Crossbows - Wednesdays starting 18th April for 6 weeks.

For more information and costs, please see Mrs Neal in the School Office.

Sporting News

Well done to the Basketball team. They played an excellent game against King Charles and won 10 -4. They will now go on to represent Falmouth at the Peninsula Finals.

SATs Tests- Class 6 and Class 2

National SATs week for Year 6 pupils across the country begins on the 14th May. Class 6 have worked extremely hard throughout the year and it is really important that they are in school every day during this week and prior to this week as they prepare for the tests. Class 2 will also be completing tests this year during the week beginning the 14th May, which will contribute to their teacher assessment. Again, it is important that they are in school every day during this week.

Class 1

The Phonics Screening check takes place in June and it is important that your child is in school every day during this month. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

FOSMS News

Mark Your Calendars!

Exciting Upcoming Events from FOSMs

Friday 25th May: Coin Trail Competition at School

Start saving 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p pieces now! Children are asked to collect and save copper and silver coins and then bring them in to school on May 25th. Classes will then compete to make the most creative image/ trail and Mrs Scarborough will judge their efforts. The winning class will get a special treat as a prize and we'll photograph the event for the school website. Coins will then be collected as a donation to FOSMs.

Friday 6th July 2018: St. Mary's Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre is going to be packed with new stalls, new attractions, an AMAZING raffle and lots of new competitions and challenges for children and grownups. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Free School Meals

Dear Parents/Guardians

Changes to free school meal eligibility under Universal Credit

The eligibility criteria for free school meals have been changed. This letter explains the changes and how they might affect you.

What are the new eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I don't currently claim free school meals - what does this mean for me?

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, submit a claim to your school or local authority. Your school should have a form you can use. The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. If you claim Universal Credit, your earnings will be assessed from up to three of your last Universal Credit assessment periods.

If you are eligible, your school will be notified. Your child will receive free school meals and the school will receive extra funding.

I am currently claiming free school meals - what does this mean for me?

Most people won't be affected by the new criteria. If you're currently claiming free school meals, but don't meet the new criteria, your child will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the Universal Credit rollout period. This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold or if you stop being entitled to Universal Credit. The rollout period is currently scheduled to end in March 2022.

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will keep their free school meal until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary.

Where can I get more information?

If you need any further information, please speak to a member of school staff or the local authority. You can also visit the free school meal website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

New Baby Boy!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Watkins who have a new addition to their family with the birth of baby Sebastian Phillip.

Internet Safety Session

Thank you to Class 6 who led a very informative internet safety session on Tuesday. The children gave 4 interactive presentations and those parents and grandparents who attended learnt more some aspects of internet safety taught in school. All those who came along commented on the excellent presentations from the children. Thank you to Mrs. Austin-Smith for preparing the children so well.