

Newsletter 12

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Dear parents and carers,

It is great to finally see the sun ! What a lovely week we have had at St Mary's. We had lots of fun last week at our Coronation picnic event, despite the rain putting a damper on getting outdoors; but in true English summer time style, the indoor picnic was wonderful. Thank you to all of you who were able to make it.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for providing the breakfasts for our Year 6s this week before their SAT tests. We are so proud of all of our year 6's, and their achievements despite some tricky questions at times, you have all done so well. Next comes your residential and end of year performances to look forward to, so I am sure you will continue to be very busy. A huge thank you to all the staff for helping deliver the SATS to the different groups of pupils in such a supportive way and of course Ms Dale for doing an amazing job preparing the children., you can relax a little now!

There is such a lovely feel in school at the moment, it really is wonderful to see and feel. Thank you as always for your continued support, St Mary's is such a lovely school with wonderful children; amazing committed staff and a super community. Mr Moran, your new headteacher, is a very lucky person.

Have a wonderful weekend and as always, please come to us if you have any worries or concerns.

Warm wishes,

Mrs McDonald and Mrs Shailes

Holidays during term time

If you are planning to remove your child from school during term time please fill out a Pupil Leave Request form and hand in to the school office:-

<http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/forms/400488>

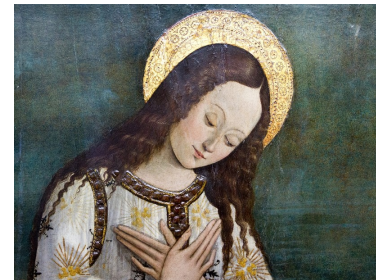
If you take your child out of school without permission you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to the Education Welfare Service who may decide to prosecute. A conviction may result in a fine of up to £2,500, a prison sentence of up to three months or both. Alternatively, a penalty notice may be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.

If you have a problem getting your child to school let us know. We may be able to help.

Whilst requests for 'exceptional leave' will be considered on an individual basis, those that do not meet the requirements of the Department for Education's guidelines cannot be granted and the Falmouth Schools Partnership will not permit (holiday) leave:

- where pupils'/students' attendance in the current term and over the previous two terms is less than 95%
 - where pupils'/students' have a poor record of punctuality and/or need to catch up on work
 - if any leave has been granted previously during the same school year
 - during the month of September
- during ANY examination/assessment period, including mock exams and/or SATs

Thank you



We devote the whole month of May to celebrating and honour Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mary is even sometimes known as the 'Queen of May'.

How can we ask Mary to help us grow closer to Jesus?

**How can we say "yes" to God, as Mary did?
What graces and blessings can we ask God for that will help us to grow in faith?**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Tues 16th Y1 Newquay Zoo

Weds 17th Coronation Variety Show

Fri 19th May Y6 Disco

Tues 23rd May Reception at Queen Mary Gardens

Weds 24th May PTA Fair trade coffee morning and book sale 9.15

Fri 26th Y2 Eden Trip

Fri 26th Pyjama Day

Sunday 28th May First Holy Communion Service, St Mary's Catholic Church

May Half Term 29th -2nd June

JUNE

Mon 5th June Inset Day

Weds 7th Y6 Cornwall Archives

Weds 7th-Fri 9th June Y5 Residential BF Adventure

Fri 9th Y4 Maritime Museum

Fri 9th Mad Hair Day

Mon 12th June Mr Moran at the school gate

Weds 14th June Y3 Pendennis Castle

Thur 15th June Tempest Class photos

Fri 16th Ex Day

Thurs 22nd June Sports Day

Fri 23rd June Rainbow Run

Fri 23rd School Fair

Thur 29th Y6 Penryn College Transition Day

Fri 30th Guitar Concert

JULY

Mon 3rd-Thurs 6th Y6 Rock & Rapids Residential

Mon 10th-Tues 11th Y6 Falmouth School Transition day

Fri 14th July School Reports out

Fri 21st July Graduation

Mon 24th-Tues 25th July INSET DAYS



A big thank you to

Tristan Bourdeaux

a parent at St Mary's, who has kindly fund matched £500 via the Lloyd's Bank charity to our PTA fund.

We are so grateful!

If we have any other parent's/ family members that work in a bank please let us know as we'd love more opportunities to match fund money from our future events.

Thank you!



Mr Tim Moran, our new Headteacher from September will be visiting us on Monday 12th June. Mr Moran will be on the gate if you would like to say hello.

Since September 2021 Tim has been Headteacher at St Peter's in Plymouth having previously been the Deputy Headteacher at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bodmin.

When he's not Headteacher-ing, Tim likes to run and paddleboard. He is married with two wonderful children. Tim is a member of the parish of St. Augustine of Hippo and enjoys working in a Catholic school.



PJ Day



Our PTA have organised Pyjama Day on
Friday 26th May!

Please wear your PJ's and bring in a
Teddy donation or cuddle toy for the
PTA Tombola

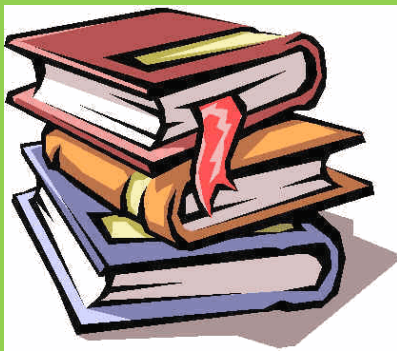
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Y5 and our PTA are leading our Fairtrade
coffee morning on Wednesday 24th May at
9.15am,

Cake donations happily received!

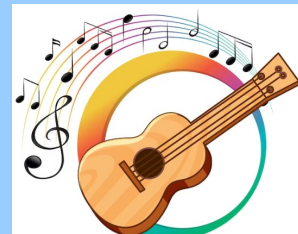
ALL WELCOME!!



If you have any books you
can donate which are in
good condition, our PTA are
collecting them for a Book
sale at our Fairtrade coffee
morning on 24th May.

Please pop books into the
office before Wednesday
24th may

"I am the Way, the Truth
and the Life... I am in the
Father and the Father
is in me."
John 14:1-12



Friday 30th June 10am

Our wonderful guitar
players will be performing with
Mr Dhiman.

Parents are welcome to
attend!

FALMOUTH
UNIVERSITY

ALL
ACTIVITIES
ARE FREE

COMMUNITY DAY

OPENING UP OUR CAMPUS FOR EVERYONE

COFFEE & CAKE CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
MUSIC HOT FOOD STUDENT ART SALES
CREATIVE WORKSHOPS GRADUATE EXHIBITIONS
LAWN GAMES PLANT SALES ARTS & CRAFTS



SATURDAY 27 MAY
12.30-4PM

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



Can you spare any time to read
with children or help weed our
Sensory garden?

Please contact the office or Mrs
Shailes on the school gate



SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR
FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUIET GAMES TO
DONATE FOR OUR SENSORY GARDEN?
Please bring to your classroom for Mrs Shailes

Thank you



