



## Newsletter Issue 20: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents,

Class 6, supported by Class 5 put on a magnificent show to remember yesterday. Their performance of 'Mary Poppins' was practically perfect in every way and a wonderful way for our Year 6 pupils to leave a lasting memory of their time at St Mary's. We wish them well in their next steps on their education journey to secondary school. They've also done exceptionally well in their SATs tests and we're extremely proud of each and every one of them.

**Reading 97% meeting age related expectations or above**

**Writing 91% meeting age related expectations or above**

**Maths 97% meeting age related expectations or above**

**SPAG 97% meeting age related expectations or above**

Every pupil has made fantastic progress from their starting points, so well done to Class 6. Of course, preparing them for these statutory tests is a team effort from all teachers, but special thanks to the team in Class 6 for getting them to the final post!

An amazing £1,700+ was raised for school funds so a massive thank you to our hard working FOSMs. Thank you so much for coming along to support this event as fund raising for our school is now so crucial with the funding crisis we face in schools currently.

Please can you check if you have any school library books at home, including the Accelerated Readers books. Of course we're delighted that the books are being read and enjoyed, but are not always being returned to school. Please return any books as soon as possible so our librarians can prepare the library for next year.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

### DIARY DATES

#### **July**

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Transition Week for Year 6

'Shuffle Up' days for all year groups at St Mary's

17<sup>th</sup>

FOSMs 'Bags for School' fund raiser

20<sup>th</sup>

Break up for the Summer holidays @ 1:30pm

#### **September**

5<sup>th</sup>

Return to School

#### **Advance Notice of INSET Days- 2018-19**

Advance notice of INSET Days for the Academic Year 2018-19

**4th September 2018**

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**22nd July 2019** (Spiritual Day)

**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

(Dates are given in good faith but may be subject to change and advance notice will be given of any changes.)

### **FOSMS News**

FOSMs last fund raising push takes place on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with Bags to Schools. Please bring in any clothes you no longer need.

### **Attendance**

Please be reminded that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. This includes families of children in the Reception Class.

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of under achievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.


The Department of Education no longer allows Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you must complete the 'Exceptional Leave' form which can be found on our school website or from the School Office. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

In the case of an unauthorised absence the Education Welfare Services may be notified and a Penalty Notice may be issued. Please note that a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 if paid within 28 days. If the fine is not paid after 28 days, it may result in legal action being taken against you. Parents have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

All requests must be completed on the 'Exceptional Leave' form as letters will not be accepted.

### **ParentPay**

Please ensure all outstanding accounts are settled before the end of term, to enable all pupils to have a 'clean slate' for the start of the next academic year.

Captain's table	<b>Class 5</b>
	Lucas Hadjiantoni
	Joshua Wright
	Rosie Wicks
	Lola Taylor
	Chloe Walton
	Gracie Woodman
	Saffron Gillow

### **Prayer Space**

We will be setting up a prayer space in the Reception Class. This will allow children and adults to explore prayer in a very creative way. The theme is 'Change' with the emphasis on transition to their next class. If parents would like to visit the prayer space to see what it's all about, please feel free to visit with your child/ren after school.

Reception Class	Monday 16th July
Classes 2 and 4	Tuesday 17th July
Classes 1 and 3	Wednesday 18th July
Classes 5	Thursday 19th July

### **Head Boy**

In the last newsletter we were delighted to report that Max Thompson (ex St Mary's pupil) was elected as Head Boy at Falmouth School. Soon after we heard that Mace Dickinson (ex St Mary's) has been elected as Head Boy of Penryn College. A double celebration for St Mary's School! Well done to both boys.

### **Newsletter**

It was agreed that the newsletter would be available on our school website and Facebook in an effort to reduce costs e.g. paper, photocopying costs and man power in producing it. Your help is vitally important in helping with the savings we need to make and every little bit helps. Of course if you request a paper copy this will be made available, but if you can access it on the school website or Facebook that would be really helpful.

### **Found**

Two rings and a silver bangle have been found around the school. If you have lost an item of this nature, please call into the school office.