

## Newsletter Issue 14: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents,

We have an action packed term ahead of us, so please do check your regular fortnightly newsletter which is always published on a Friday for all the news, events and diary dates. Currently, the newsletter is posted on our school website on the home page at

[www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk](http://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 our carbon footprint.

Hopefully the weather will improve so please ensure your child has a school cap and sun cream is applied before coming to school. Help us to encourage your child to remain hydrated throughout the school day by remembering to send your child in with their water bottle each morning. We have a number of caps for sale at a cost of £2.00. Please see Mrs Pipkin in the school office, if interested.

After twenty four years and producing 70 nativity plays alone at St Mary's School, it is with sadness that Mrs Anita O'Hara has made the decision to retire at half term. She has been such a huge part of the school and generations of past pupils as well as current pupils will remember her wonderful contribution to the performing arts and other skills and talents she has shared through the years. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please pass any donations in an envelope marked Mrs. O to the office. Mrs. O'Hara has generously agreed to come in on a voluntary basis after half term to help with the Year 5/6 performance this year, which we're extremely grateful for.

Please don't hesitate to have a chat in the mornings when I'm usually at the gate with any feedback, queries or concerns.

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/May**

30<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> May

Class 5 Art Residential to Carnyorth

### **May**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Class 4 Mass @ 9:30am

Visit from Raymond Friel, CAST CEO

3<sup>rd</sup>

Beach Safety assembly for KS2

4<sup>th</sup>

Touch Rugby League Yrs 5 & 6 - Falmouth School

7<sup>th</sup>

**School Closed - Bank Holiday**

9<sup>th</sup>

Class 5 Mass @ 9:30am

10<sup>th</sup>

Go Active assembly

11<sup>th</sup>

Quad Kids Athletics Yrs 3 & 4 - Carn Brea

14<sup>th</sup>

Key Stage SATs week

Reception Class to Trelissick Gdns

16<sup>th</sup>

Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am

20<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communion Mass at 10:45am

23<sup>rd</sup>

Reception Class Celebration @ 9:15am

Sports Day from 1:30pm

24<sup>th</sup>

May Procession @ 9.15am

Reserve Sports Day from 1:30pm

25<sup>th</sup>

FOSMs Coin Trail

28<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> June

Half Term

### **June**

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Class 6 Residential to Porthpean

14<sup>th</sup>

Tempest Class and Team photographs

15<sup>th</sup>

Multi-Skills Yrs 3 & 4 - Falmouth School

19<sup>th</sup>

Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:45pm

20<sup>th</sup>

Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am

26<sup>th</sup>

Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:45pm

29<sup>th</sup>

Cornwall Games - Venue TBC

### **July**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Assembly - Mission for Seafarers

6<sup>th</sup>

FOSMs Summer Fayre

9<sup>th</sup>

Assembly - Falmouth Library

11<sup>th</sup>

Dress Rehearsal - Class 5 & 6 Leavers' Performance

12<sup>th</sup>

Leavers' Performance - Classes 5 & 6

13<sup>th</sup>

Leavers' Mass

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

Transition Week for Year 6

'Shuffle Up' days for all year groups.

20<sup>th</sup>

Break up for the Summer holidays @ 1:30pm

### **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!

### **SATs Tests- Class 6 and Class 2**

National SATs week for Year 6 pupils across the country begins on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

Our hard working FOSMs have funded additional equipment for Class 1's outdoor area. As soon as the weather improves we will include photos of this area. A thousand pounds has also been allocated to the library to purchase more books which we are extremely grateful for. Our next project is hopefully an outdoor track for pupils to complete the 'mile a day' initiative

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

### **Exciting Upcoming Events from FOSMs**

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **REMINDER**

We are endeavoring to be a cashless school, so please make all payments for dinners, breakfast club and swimming through Parent Pay.

## **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>

### **Breakfast Club**

Some good news as we have found a way of re-introducing the Breakfast Club. 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 supervises 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.

### **Transition Week for Year 6**

As last year, Class 6 will be leaving St Mary's on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. The pupils going to Falmouth School will spend the week at Falmouth School and the Penryn pupils will have a week of activities together during this week. Further details will be sent to parents as soon as the final arrangements have been put in place.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

If you haven't done so already, please return your completed survey to school by the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Joe Moretti's Visit**

Joe Moretti worked over three days with all classes, further developing the use of ipads. If you're interested in the amazing work he did with Class 4, click on the link below.



## **AR STORYCUBES PROJECT - Intuition UK**

[intuitionuk.co.uk](http://intuitionuk.co.uk)

AR STORYCUBES PROJECT This is a fairly extensive project and I've tried to keep the description as brief as possible, but at the same time [...]

Throughout his visit, he constantly reported that the pupils here at St Mary's excelled and their teacher's expectations of them were exceptionally high. He was introducing work for example using AR Storycubes which would normally have been introduced to older students. *Joe said, "The project took around 10 hours to produce finished cubes. The students worked intensively on these over a day and half during one of my training visits, (I've been working with the school for about three years now). For me one of the key points of the project is that many skills and concepts can be covered and the students are exploring the possibilities of integrated workflows and how the iPad offers increased opportunities for learning through these combined workflows. Also, the students are learning many transferable skills and have learned and developed an extensive workflow that is not a 'one off'."*

This project covered skills in design, storyboarding and planning, sequencing, scripting, rehearsal, recording, reviewing, editing and testing, video editing in iMovie and peer to peer work.

### **Basketball**

Congratulations to the basketball team who competed extremely well at the Peninsula finals on the 25th April. They competed fast and furiously and worked tirelessly as a team. Their huge efforts were rewarded with a 3rd place finish. Well done to Toby, Sennen, Sophie, Raffy, Alex, Mabel, Evan and Armel for a super afternoon of sport.

