

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 16: 19th May 2017

Dear Parents,

Class 5 welcomed Sarah Newton to St Mary's School on Wednesday, when they asked her lots of questions about the forthcoming election in June. I was very impressed with their questioning skills and it gave them a wonderful opportunity to experience the British Values of democracy and respect for other people's opinions and views.

I informed parents of the possible future cuts in budgets for schools in March. This is now a reality and with this in mind we must make savings wherever possible. From the beginning of the new academic year in September 2017, the newsletter will be posted on our school website or sent electronically to those parents who have provided us with an email address. Please use the slip attached to let us know your email address. We are also looking at setting up a Facebook page to notify parents of events and the latest news.

Providing this information electronically, will reduce our costs in ink cartridges, photocopying, paper and human resources required to carry out all of the above. **Please note, if you can't access the newsletter electronically, you will need to inform the School office staff at the beginning of the new academic year in September.**

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

May

- 22nd Parent Meeting for Class 1 parents - Phonic Screening Check @ 3:30pm
24th Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am
New Parents Meeting @ 6:00pm
25th Donations for School Fayre
Vision Screening for Reception Class
Sports Day from 1:30pm (weather permitting)
26th School closed- INSET Day
29th-2nd June Half Term

June

- 6th Parent Consultation Meetings - *Please see information below*
7th Parent Consultation Meetings- *Please see information below*
Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am
Induction session for new Reception
8th Dress Down Day for FOSMS Summer Fayre donations - Bottles
9th Class & Team Photos
11th First Holy Communion Mass @ 10:45am
12th Reception Class Trip to Trelissick Gardens
13th STEM Workshop for Classes 4 & 5
14th Reception Class Celebration @ 9:15am
15th Induction Session for Reception

- 16th Class 2 to Eden Project
Class 1 Trip to Falmouth Art Gallery
Class 5 Trip to Truro Museum
FOSMs Dress Down Day for Summer Fayre donations - Hampers
- 20th Induction Session for new Reception
- 19th-21st Joe Morretti - (Apple Distinguished Trainer) visiting all classes
- 19 -23rd Diversity Week
- 19th Sikhism day with Daya for KS2
- 23rd FOSMs Dress Down Day for Summer Fayre donations - Tombola
- 26th African Drumming Workshop for Class 4
- 27th Falmouth Library Reading Challenge Assembly
- 28th Induction Session for new Reception
- 30th FOSMS Dress Down Day for Summer Fayre donations -Cakes
FOSMs Summer Fayre from 3:30pm

July

- 6th Induction Session for new Reception
2nd Induction Meeting for Parents of new Reception @ 6:00pm
- 11th Induction Session for Parents of new Reception Class
- 13th Classes 5/6 Performance @ 1:30 & 6:30pm
- 14th Class 6 Leave St Mary's @ 3:30pm
- 18th Workshop for KS1 'Magical Mindfulness'
- 20th Music Concert
Teddy Bears' Picnic
- 21st Break up for Summer Holidays @ 1:30pm

Advance notice of INSET Days for the Academic Year 2017-18

4th September 2017

20th October 2017

3rd November 2017

19th February 2018

23rd July 2018

24th July 2018

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

Congratulations to Class 6

In true St Mary's style with no fuss, our Year 6 pupils completed National tests in reading and mathematics last week. They have all worked extremely hard and tried their very best and that is all we ask of them. Class 6 would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Slater for the supply of end of SATs cookies which were yummy and eaten with gusto! Mrs Slater reported they were so polite and chuffed to pieces! Well done Class 6!

They return later today from their residential camp at Porthpean! Many thanks to the staff team accompanying them; Mrs Austin Smith, Mrs Higham, Mrs Pipkin, Mrs Draycott and Mr Blakely May.

FOSMS News

Friday 30th June: St. Mary's 2017 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! Can you donate a raffle prize?

Parent/Carer Survey

We survey parents annually around this time of the year as your views are valued and welcomed. This information helps us to find out how you feel we are doing and how we can develop further. This year we have commissioned QDP to produce and collate the results of the survey. I would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire provided and return to school by Thursday 25th May.

We are constantly working to ensure you are as informed as possible about your child's school and indeed their education and will continue to consult you about school practice. For example, last year some parents felt that more parent consultation meetings would be helpful. As a result, termly meetings have been put in place.

If you have a suggestion or an idea during the year which you feel would improve our provision, please put your suggestion in writing and place in the red box in the school entrance as you don't have to wait until the annual questionnaire is distributed!

The class with the highest number of returned questionnaires will receive £100 to purchase a resource they would like for their class. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Parent Consultation Meetings 6th and 7th June

The third and final round of parent consultation meetings this year take place straight after half term. If you feel that you are sufficiently informed about your child's progress and are happy to just receive a written report before the end of term, please let your child's class teacher know before meetings are timetabled next week. We make every effort to accommodate parents who have more than one child in the school so that their meetings are on the same evening. It would be very helpful if you are not planning on attending to let us know as soon as possible.

Sporting News

Touch Rugby

Last Friday children from Y5 & 6 went to Falmouth School to take part in a Touch Rugby tournament and St Mary's came first! However, due to their residential camp to Porthpean they were unable to take part in the next stage of the competition on the 17th May and passed this honour to the runners up King Charles.

Sports Day -25th May @ 1:30pm

Ice poles will be on sale at home time after Sports Day.

Licensed Thrive Practitioner

Congratulations to Mrs Penny Barrett who has successfully completed an approved Thrive Training Course to become a Licensed Thrive Practitioner for the Childhood years.

Found

An Asda pink fleece hoodie, aged 9-10 years. Please claim from the School Office.

Year 6 Transition Week

A letter giving details of the transition arrangements for pupils transferring to Falmouth School, Penryn College and other secondary schools will be distributed before half term. All pupils have an exciting week of activities planned.

Sponsors

Thanks to Trevarthen Butchers and Westcountry Food for their contribution to Class 4's Cornish lunch and The Cornwall Heritage Trust for the £100 towards coach travel to Chysauster. These generous donations have resulted in two excellent educational trips at a reduced cost.

50th Celebration for St Mary's School

In the Autumn Term 2017 we will be celebrating 50 years on our current school site. Plans are already afoot to mark this special occasion in the history of St Mary's School.

Gareth Churcher (Parent Governor), FOSMs and Mrs Scarborough (ex pupil who transferred to the new school site on Mongleath Rd in 1967!) are involved in the planning and we are looking for anyone who would like to join the working party or has something to offer to mark the occasion. Please let us know.

Falmouth Community Sports Fair, 24th May 2017 6-7PM

In order to provide additional sporting opportunities for the young people of Falmouth and raise participation in sport outside of school, we are very excited to welcome you to attend a community Sports fair on Wednesday 24th May 2017 between 6-7pm at Falmouth School.

A wide range of sports clubs, businesses and organisations will be attending on the evening to showcase the sporting opportunities they have to offer you within the town of Falmouth.

The event is free and will run in the school library.

CAR Patrol

Coming soon- Look out for the CAR Patrol banner on the green outside the school gate!

Ginger, Grace, Ffion and Phoebe