

Newsletter Issue 8: 12th January 201

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a good Christmas and New Year, germ free and hopefully relaxing. I'm aware many families have been poorly over the break and hope everyone is now feeling better.

All classes have settled in to the new term and I've seen some great learning going on in all classes. I especially enjoyed taking the Reception Class for an afternoon earlier this week when we thought about how special we all are.

You may remember I wrote to you back in March regarding issues around school funding. Since then, CAST the multi academy trust to which we belong has been issued with a Financial Notice to Improve. This is now having an impact here at St Mary's despite our best efforts to ensure provision for our pupils is the best it can be. You may notice changes regarding staffing and other enrichment activities which can no longer be guaranteed. We will of course continue to do our best as always to ensure the all the money is spent effectively on your children.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough



Are you able to help?

We're looking for volunteers;

- to hear readers in class
- to help in the library
- on help with the 'Walking Bus'
- to be on standby to other volunteers who help with supervision on the swimming coach
- to help with transportation to sporting events

DIARY DATES

January

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| 19 th | House point winners non uniform day. |
| 23 rd | Rotary Youth Speaks @ Falmouth University @ 4:00pm |
| 26 th | Swimming Gala @ Carn Brea from midday to 3pm |
| 28 th | Parish/School Mass- Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communicants @ 10:45am |

February

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| 2 nd | Cross Country |
| 5 th -7 th | Joe Morretti Visit - I-pad Apple Distinguished Educator |
| 6 th | National Internet Day - Yr 6 to present to parents @ 2:30pm |
| 7 th | Consultation with Year 6 regarding future 'Skate Park Development' |
| 12 th -16 th | Half term |
| 19 th | INSET Day- School closed to pupils |
| 22 nd | Dress Rehearsal for Year 5 & 6 Choir members for 'Songfest' |
| 23 rd | Choir @ Truro Methodist Church 10:00am to 12:30pm |

27 th	'Songfest' @ Hall for Cornwall @ 7pm
March	
12 th -15 th	National Science Week
29 th	Break up for the Easter Holidays
April	
16 th	Return to School - SummerTerm

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL- LAST CALL!

At least one family over the past 3 years has been disappointed that a younger sibling has not got a place because they didn't submit the online application for admission before the deadline.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 then they are due to start school in September 2018. **The deadline for applications is 23:59 on 15th January 2018.** You can apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

Please remember if you are applying for a place at St Mary's School you need to complete a *supplementary form* (as well as the Local Authority application form) which can be obtained from the School Office or our website www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

SPORTING NEWS

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to the swimming squad who competed incredibly well against all other Falmouth schools. A special mention to the year 5 and 6 girls who swam championship races and qualified for the Peninsula finals on the 26th January. An exceptional effort from Class 5 and 6 who made the competition a great spectacle to watch!

CLUBS

Clubs will commence the week beginning **Monday 15th January**, unless otherwise stated on the list. The 'After School Clubs' letter was sent home by satchel post earlier in the week. Please complete the permission slip if your child would like to attend a club and return to the school office.

ENROLMENT MASS - for our First Holy Communion Children

On **Sunday 28th January 2018**, the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year will be enrolled. This will be a whole school celebration and we would like to see as many of our pupils representing the school at the **10:45am** Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church on Killigrew Street. Our pupils will be taking an active part and this invitation is extended to all. The choir will also be taking part, so we hope that as many as possible will come along.

SCHOOL BANK

The school bank is open for business next Monday, 15th January from 8.30am. The bank is run on a weekly basis, by Mrs Higham and Year 6 pupils and is situated in the library. Please encourage your child to use the bank and save a little each week. This is a good way of saving for class trips!

