



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2: 21st September 2018

Dear Parents,

We've now completed two full weeks back at school and I've been really impressed with the children's attitude to their learning during my class visits. Your support in helping your children at home with learning their multiplication tables, number bonds and reading etc. is greatly appreciated and will help your child/ren enormously.

Nearly all of our new Reception Class children are now in school and their transition to 'big school' seems to have been seamless. In fact it feels like they've been part of our school family for so much longer! This I'm convinced is down to the six week induction sessions through the latter part of the Summer Term where they get to know their teacher and other adult support in their classroom and familiarise themselves with the school building. As a result they arrive in September feeling safe, confident and ready to start learning!

On a personal note, I've been extremely touched by the messages of support by many parents to the letter sent out last week, clearly outlining the situation with regards to our reduced staffing levels. Your support means a lot and strengthens our determination to ensure St Mary's continues to be a centre of excellence.

Finally, please don't hesitate to speak to me at the gate in the mornings if you have any queries, concerns or just for a chat!

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

September

- 24th** Class 6 - Bikeability (1st Group)
- 25th** Class 6 - Bikeability (2nd Group)
- 26th** Class 6 - Bikeability (1st Group)
Penryn College Open Evening 5-8:00pm
- 27th** Class 6 - Bikeability (2nd Group)
Class 5 visit to Tintagel
- 28th** Class 3 Mass @ 9:15am
Jazz Band sessions at Falmouth School recommence on a 2 weekly basis

October

- 1st** Fire Engine visit for Class 1
- 2nd** Class 4 visit to Maritime Museum
- 4th** Open Day for prospective families
Falmouth School Open Evening 5-7:30pm
- 5th** Harvest Mass- Whole School at 9:30am
- 9th** Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am

10 th	Class 6 visit to Eden Project Class 3 visit to Trenance Chocolate Factory
11 th	Tempest Photographs - individual and family groups (starting @ 8.30am)
15 th	Apostleship
16 th	Flu vaccinations
17 th	Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am
19 th	INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils
November	
1 st	Class 4 visit to Lanhydrock House
25 th	'Christ the King' Parish School Mass @ St Mary's Church, Killigrew @ 10:45am
December	
W/B 3 rd	Prayer Space
6 th	Hearing Tests - Year 1
7 th	Choir to visit Stroke Club
14 th	Choir Performance with Truro Male Voice Choir @ 6:00pm
20 th	End of Term Mass @ 9:15am

Attendance Reminder

Leave of Absence requests.

As we begin the new academic year, we respectfully remind parents of the following:-

- Leave of absence will only be authorised in extenuating circumstances
- Reasons relating to financial advantages for example will not be authorised.
- If the permission to take leave is not granted and the pupil still goes on holiday, the absence will be unauthorised and referred to the Education Welfare Officer as to whether further action is required.

Breakfast Club

The Club runs from 8:00am until 8:45am. A selection of cereals, toast and various spreads and jams as well as fruit and yogurt will be available. The breakfast session are supervised by Mrs Alway (lunchtime supervisor) and Mrs Slater. The cost is £2:50 per session but if uptake increases, we're hoping to reduce the daily cost (payment is accepted on Parent Pay).

Healthy breakfasts benefit pupils by improving their concentration, behaviour, attendance, punctuality and educational attainment. Research funded by the Education Endowment Foundation found that pupils who enjoyed a nutritious breakfast, boosted their reading, writing and maths by an average of 2 months' progress per year.

FOSMS Needs Help!

FOSMs is the parent-run PTA volunteer group that plans and executes fundraising events and activities that support St. Mary's School and helps to build a strong family community. FOSMs works hard to:

- Provide safe and fun extra-curricular activities for the children
- Plan whole-family and parent-only events that build the school community and bring local families closer together
- Raise funds to purchase equipment and provide facilities for our children that enrich their experience of being a student at St. Mary's

To continue this good work, FOSMS need support. If you are able to offer your help please email FOSMSFalmouth@gmail.com or come to the next meeting at school on 11th October at 3.30pm.

Thanks!

Many thanks to Mrs. Blackmore (Ash's Mum), who has sponsored the 'Forest School' Club with a cheque for £150 from her business Trewcare. This will make a real difference to what we can do to the outdoor learning areas. Thanks also to Mrs Dalziel (Indiana and Zephyr's Mum) who is running the weekly Forest School Club alongside Miss Buscombe.

It has been heartwarming to receive so many offers to volunteer in classes and to help with swimming. Your support makes such a difference and frees up staff to support our children in other ways. Thanks to all our volunteers who may not have been mentioned here. I can't thank you enough for your support and commitment to our school. Rest assured safeguarding is as always high priority at St Mary's so naturally volunteers will be checked in accordance with the most recent guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' September 2018.

I must also thank members of our parish as Sister Augustine donated some beautiful books and resources and Sister Veronica has donated a volleyball net, ball and rule book which we can make great use of.

Daily Mile

We are especially pleased with how well the Daily Mile has been going and would like to congratulate many of our children for taking part with great enthusiasm. The initiative is designed to both promote a healthy lifestyle and exercising as a habit, but also to help the children begin the day with energy and a clear mind.

We would like to encourage all our children to take part in this activity when they first arrive at school in the morning, especially those who have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity (often because they have not arrived in time to do so). We would like to ask you as parents to try to ensure your child is at school as close to 8:45am as possible so that they can take part. Thank you for your support in this.

Flu Vaccinations

The School Office will be emailing out the flu vaccination consent form next week. If we do not have a current email address for you, please let the office know.

Please note: If you do not have an email address or would prefer a paper copy, please inform Mrs Chapman or Mrs Pipkin.

Music Lessons

If your child is in Year 3- 6 and would like to learn to play a guitar or a woodwind instrument, please contact the school office and a taster session can be arranged. All lessons are provided by the Cornwall Music Service Trust.

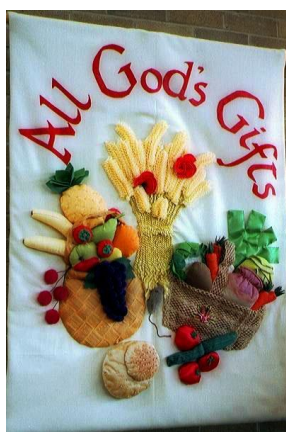


Forest School Club

A request from Miss Buscombe and Mrs Dalziel - please can you help with any of the following items: large rocks (approximately 15 needed - roughly 20-30 cms); tree stumps (for seating); tarpaulin (any size, as they can be used for dens); dry bamboo; dry willow; dry kindling; bags of cotton wool balls; good ropes (of various lengths) and a kellykettle (Big Wish!)

Harvest Mass

On Friday 5th October we will be celebrating our Harvest Mass. This is a very special day as it is World Harvest Fast Day, a day when we think about those who do not have enough to eat or drink. So, as a school community, we would like to invite you to bring in a donation of tinned, dried or packeted foods for our local foodbank. Thank you for your continued support.



The Prayer Theme for Next Week

We believe our lives are filled with God's love.
We know he calls us to go out and love others.

Guides

The 12th Falmouth Guide Unit at St Mary's Church Hall has fun and interesting activities to take part in. If your child would like to join and are aged 10 years or over, come along on a Monday evening from 6-7:30pm. A new programme will be starting and the group are looking for new members to be a part of it. Liz Bee - 01326 313048

Cornwall Junior Choir (organised by Cornwall Music Service Trust and Truro Cathedral)

Suitable for children aged 7-12 years. Interested? Find out more at www.cornwalljuniorchoir.org.uk

Please note that signposting to any activities/services by St Mary's School does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. It is recommended that parents/carers make their own enquiries to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of these. Under no circumstances will either St Mary's School or Plymouth CAST accept any responsibility or liability for any such activity/service.