



Hello everyone,



I cannot believe that this is the last newsletter of the academic year. The unexpected turn of events since March when we had to close seems to have made the months speed by.

I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all the children, staff, parents, governors and Father Brian for this year- for all your support, positivity and hard work during what will be an extremely memorable year! I truly believe that we were meant to get through this time together- we were put together as a team and were stronger as a result.

Next Wednesday is our last day at school, finishing at the usual staggered times. Goodbye and good luck to all our Year 6 leavers, who have been a fantastic class, all their way through St. Mary's. We will be very sad to see you go, but know that you will continue to fly the St. Mary's flag in your new schools. Your new teachers and friends will soon see what kind, conscientious young people you are and I am sure you will have lots of fun.

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Pipkin, Mrs. Mulcahy and Mrs. Watkins next week. We will miss you all enormously and hope that you will come back to visit us in the future.

We have appointed Mr. Pete Langridge as a teaching assistant to work with Year 1 from September, and Mrs. Danielle Ditty as an S.E.N. teaching assistant. Mr. Mick Vigo has also been appointed as our new caretaker. Welcome to you all and we look forward to you being part of our team from September, along with Mrs. Titheridge as the teacher in Reception Class.

A particularly big thank you must go to Mrs. Thompson, who has been volunteering to help in one of our bubbles on a regular basis since our return to school. Mrs. Thompson completed her teacher training this year and has given up her time to help our children. Thank you so much Kim!

Please remember to send us your feedback about your child's end of year report. It is great to know your thoughts about the report and how the year has been for you in general. You can either send the slip back to school, or email a response to secretary@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk.

I hope you all enjoy a safe and relaxing Summer holiday and we will see you back at school on Monday 7th September. Timings for the start and end of the school day from September will be shared with you next week, along with more information about how we will be keeping everyone safe in school for our full return. I am looking forward to seeing everyone back together in school very much.

With very best wishes,

Mrs. Draycott

Inset Days for 2020-21

The inset days published recently have been amended by the Trust and are now as follows:

- ◆ Thursday 3rd September 2020
- ◆ Friday 4th September 2020
- ◆ Monday 2nd November 2020
- ◆ Monday 22nd February 2020
- ◆ Monday 7th June 2020

Please note the school will be closed to pupils on these dates.

Leavers' Mass

Our online Leavers' Mass will be celebrated with the children in school on Monday 20th July at 9:30am, not on Tuesday as previously advertised. You are very welcome to log-in and join us from home:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8KUEwsXFK3VBLEfn4H1tBw>

Star of the Week

This week we had our first virtual assembly in which all the children in school were part of.



Reception – Jack R,
for his unwavering
enthusiasm in all his
learning



Year 1 – Zackery,
for being an
enthusiastic
learner and
always smiling



Year 2—Scarlett,
for always taking
pride in her work



Year 3—Alix, for
her creativity and
continuous hard
work



Year 4—Milly C,
for working hard
with her online
learning



Year 5—Hoby,
for excellent story–
writing and working
hard on his spellings



Year 6—Holly,
for her reasoning and
problem solving



Year 6—Lennon,
for keeping the bubble
up-beat and keeping
everyone entertained!



Year 6—Grace,
for trying to keep her-
self motivated and
producing some lovely
topic work



Letter from the Presbytery 17th July

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all safe and well. I am sure that we are all grateful that many of the restrictions placed upon us are now being lifted. It is wonderful that public Masses can now be celebrated, funerals can now take place in our churches as can baptisms. Soon I will be able to take Holy Communion to the sick. Of course, strict conditions are placed upon us as to how we are to celebrate the sacraments. However, it is good news that even in a limited way the parish is beginning to get back to some sort of normal.

This week our school break up for the summer holidays. I would like to pay tribute to all at St. Mary's school. The teachers, staff, parents and children have worked together superbly to ensure the school remained open to provide education to many in this difficult time. I am aware that our teachers and staff are tired and weary and we all pray that they have a restful break. The children of year 6 will be leaving St. Mary's School and we ask for God's blessing for them and we wish them well in their new schools.

Next Thursday we begin Mass once again at Mawnan Smith at 10 am. I am grateful to those who have come forward to act as stewards and cleaners. Also thanks to some of our Falmouth volunteers who have worked hard to enable St Edwards to open. Our parish is one of the few to celebrate Mass every day. For this to continue we still need people to come forward to volunteer as stewards and cleaners. Please consider volunteering, otherwise daily Mass may have to stop.

As some of you may know Bishop Mark came to St Mary's, Falmouth last Saturday to celebrate the 6 pm Mass. It was wonderful to see him and we are grateful that he took the time to visit and express his love and care for us here in Cornwall.

Take care and look after yourselves. For those who are unable to come to Mass I would assure you that you are not forgotten and you are in my prayers.

May God bless you all.

Father Brian

Education Library Service

The following website has been sent from the ELS which may be helpful to parents.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/reading-together-day-announced-for-16-july-2020.html>

Falmouth School

Our congratulations go to 4 ex-pupils of St Mary's Catholic Primary School. Harvey Thompson and Cerys Wilcox have been chosen through interview to be Head Boy and Head Girl for the coming year and Layla Hillier and Connor Burden are to be the Deputy Head Girl and Boy.

How amazing is that!!

Cornwall Music Service Trust

Mrs Pattinson will be commencing violin lessons in the Autumn Term and has spaces for new students. If your child is interested please view the CMST website for details on how to sign up.

<https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org>

Falmouth Messy Church

See Part Two of the Newsletter for more details of the Virtual Messy Church for July

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