

Newsletter Issue 18: 15th June 2018

Dear Parents,

Wednesday the 13th June was a very sad, but a special day to remember for many of the staff at St Mary's. We said goodbye to Harry D'Silva.

Harry D'Silva was an inspirational and well respected Headteacher. He was appointed head at St Mary's school in 1980 and retired at Christmas in 2003. He was a larger than life character who was loved by staff, past pupils and parents alike. He was also very popular amongst his peers, many of whom looked to him for guidance and advice.

He was extremely gifted and talented and his creativity and love of the arts filtered through the school and gave life to all areas of the curriculum.

His down to earth, infectious personality had such a highly positive impact on everybody he came into contact with. He will be sadly missed by everyone. Those that had the good fortune to work with him were blessed to have worked for such an amazing and charismatic leader.

Harry once said to me: 'They say we die twice. The second time is when the last person alive who knew us ceases to tell our story.' Harry's story will continue to be told for a very long time by all those whose lives he touched.

We have parents who will remember Harry when they were pupils here or whose older children attended St Mary's. With this in mind, if you would like to write a message and sign a book of remembrance available in the school foyer, we will pass this onto the D'Silva family in due course.

Warm regards Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

June

19 th	Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:45pm
20 th	Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am
21 st	Class 2 Trip to Eden Class 4 Trip to Truro Museum
22 nd	Dress Down Day - Summer Fayre
26 th	Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:45pm
28 th	New Reception induction session @ 1.30pm
29 th	Dress Down Day - Summer Fayre

July

2 nd	Assembly - Apostleship of the Sea - John Pinhay @ 9:10am
4 th	Music Concert - AM
5 th	Class 4 Trip to Chysauster Class 5 Trip to Truro Museum Mark's Ark to visit Class 2 New Reception induction session @ 1.30pm
6 th	STEM Day- Chocolate Dress Down Day - Summer Fayre Summer Fayre from 3:30 to 6:00pm

9 th	Assembly - Falmouth Library
11 th	Dress Rehearsal - Class 5 & 6 Leavers' Performance
12 th	Leavers' Performance - Classes 5 & 6
13 th	Leavers' Mass @ 9:30am
16 th - 20 th	Transition Week for Year 6 'Shuffle Up' days for all year groups
17 th	FOSMs 'Bags for School' fund raiser
20 th	Break up for the Summer holidays @ 1:30pm

Advance Notice of INSET Days- 2018-19

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4th September 2018

19th October 2018

22nd July 2019 (Spiritual Day)

23rd July 2019

24th July 2019

25th July 2019

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

Nun on the Run!

Sister Augustine from the Parish ran the ???. She has presented the school with a generous donation of £50 towards a memorial for Harry D'Silva in our future 50th Anniversary Garden. We are extremely grateful to her for her generosity.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

We are currently working on a 50th Anniversary video of what life at St Mary's looks like on a day to day basis. It will celebrate and show the very unique nature of our school and how really special it is. Many thanks to Klaudia Sobol (Julian's Mum) and her colleague Anne Marie who will be making this happen. Thanks also to Bonnie Mockett for supporting and signposting us to support to make this a reality.

FOSMS News

Coin Trail

This annual fundraiser is going from strength to strength, as a whopping £700 was raised towards school funds. Well done to all those who collected coins and brought them in on the day. Thanks to FOSMs for organizing the event.

Mark Your Calendars!

Friday 6th 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 competitions and challenges for children and grownups. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Dress Down Days in the lead up to the event, are as follows:

22nd	Tombola items
29th	Bottles (squash/fizzy/wine/beer etc)
6th July	Fayre day - cakes

Please note the next Bag 2 School collection is due at 9am on Tuesday 17th July 2018.

Education Welfare Officer (EWO) Visit

The EWO visited our school yesterday and scrutinised all registers. She picked up on a small number of pupils who are consistently late for school on a regular basis. From September, this will be monitored by the EWO closely and parents will initially be invited to one of our Attendance Clinics. If the situation doesn't improve, we have been informed action will be escalated and in extreme cases may result in court proceedings.

It is extremely disruptive and inconsiderate to other learners and the teacher when children are consistently arriving late. Every minute late is logged on our management system and over a period of time, can equate to days of absence for some pupils.

Collecting your child/ren promptly at the end of the school day is equally important, particularly after clubs as staff have other commitments. Once again, it is most inconsiderate to expect teaching staff to supervise children whose parents arrive late to collect them. We completely understand that on isolated occasions, e.g due to road works or other issues, you might be late collecting your child. However, if you are consistently late, then the matter will be escalated.

Porthpean Trip - Year 6

Once again our year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at their residential camp at Porthpean. They always remember their experience over the 3 days which seems to always supersede their experience of the last seven years at St Mary's! I would like to thank all the staff who accompanied the group for giving up their personal time and their commitment. Thanks to Mrs Austin Smith, Mrs Higham, Mrs Mulcahy, Mr Blakely May and Mrs Mills. Special thanks to Mrs Mills who stepped in at short notice on Thursday morning to take over from Mrs Austin Smith who was taken ill.

Parent Pay and School Bank

Please ensure that payments are paid into Parent Pay for school dinners; breakfast club attendance and swimming lessons on a regular basis, to ensure mounting debts are avoided.

Please also note that trip monies need to be paid into the school bank (or to the school office) before a class trip takes place. Your attention is greatly appreciated.

Community News

1. **The Falmouth Art Gallery** are running a free event for parents and parents-to-be on the 21st of June. All welcome to attend, places are limited so booking is advisable on 01326 313863.



2. **Propeller Dance** are holding recruitment workshops next week for Year 6 pupils who think they would enjoy the experience. They are recruiting for a September 2018 start.

There are workshops on:

- Monday 18th June Wadebridge Town Hall 6.30-8pm
- Monday 18th June Heartlands Pool, Chi-an-Bobel building 6.30-8pm
- Tuesday 19th June Falmouth University AMATA building 5.15- 6.45pm
- Wednesday 20th June KEAY Theatre, Cornwall College St Austell 6.30-8pm

All details on their website <http://www.dancerepublic2.com/recruitment-workshop-dates/>



3. **Falmouth Library** are again taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Every year, thousands of families take part in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, run by the charity 'The Reading Agency'. The Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, activities in the library during the summer holidays.

Throughout the Challenge, library staff and volunteers support children, helping them to discover new authors and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

The aim is to get children to read any **6** books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays.

Every year there's a different theme. The Summer Reading Challenge 2018 is called **Mischief Makers**, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11.

1. Children sign up at their local library and receive a Mischief Makers collector poster.
2. Children borrow and read at least six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and incentives along the way.
3. Library staff and young volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
4. Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a medal on completion and a certificate.

The Challenge on starts on Saturday 14th July and finishes on Saturday 8th September 2018

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