

Newsletter

Friday 8th July 2022



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends

As will be aware from the national news, a new variant of COVID is spreading. Not only have we had an increasing number of children testing positive, we have had 5 members of support staff off school this week, which has created several challenges. Thank you for being patient, but please do test your child if they complain of feeling unwell: painful headache, sore throat and temperature.

I would also like to take this opportunity to formally thank the rest of the staff who have all taken on other roles so that the school continues to run smoothly. What a team!

Staffing update

I am pleased to inform you that on Wednesday, after a rigorous interview process where we were lucky to have three good candidates, we appointed Mr Michael Cato as the new class teacher for St Mark's in September. He was able to spend some time with his new class on Wednesday afternoon. I'm sure you will make him feel welcome and soon part of the St Mary's family.

Classes for 2022-23

St Anthony's (Reception/Y1) will be taught by Mrs Myatt.

St Mark's (Y2/Y3) will be taught by Mr Cato.

St Francis (Y4/Y5) will be taught by Miss Smith.

St Alban's (Y5/Y6) will be taught by Mr Young.

Y5/6 Trip to Weymouth



St Albans class enjoyed a day out at the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre on Monday. The children worked in teams to complete a variety of activities such as: sailing, archery, traversing and tunnelling. The children all had a great

day and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mr Young, Mrs Finch and Miss Horton for accompanying them. Some lasting memories would have been made!



School Trip to Moors Valley – 18th July

Please can I remind you to send back your child's permission slip for the trip in just over a week's time. Thank you.

Catholic Life

Thank you for your donations and sending the children to school wearing yellow, blue and white for Catholic Children's Society (wear yellow, blue and white). We raised £72.

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul in church with a whole school Mass. It was lovely to be accompanied by Mr Holdsworth (one of our governors) on guitar. The children sang beautifully.

Sports Day

We have decided to still hold Sports Day on Friday 8th July from 1pm even though we do have a number of children off school. This is because next week we have even more activities and events taking place that to try to fit it all in and for parents to re-arrange time off would be very challenging. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you later!



News from the PTFA

We are very much looking forward to seeing you after sports day for our picnic. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their help, baked cakes, provided cakes, ice creams, gazebos and donated books, toys and uniform. It has been very much appreciated. On 13th July from 8.45, after morning drop off, we will be having a painting morning to help brighten up pre-school. If you would like to come along and help, please let Dani Grant know.

We hope you enjoyed reading our first newsletter. There will be one every half term to help keep you informed about what is happening and going on around the school.



Sports Week

Premier Sports are coming in to school next week to lead a variety of sporting activities each day for the children. Please could you ensure they come to school in PE Kit each day, with a hat, sun screen already applied and a drink bottle. Thank you.



Celebration Assembly

Last week was our final Celebration Assembly for the year. It has been lovely to be able to invite the parents of one class at a time to attend. We will continue with this next year until further notice.

After School Clubs

After school clubs finish this week because of school performance. Thank you to Miss Fletcher, Miss Smith, Mrs Myatt and Mr Young for their time and enthusiasm running the clubs this term.





We're all going on a SUMMER HOLIDAY – Summer Production

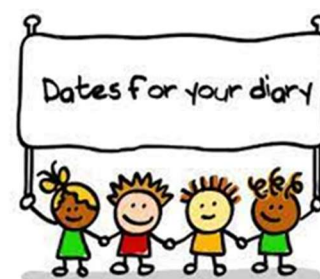
The children are looking forward to performing the end of year summer production to you on Thursday evening at 6pm and Friday afternoon at 1:30pm. The show should last approximately an hour and we aim to be performing outside (as last year was so successful), this means that we won't have to limit numbers. We look forward to seeing you then.



Please follow us on Twitter @stmarysmarnhull – it would be great to increase the number of followers we have – we now have 84 followers.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 8th July – Sports Day 1pm followed by PTFA Picnic
- (Wednesday 13th July – Sports Day Reserve 1pm)
- Wednesday 13th July - End of Year Reports to Parents
- Thursday 14th July – End of Year Performance 6pm
- Friday 15th July – End of Year Performance 1.30pm
- Monday 18th July – School trip to Moors Valley
- Tuesday 19th July – Leavers' Service 6pm (note change of date from 20th)
- Thursday 21st July – end of term break up for Summer holidays



Term Dates 2022-23		Half Term holidays	Inset Days
Autumn Term 01.09.22 – 16.12.22	Children start school Monday 5th September 2022 Children break up for Christmas holidays on Friday 16th December 2022	Children finish for half term on Friday 21st October 2022 and return to school on Tuesday 1st November 2022	01.09.22 02.09.22 31.10.22
Spring Term 03.01.23 – 31.03.23	Children start back at school Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Children break up for Easter holidays on Friday 31st March 2023	Children finish for half term on Friday 10th February 2023 and return to school on Tuesday 21st February 2023	20.02.23
Summer Term 17.04.23 – 21.07.23	Children start back at school Monday 17th April 2023 Children break up for Summer holidays on Friday 21st July 2023	Children finish for half term on Friday 26th May 2023 and return to school on Tuesday 6th June 2023	05.06.23

God Bless

Sharon Betts
Headteacher

Summer Camps 2022

Junior Camp 7th - 12th August - Buckfast Abbey

Yrs 3-6

Senior Camp 31st July - 5th August - Buckfast Abbey

Yrs 7-10

St Petroc's 31st July - 5th August - St Rita's Honiton

Yrs 11-13



Further information:

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