



# Saint Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

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## FRIDAY LETTER

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Welcome to the New School Year!**

**A New Name and Trustees...**

**Roald Dahl Day...**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, a new school name and the Catholic Multi-Academy Trust of St Ralph Sherwin. Welcome, too, to our new families who have joined us this year in Reception and throughout the school too. I hope the first week has been a happy one for all. Our new Reception children have started their school life off very well. They have settled and have coped well with all the new routines very quickly and have socialised very well too.

All the children looked very smart in their uniform. Thank you for your efforts in ensuring they follow the school's uniform code. It makes the school look smart and shows the community we have high standards for our children.

We have been really impressed with the positive attitude of the children, their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour this week in school. Well done to you all!

School PE kits and earring advice.

PE timetable for this term is as follows:

Monday: Years 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday: Years 2 and 6

Wednesday: Years 1 and 6

Thursday: Years 3,5 and Reception

Friday : Years 2,1 and Year 4 Swimming.

*(Year 2 will go swimming in the Summer 2019 on Mondays.)*

Children may only do PE in the correct kit as this is part of the school uniform policy. Earrings may not be worn in PE or swimming lessons and so children need to be adept at removing them or not wear them on PE days. We cannot cover recent piercings with plasters either.

Annual Housekeeping Reminders:

Safety at the start and end of the day.

**Outdoor Equipment:** The children are aware that they are not allowed to play on any of the climbing/ropes equipment at the end of the day (Trim Trail, Wigwams, Adventure Hill etc.). Please refrain from allowing toddlers to roam and climb too!

**Bikes and scooters:** Due to the number of people on the school site at the end of the day, bikes and scooters must only be ridden once out of the green gates and not around the playground – we have had a couple of near misses this week! Please support us in the above, thank you.

**Parking:** Please park considerably when dropping off and picking up your child from school on Gladstone Street and Wood Street. Please note that there is no vehicle right of way on Gladstone Close as this is a private road. No vehicles except staff and deliveries are allowed on the school site apart from on the playground when picking up your child from an after school club. This is to avoid the risk of accident when children and families are arriving/leaving school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Dogs:** Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds at any time either carried or on a lead.

Healthy Tuckshop

As a Healthy eating school we continue to provide a wide range of healthy snacks at morning break, If you wish your child to purchase a snack, please send in 20p per day or £1 every Monday. During the last school year, the small profit generated from the Tuck Shop was used to subsidise some school trips; costumes for Christmas shows a dressing up rail in KS1; books and other small items. If you have any questions about tuck shop please see Mrs Armitage.

Music Opportunities:

There are lots of opportunities for your child to take up a musical instrument this year. Year 5 pupils will begin learning to play the violin as part of the Wider Opportunities Scheme. There are also many other instruments that can be learnt- guitar, ukulele, drums, flute, piano, violin, cello. Either in group lessons or individually. Children can begin to play an instrument from any age, but from Year 2 upwards is recommended as their bodies will be able to fit an instrument better. You do not need to have an instrument to play. I can usually organise instruments for children to learn. If you would like to know more, please come in and see me.

Violin lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons starting 12<sup>th</sup> September. Any current Y6 can continue to learn the violin this year very cheaply. Please let me know if you would like to sign up. (There were forms given out before the summer break).

★ Crowned as our ★	
Star Pupils	
this week	
Reception	★ All Reception!
Year 1	★ All Year 1!
Year 2	★ Jack Brace
Year 3	★ Jessica Maja
Year 4	★ Ethan Gabriella
Year 5	★ Arlie Blaise
Year 6	★ Lilly B Jessica
Head teacher's Award	★ Jack F-Mc

*Awarded for a Great Start to the new school year.*

**Parent and Toddler Group starts next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 9.30-11am**

**Birthdays**

Megan 8

Molly 8

Cole 10

Isabel 9

Jayden 7

Freddie A 10

Toby 7

Frankie 6

Roald Dahl Day – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

This is a National Day to celebrate the talent of Roald Dahl. We are going to feature his stories in lessons on Thursday. There is no need for children to dress up although the temptation for Miss Trunchbull to reappear could be too much!

Various after-school clubs recommence this term:

Day (Start Date)	Club	Year Groups	Teacher	Time
Monday 10.09.18	Gym/ Dance	KS2	Miss Owens	3.30-4.30
Tuesday 11.09.18	Recorders PAS	Y5 Rec-Y6	Mr Groarke PAS staff	12.45-1.15 3.30-4.30
Wednesday 12.09.18	Cookery Band	Y1&2 KS2	Mrs Armitage Mr Groarke	3.30-4.30 3.30-4.15
Thursday 13.09.18	Recorders Football	Y4 KS2	Mr Groarke OTIS staff	12.45-1.15 3.30-4.15
Friday 14.09.18	Gym/Dance Multisports	KS1 KS1 and 2	Miss Owens OTIS staff	3.30-4.30 3.30-4.30pm

Drama Club will not start until January. Peak Active Sports (PAS) will begin on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. There are 32 places available. An application form has been sent home with this letter.

*Most clubs are free of charge except Cookery Club which is £1 per week, Football Club - £1.50 per session and Peak Active Sports.*

To join the Cookery Club, please see Mrs Armitage for a letter. Again Cookery Club will run in groups of eight, changing each half term.

To join Gymnastics, KS1 Multi-sports, Football or Band (you need to play an instrument already), please return the slip below.

Any questions about the clubs, please do not hesitate to ask me.

There is also a letter accompanying this one from Mr Sean McClafferty, CEO of St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. (CMAT).

Lots of information for you today in this letter. I hope I have not missed anything out! Finally, even though I love the six weeks holiday, it has been great to be back in school this week in the company of the children whose attitude to school and enthusiasm this week has been a joy as always,  
Enjoy the weekend,

Mr S D Groarke  
Head teacher

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_, Class \_\_\_\_\_ to join the following clubs:

KS2 Gymnastics\* \_\_\_\_ KS1 Multi-sports\* \_\_\_\_ KS2Football\* \_\_\_\_ KS2 Band\* \_\_\_\_  
(\*Please tick as appropriate.)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Diocese of Nottingham



Healthy Schools



**Cut out and keep!✂**  
**(Autumn Term Diary is being compiled. Details to follow next week.)**

*Please note: If you would prefer to receive this letter via email, please let the School Office know and your address will be added to the group email. It will not be shared with anyone within the group.*

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