



Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School

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FRIDAY LETTER

8th September 2017

Welcome to the New School Year!

**Mrs Robinson and Mrs Bethell
join the team!**

Clubs News...

Roald Dahl Day...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and welcome to our new families who have joined us this year in Reception and throughout the school too. Again a record number of children on roll has increased from last year taking us to 195. We welcome Mrs Robinson our new Year 1 teacher and Mrs Bethell, our Year 4 teacher. Both teachers have really enjoyed meeting their class this week and say that everyone has made them feel welcome, especially the children. Unfortunately, due to contractual obligations, Mrs Bethell will not be able to start teaching at St. Mary's until the beginning of next half term. Mrs Haworth will support Mrs Thorne-Marsh until then.

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. 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!

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.

School PE kits and earring advice.

Many children this week did not have their PE kit this week. It is best if it is kept in school until the half term. 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. (This is a stipulation with Derbyshire LA policy).

PE timetable for this term is as follows:

Monday: Year 4 and Year 5; Year 2 -swimming
Tuesday: Year 1 and Year 6
Wednesday: Year 6
Thursday: Year 3 Year 5 Year 6 and Reception
Friday : Year 2 Year 1; Year 4 Swimming.

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 considerately 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.

★ Crowned as our Star Pupils ★	
this week	
Reception	★ All Reception!
Year 1	★ Jack B
Year 2	★ Nancy
Year 3	★ Gabriella ★ Olly
Year 4	★ William
Year 5	★ Lily T
Year 6	★ Millie
Head teacher's Award	★ Joshua S

Awarded for a Great Start to the new school year.

**Parent and Toddler Group
starts next Tuesday 12th
September
9.30-11am**

Birthdays

Megan 7
Molly 7
Cole 9
Isabel 8
Jayden 6
Freddie A 9
Toby 6
Frankie 5

Roald Dahl Day – Wednesday 13th September

This is a National Day to celebrate the talent of Roald Dahl. We are going to feature his stories in lessons on Wednesday. There is no need for children to dress up as it is such short notice. (Don't worry there will be plenty of opportunities to wear costumes through the year!)

Various after-school clubs recommence this term:

Day (Start Date)	Club	Year Groups	Teacher	Time
Monday 13.09.17	Gym/ Dance Recorders	KS2 Y6	Miss Owens Mr Groarke	3.30-4.30 12.45-1.15
Tuesday 12.09.17 19.09.17	Recorders PAS	Y5 Rec-Y6	Mr Groarke PAS staff	12.45-1.15 3.30-4.30
Wednesday 13.09.17 13.09.17	Cookery Band	Y1&2 KS2	Mrs Armitage Mr Groarke	3.30-4.30 3.30-4.15
Thursday TBA 14.09.17	Recorders Football	Y4 KS2	Mr Groarke OTIS staff	12.45-1.15 3.30-4.15
Friday 15.09.17 15.09.17	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 when Mrs Boardley and I will be running the Club on a Thursday. Peak Active Sports (PAS) will begin on Tuesday 19th September. There are 16 places available. Please pick up an application form from the Office.

Most clubs are free of charge except Cookery Club which is £1 per week, Football Club - £1.50 per session and Peak Active Sports which is £38 for 10 sessions.

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.

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, clarinet, 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.

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.

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 _____

Cut out and keep! ✂

Autumn Term Diary

Friday 15th September

Year 5 violin lessons start.

Wednesday 27th September

Reception height and weight check

Wednesday 4th October

Full Governors AGM 6.30pm

Friday 6th October

CAFOD Fast Day

Sunday 8th October

Glossop Jog

Tuesday 17th October

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October

INSET day – school closed

Half term holidays

Monday 30th October

School Reopens

Thursday 2nd November

Halloween Disco

Monday 13th November

Mr Groarke's School Dinner

Wednesday 15th November

Baking Competition

Tuesday 12th December

Toddler Group Party

Christmas Concert KS1. 1.45pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Concert KS2 6.30pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Concert KS2 1.45pm

Monday 18th December

School Dinner – Party time!

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Parties

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Dinner

Carols in the School Hall 2.30pm

End of Term – school closes

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Wednesday 3rd January 2018

INSET day

Thursday 4th January 2018

School opens for the new term.

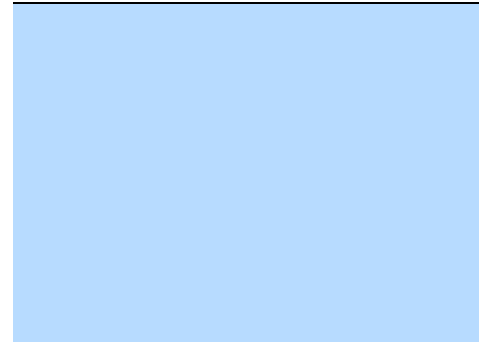
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