



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 4:19th October 2017



Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Finally, please don't hesitate to speak to me at the gate when I'm out and about at the beginning or end of the school day if you have any queries or suggestions.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

October

20th INSET Day- School closed to pupils

23rd -27th **Half Term**

30th Class 4 Trip to Lanhydrock House

Class 5 Trip to Tintagel

November

1st Parent Information Session - I-pads with Joe Morrett

2nd Class 4 - planting bulbs at Queen Mary Gardens

3rd INSET Day

10th Dress Down Day- Hamper items

17th Dress Down Day - Tombola, Toys, Games and Books

24th Bottles

29th Parent Consultation Meetings

December

- 1st Cakes
Christmas Fayre @ 3:30pm
- 5th Parent Consultation Meetings
- 8th Choir to sing at Age Concern and the Stroke Club
- 12th Reception Class Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm
- 13th Classes 1 & 2's Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm
- 14th Classes 3 & 4's Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm
- 17th Christingle Service @ 5:30pm
- 18th FOSMs Santa's Grotto from 3:30pm
- 19th Christmas Dinner
St Mary's School Choir Concert
- 20th Whole School End of Term Mass @ 9:30pm
Christmas Parties from 1:30pm
Break up for the Christmas holidays @ normal time

FOSMS Christmas Fayre - Dress Down Days for Donations

10th November	Hamper Items	
	Reception Class	Christmas decorations
	Class 1	Art and Craft items
	Class 2	Chocolate & Sweets
	Class 3	Ladies Pampering
	Class 4	Stationery
	Class 5	Christmas Foods
	Class 6	Toys & Games
17th November	Tombola	Smellies/Gift Sets/Toys/Games/Books
24th November	Bottles	
1st December	Cakes	

Teddy Donations/Books/Games/Toys can also be made any Friday

Thank you in advance for all donations - FOSMs

FOSMS are looking for raffle prizes so if you run a business and are able to donate something we would be very grateful.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is now up and running. If you would like your child to join the club, please speak to the School Office. It runs from 8:00am until 8:45am. A selection of cereals, toast and various spreads and jams as well as fruit and yogurt are available. The breakfast session is supervised by Mrs Alway (lunchtime supervisor) and Mrs Slater our school cook who prepares the food and drinks. The cost is £2:50 per session and depending on uptake may well be reduced.

Food Hygiene Rating

An unannounced visit from an Environmental Health Officer to our school kitchen resulted in the top grading of 5. Congratulations to Mrs Slater and her team!

Sporting News

Netball League

St Mary's 'A' team beat Falmouth Primary 7:1 and the 'B' team beat Marlborough 13:1. Player of the match, chosen by the Marlborough team was Phoebe D.
A big well done to Phoebe and her team mates.

Football League

St Mary's football team have played 3 games in the last 2 weeks. losing 1 nil to King Charles; beating Mylor by 1 nil and losing to Kennall Vale 1 nil. Well done boys!

Admissions 2018-19

Starting Primary School

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 then they are due to start school in September 2018. The deadline for applications is 23:59 on 15th January 2018. You can apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

Please remember if you are applying for a place at St Mary's School you need to complete a **supplementary form** (as well as the Local Authority application form) which can be obtained from the School Office or our website in the Parent Area www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

Transfer to Secondary School

Don't forget! If your child is in Year 6 and is due to start Secondary School in September 2018 you must apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions by 23:59 on 31st October 2017.

Attendance

After a visit last week from our Education Welfare Officer, our Attendance Policy has been reviewed. The key changes and additions are as follows:-

Any pupil identified as having attendance below 93% will have all further absence unauthorised on schools register.

However, should parent(s) provide evidence from a medical practitioner advising that the period of absence was necessary, the absence for the evidenced period will be authorised.

PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM (PA):

A pupil becomes a 'persistent absentee' when they miss 10% or more schooling across the school year for whatever reason. Absence at this level is doing considerable damage to any child's educational prospects and we need parents' fullest support and co-operation to tackle this.

We monitor all absence thoroughly. Any case that is seen to have reached the PA mark or is at risk of moving towards that mark is given priority and you will be informed of this immediately. (See Appendix 3)

PA pupils are tracked and monitored carefully through our pastoral system and we also combine this with academic mentoring where absence affects attainment.

The revised Attendance Policy can be found on our school website. www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk
Your support in ensuring your child/ren is at school every day is important.

Behaviour Policy

Our children's behaviour is exceptionally good, but to keep in line with the DFE we have reviewed our policy which can also be found on our school website.

Old £1 coins

Please note the old £1 coins are no longer legal tender, so we will be unable to accept these after Half Term.

Dinner Money and Breakfast Club Monies

Please note that from after Half Term, the School Office will not accept money for the dinner or breakfast club meals. They should all be paid for via the Parent Pay website or if this is a problem, please see Mrs Pipkin or Mrs Neal in the school office.

An Amazing £2,000 of Fundraising



This week a cheque was handed to St Mary's School as a result of the fundraising efforts of family and friends. This will enable sensory equipment to be purchased for the school.

Tony Schorah - Chair of Governors

Tony has a long standing connection with St Mary's as his now grown-up children attended the school. Until very recently Tony was Registrar and Secretary of Falmouth University and maintains an active interest in education through research and consultancy work. He makes regular visits to the school and is the link governor for ICT, Computing and Online Safety. Tony is the link governor for Class 5.

Woollen Hats

With winter on its way we have in stock, royal blue hand knitted hats for £1.50. Please call in at the School Office to buy.

Salvation Army Kids Club

This club runs from 3.45-5.00pm each Wednesday and costs £1.00. It is open to children from Year 1 to Year 6 and includes: games, crafts, songs, film clips and refreshments. Contact the Salvation Army Church in Brook Street for more details.

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.