

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2: 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the Parish/School Education Sunday celebration on Sunday 10th, so many thanks for your attendance.

I'm really pleased with the way the children have settled back into the school routine and are full of enthusiasm for their learning and school in general. It feels like the new Reception Class have been here longer than two or three weeks! So it's hard to believe that the next admission round has already begun!

At the beginning of the school year, I would like to remind parents of the importance of listening to their child read daily and also helping them to learn their multiplication tables and number bonds. They need to be able to recall these number facts using instant recall and need plenty of practice in doing so. Many thanks in advance for all your support and help with these homework activities.

At the end of last term, artist Susie Chaikin and Senior Lecturer of Textile Design, Sally Anne Gill worked with our Key Stage 2 pupils on creating a display for our foyer. The children's work reflects the ethos and what's special about our school. We are delighted with the end result and invite you to come in and have a look (see below for a sample!). The tapestry is now hanging in the foyer as is other artwork just inside the internal door.

Hopefully you will be accessing this newsletter through our new school website. Let us know if there is any further information you would like to see on the website and please also look at the Parents Area where you will find the 'Exceptional Leave of Absence' Form as well as the School Trip Consent Form if you haven't already completed this.

Warm regards Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

September

- 25th Reception Class Learning Together Parents Session 3.30-4.00pm
- 27th Class 3 Mass @ 9:30am
Class 6 to visit Falmouth School - 9:30 to 11:30am
- 28th FOSMS Meeting at school @ 6:00pm
- 29th Reception Class trip to Newquay Zoo
Class 2 visit to Pizza Express

October

- 4th Reception Class visit to Tesco's in Truro- Harvest Trail
Whole School Mass - Harvest @ 9:30am
'Mindfulness' Sessions for Classes 5 and 6 commence (6 weeks)
Falmouth School Open Evening from 5:30 to 7:30pm
- 5th Class 4 trip to Maritime Museum - 'Tudor Workshops'
Class 1 visit to Falmouth Fire Station
- 6th H.Tempest photo's - individuals, and families with pre-school children at 8.30am
- 11th Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am
- 12th Opening Ceremony of the 'Grand Oyster Parade'
- 13th Grand Oyster Festival School Parade - Class 3

17th Reception Class visit to Falmouth Art Gallery & St Mary's Church

18th Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am
Open Afternoon for Reception Class 2018

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 Morretti

3rd INSET Day - School closed to pupils

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 Always, one of our lunchtime supervisors 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.



Walking Bus

The 'Walking Bus' leaves from the Co-Op at the bottom of Mongleath Rd at 8:30am to walk the short distance to school. This relieves congestion in the cul-de-sac and also gives a healthy start to the day for the children. To enroll, please collect a form from the school office. If you are able to assist, even if only for one morning a week, please let us know.



Parent Pay

Thank you for your patience regarding the setting up of this new system. Mrs Neal has been working tirelessly to ensure the accounts are in order and run smoothly. Payments for dinners and breakfast club are now being displayed correctly in all pupil's accounts, but if you notice a discrepancy please do not hesitate to let the school office know.

HRH Countess of Wessex's Visit to Harbour Lights

Class 4 enjoyed meeting the Countess at Harbour Lights this week. The Countess spent just over an hour at the Harbour Lights and particularly enjoyed spending time joining in with Class 4 pupils. The children were taking part in one of the sustainability workshops that Harbour Lights have been running for local schools.



E Safety

The internet is like a magician's hat. It's full of exciting things to discover and children love it. But while they seem to know what they're doing, sometimes their parents aren't as confident- and that can be a worry. There are 4 steps that you can follow to help keep your child safe online.

1. **EXPLORE** - Explore and understand the apps, games and sites your child uses and get to know your child's online world better.
2. **TALK** - Chat to your child about their online world, just as you'd ask about their day at school.
3. **AGREE** - Set out the family rules to live well online. Discuss and agree ground rules and make sure you're a good role model.
4. **MANAGE** - Make the technology work for you. Adapt privacy settings and use parental controls where necessary.

If you would like any further information please visit our recently updated 'Online Safety' page in the Keeping Children Safe area of 'About us' on our school website at http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/online_safety

If we are able to help with any aspect of online safety please contact your child's class teacher or Miss Buscombe, our E-Safety leader.

Go Active

The children from Classes 2, 3, 4 and 6 are thoroughly enjoying the PE sessions run by 'Go Active'. The classes will be rotated next term, so every child enjoys the experience!

It's not too late to sign up to the after school clubs running on Monday (KS1) and Friday (KS2).

Go Active are hoping to trial a Holiday Club during the Autumn half term break on Monday the 23rd and Thursday 26th October here at St Mary's. Please see the flier attached and respond by Monday 25th September if this is something you are interested in.



Sporting News

Netball league

St Mary's Netball teams have got off to a flying start in the Falmouth League.

In our first match, a mixed A and B squad comfortably beat King Charles A team 15-7.

This week both our teams dominated the court and didn't let their opponents score any goals!

St Marys A team beat Marlborough A team 6-0 and our B team beat St Francis an impressive 11-0.

Many thanks to the parents for all your support.

Well done to :- Mabel, Sennen, Isla, Phoebe, Grace, Ella, Sophie, Oliver, Raffy, Senara, Mia, Keira, Mya, Izzy and Ruby.

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

Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on **Wednesday 18th October** between 2:00 and 3:00pm for prospective Reception Class parents for September 2018. If you know anybody whose child is due to start school in September 2018, please encourage them to come along to see the vibrant learning atmosphere across the school. If at all possible, let us know you're coming by contacting the School Office in advance (01326 314540) so we have enough cake and biscuits!

GCSE Success at Falmouth School

Congratulations to the students at Falmouth School for their GCSE achievements. Of the top ten performing students, five were ex-St Mary's pupils!

A Sample of the Artwork Produced for St Mary's



School Council Class Representatives

Congratulations to our new class representatives who were voted by their classmates after presenting their magnificent manifestos.

Class 1	Isla D & Mawgan W
Class 2	Rosie C & Charlie C
Class 3	Ava H & Ash B
Class 4	Zishan X & Gabriel N
Class 5	Thomas P-O & Lola T
Class 6	Ginger D, Raffy O'S, Amelia C, Bella C, Toby C & Robert S

The first School Council meeting took place yesterday, where the new chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer were elected. The School Council will keep you informed of any developments.



Harvest Offerings

This Harvest we are asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting tinned and dried foods for the Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank. The Foodbank are asking everyone to rally round to give items such as breakfast cereals, pasta, sauces, tinned veg, tomatoes, meat, rice and sponge pudding, sugar, UHT milk and fruit juice.

The Foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals such as Church Pastoral Workers, Health Visitors, Social Services etc, time to put longer term measures in place. People are given enough food for 3 days. Food is distributed at Foodbank Centres e.g Falmouth Methodist Church. As recession continues to bite, Foodbanks across the UK are seeing more and more people turn to them for help.

Please join with us by giving food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry. Thanks in advance for your support. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 2nd October in preparation for the Harvest Mass on Wednesday 4th October at 9:30am.



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.

Secondary School Open Evening - Falmouth School 4th October 5:30 to 7:30pm

Penryn College had their open evening last week, but tours are available for parents who couldn't make it. These are available for the next four weeks, so please ring the college on 372379 for an appointment.

FOSMS

You are invited to our next meeting, which is being held at school @ 6:00pm on Thursday 28th September

FOSMs is the parent-run volunteer PTA group that plans and executes fundraising events and activities that support St. Mary's School and helps to build a strong family community.

FOSMs works hard to:

- Provide safe and fun extra-curricular activities for the children.
- Plan whole-family and parent-only events that build the school community and bring local families closer together.
- Raise funds to purchase equipment and provide facilities for our children that enrich their experience of being a student at St. Mary's School.



Dear Parent,

I am writing to you on behalf of Go Active Coaching, our company currently run a PE activity program at the school. We are currently in consultation with the school about running a trial Holiday club at the school and we would value your feedback before proceeding.

The trial will be costed at £10.00 per child from 8.30-4.30pm on Monday the 23rd and Thursday the 26th of October, this will be subject to change depending on demand.

We offer a wide range of Activities such as Fencing, Archery, Bubble Football, Crossbow Shooting and Many more (See website for details) www.go-active.org



Please complete the following slip and return it to the school office by Monday the 25th of September.

Parent name		
Child name/s		
Preferred days of childcare (Please tick)	Monday 23rd Oct	Thursday 26th Oct

**Alex Spencer (Sports Development with BA Hons)
Area Manager
Go Active Group**