



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 5: 10th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Huge congratulations to our School Choir who performed at a concert at King Charles the Martyr Church on Thursday evening on the 19th October to help raise funds for the 'Live Nativity'. Their performance was amazing and many people in the audience commented on how much they enjoyed the choir and their professional delivery.

I'm also delighted to report that St Mary's has been awarded the 'South West in Bloom' award - Level 5 Outstanding. Congratulations to Mr Scarborough, Class 4 and the Gardening Club for their amazing contribution to this award (more details below).

As this term is whizzing by so quickly, I thought I'd highlight some key dates for your diaries. **Next week is National Anti Bullying Week (13th to 17th November 2017) and the School Council has been busy planning the week's events. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal'** (more details below).

I would also like to signpost you to our Anti Bullying Policy, which is available on our school website www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk and outlines our procedure in the event, after investigation of any bullying incident.

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on the 1st December after school to raise very much needed funds for our school. Please do come along and enjoy the Christmas cheer!

Finally, please don't hesitate to speak to me at the gate or 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

November

- 13 -17th National Anti Bullying Week
- 17th Dress Down Day - Tombola, Toys, Games and Books
Also wear odd socks to mark National Anti Bullying Week 'All Different, All Equal'
- 20th Week of celebrations marking St Mary's 50th celebration
- 21st Whole School Mass as 50th day of the term
- 24th Dress Down Day - Bottles
- 28th Education Welfare Officer Visit
- 29th Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:30pm to 6:30pm

December

- 1st Dress Down Day - Cakes
Christmas Fayre @ 3:30pm
- 3rd Christmas Tree Festival at Princess Pavilion @ 5:00pm (Choir to sing @ 5:30pm)
- 5th Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- 8th Choir singing at Age Concern and Stroke Club
- 10th Live Nativity at Falmouth Methodist Church @ 3:00pm (Choir to sing from 3-4:00pm)
- 12th Reception Class Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm
Bags to School - FOSMs

13 th	Classes 1 & 2's Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm
14 th	Classes 3 & 4's Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm
17 th	Christingle Service @ 5:30pm
18 th	FOSMs Santa's Grotto from 3:30pm
19 th	Christmas Dinner St Mary's School Choir Concert @ 6:30pm St Mary's Church
20 th	Whole School End of Term Mass @ 9:30pm Christmas Parties from 1:30pm Break up for the Christmas holidays @ normal time

St Mary's 50th Year Celebrations

This academic year marks the 50th year on the site as our school was built in 1967. To mark the occasion, events have been planned each term. The week beginning the 20th November marks the 50th day this term and we will begin the week giving our pupils a taste of what school was like in the 1960's. On Wednesday 22nd, we will celebrate with a whole school Mass to which past staff and governors have been invited and will enjoy lunch afterwards. On Friday 24th the children will be sharing their learning during a special assembly where we will collectively create a timeline of key events from the 1960's to the present day. Mrs. Slater will be making a birthday cake which all the children will be able to share after the assembly.

Parent Consultation Meetings

On the 29th November and the 5th December Parent Consultations Meetings will take place and you will have the opportunity to speak to your child/rens class teacher and view their work in their classrooms. I hope you will take up this opportunity to discuss and see their progress to date and also to be informed of their next steps.

Blooming Great News!

Every year, the children of Class 4 carry out various gardening projects in conjunction with Falmouth Town Council and Cormac. In the Autumn Term, they clear the beds in Queen Mary Gardens and plant daffodils in Arwenack Avenue before returning to plant up the gardens at the end of Spring. They also take part in various charitable projects, the last one being planting hundreds of crocus bulbs for the Rotary Club's 'End Polio Now!' campaign.

Well, last year's Year 4, together with St Mary's Gardening Club received special recognition for all of their hard work in the community and for making Falmouth a beautiful town. As a result, the school has been given a Level 5 (Outstanding) Award by the judges of the South West in Bloom competition. Falmouth has now been invited to enter the Britain in Bloom Competition for this year and the current Class 4 has already made an impressive start to the gardening year! Let's hope for a national award next year!



Anti-Bullying Week

National Anti-Bullying week runs from 13th to 17th November. The theme is 'All different, All equal' and aims to promote difference and equality. It will help the children to celebrate what makes them and others unique and help them to understand why it's important that every child feels included.

During the week the school council will be creating a film outlining how we deal with bullying in our school. They will be hosting a video-booth during the lunchtime where children will be able to come along and share their top tips about how to overcome any bullying. When complete the video will be shared on the school website. The school council will also be selling blue anti-bullying wristbands at a cost of £1. Each lunchtime there will be an opportunity for children to share their ideas about how we are all special by creating 'helping hands' with pictures and writing celebrating their uniqueness.

As part of our celebration of difference we will be holding an 'odd socks day' on Friday 17th November. We will be encouraging the children to come to school with odd socks to show that we are all different but all special.

Online Safety

During Anti-Bullying week the children will have the opportunity to discuss how to overcome bullying both in real-life and online. Keeping up to date with the way our children are using technology is an ongoing challenge. To support you with helping your child to stay safe online Miss Buscombe, our e-safety co-ordinator will be holding a drop-in session from 3.30-5.00pm in the Reception Class to answer any individual questions or concerns regarding online safety. Our annual e-safety information meeting for parents will take place later in the year.

FOSMS

Our Christmas Fayre takes place on 1st December 2017 and our hard working FOSMs are planning and organising this event. If you can help in any way please do let them know, as many hands make light work! Any goods for the stalls or raffle and hamper items are gratefully received. Please do come along to support this event which raises much needed additional funds for our school. (Further details available below)

Dates for your Diary

Dress Down Days for Donations

17 th November	Tombola	Smellies/Gift Sets/Toys/Games/Books
24 th November	Bottles	
1 st 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.

Sporting News

Netball League

Well done to the team for playing so well.

The A-team beat King Charles School 10:1 and the B-team beat Marlborough 8:3

Football League

This week saw the football team play a good match against Stithians School, winning by 1 goal to Nil.



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.

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

New Library

Can you offer any help with organising the new library? Please let the School Office know. Many thanks.

