

Dear Parents,

We've had an extremely busy half term, culminating this week in our annual Sports Day which was a wonderful afternoon, hopefully enjoyed by all. Well done to all who took part and many thanks for coming along to support the children on the day. The winning team were the Yellow Team with 259 points, followed by Green with 220, Blue with 213 and the Red team with 205 points.

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs O'Hara who officially retires today. She has worked at St Mary's for 25 years and has had a huge impact on pupils past and present in so many ways, but particularly in the arts. We will all miss her enormously and wish her all the best for her well deserved retirement.

Details of next years' INSET Days are included in this edition and also who your child's class teacher will be next academic year.

Warm regards
Jacqui Scarborough



Are you able to help?

We're looking for volunteers;

- to hear readers in classes
- to make phonics resources for KS1
- **on the 'Walking Bus'**
- to be on standby to cover for other volunteers who help with supervision on the swimming coach
- to help with transportation to sporting events

DIARY DATES

May

28th - 1st June Half Term

June

6 th -8 th	Class 6 Residential to Porthpean
8 th	Dress Down Day - Hamper Donations for the Summer Fayre
11 th	Phonics Screening Check - Year 1
	New parent's Meeting at 6:00pm
15 th	Dress Down Day - Summer Fayre
19 th	Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:45pm
20 th	Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am
21 st	Class 2 Trip to Eden
22 nd	Dress Down Day - Summer Fayre
26 th	Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:45pm
29 th	Dress Down Day - Summer Fayre

July

2 nd	Assembly - Apostleship of the Sea - John Pinhay @ 9:10am
6 th	STEM Day- Chocolate Dress Down Day - Summer Fayre
11 th	Dress Rehearsal - Class 5 & 6 Leavers' Performance
12 th	Leavers' Performance - Classes 5 & 6
13 th	Leavers' Mass @ 9:30am
16 th - 20 th	Transition Week for Year 6 'Shuffle Up' days for all year groups.
20 th	Break up for the Summer holidays @ 1:30pm

Advance Notice of INSET Days- 2018-19

Advance notice of INSET Days for the Academic Year 2018-19

4th September 2018

19th October 2018

22nd July 2019 (Spiritual Day)

23rd July 2019

24th July 2019

25th July 2019

(Dates are given in good faith but may be subject to change and advance notice will be given of any changes.)

Class teachers for Next Year

There will be some changes at St Mary's from September with Mrs O'Hara officially retiring on Friday 25th May and Mrs Barrett leaving and moving away at the end of this term. We are hoping to replace Mrs Barrett, but this is dependent on Plymouth CAST which has a Financial Notice to Improve. This puts financial pressure on every CAST school and we can no longer assume that every class will have a teaching assistant all day in every class. Mrs Draycott will continue supporting St Mary's Bodmin for another year. Mrs French and Mr Boyes will continue in their assistant head roles for another year. Class teachers from September 2018 will be as follows:-

	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Mrs Austin Smith	Mrs Marianne Burton
Class 1	Mrs Sarah Shailes	Ms Louise Martin/Mrs Tania Reed (Mrs Watkins when she returns from Maternity leave.)
Class 2	Miss Susan Buscombe	Mrs Vicky Walton
Class 3	Mrs Jane Mills	Mr Ashley Blakely-May
Class 4	Mr Chris Scarborough	Miss Hayley George
Class 5	Mrs Sarah French	Mrs Kate Mulcahy
Class 6	Mr Adam Boyes	Mrs Higham/Ms Louise Martin

Class 1

The Phonics Screening check takes place in June and it is important that your child is in school every day during this month. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

FOSMS News

Mark Your Calendars!

Friday 6th July 2018: St. Mary's Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre is going to be packed with new stalls, new attractions, an AMAZING raffle and lots of new competitions and challenges for children and grownups. Mark your calendars and save the date!

8th June	Hamper items
Recep	Arts and crafts
1	Beach items or outdoor games
2	Sweets and chocolates
3	Men's pampering
4	Stationary
5	Small toys and games
6	Ladies pampering.
15th	Teddies & Toys, clean and in good condition Old uniform in good condition
22nd	Tombola items
29th	Bottles (squash/fizzy/wine/beer etc)
6th July	Fayre day - cakes



Parent Adam Hale, 49, who was told he wouldn't make it a fortnight if he wasn't given a quadruple heart bypass within 24 hours, was advised to start walking as part of his recovery and is now challenging himself to the Kennet and Avon Canal Walk. His wife Kate O'Leary, 43 will be joining him on the 100 mile walk over 5 days. Adam has set a fundraising goal of £1,000 to support British Heart Foundations life-saving research and anyone wishing to help can do so by going to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adamandkate>

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Lennie, Arturas, Una, Ruby, Sam L, Sam O, Ethan, Wiktor, Isabelle S, Izabella, Isabelle T, Mollie and Harrison who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday. Thanks too, to all the pupils from our school who came along to support them at the Sunday Mass. It was a beautiful celebration and as Father Brian said in his homily, hopefully a day they will never forget.

Cornwall Heritage Trust

Recently, Class 4 received a transport grant of £180 from the CHT towards a fantastic day out at Geevor Tin Mine. This charitable organisation has supported us over the last 4 years and made the children's educational visits much more affordable for parents. Many thanks to the CHT and let's hope they can continue to support Cornish schools in the future.

The May Procession

Our annual May Procession took place on Tuesday, a service in honour of Our Lady and important to our school as it is named after her.



Garden Club PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE HELP!!!

Whether your child is a member of the gardening club or not, we would really appreciate any donations of gardening equipment, potting compost, plants and seeds or just plain old MONEY!

Many thanks

Mr Scarborough

Year One

Wanted - rolls of paper please! Rolls of old wallpaper would also be appreciated.

House Point Winners

Well done to the Green House, who were winners of the most House Points for this half term. As their prize all children in the Green House are invited to wear home clothes on Tuesday 5th June.

School Bank

The school bank will NOT be open for business on Tuesday 5th June.



Falmouth Lifeboat

A big thank you to young fundraisers Ella, Ava Rose and Clara for choosing Falmouth RNLI as their charity to raise money by singing to people passing by in their street recently. The three girls, who are pupils at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Falmouth, raised over £10 from their busking session and presented the money to Falmouth Coxswain Jonathon Blakeston at the station. They were given a tour of the lifeboats by volunteer boat guide John Davies during their visit. Well done girls!

The photo shows (left to right) crew member William Allen, Ella, Ava Rose, Clara and Coxswain Jonathon Blakeston.

Uniform Orders - September 2019

The end date for ordering school uniform for the new Academic Year is, Saturday 18th August 2018

New Admin Assistant

We're delighted that Mrs Suzannah Chapman has been appointed as the new admin assistant. Mrs Chapman will begin her new role after half term and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

FOSMS Coin Trail

Well done to Class 2 who won the trophy for the best coin design with a focus on British Values. The Reception Class won the trophy once again for bringing the most coins in. Many thanks to our wonderful FOSMs for organising this event. We'll let you know how much we raised after half term.



Dracaena Centre

The Dracaena Centre (community centre in Falmouth) have organised their annual Kids Out Day. This event will take place on **Tuesday 29th May 11am-2:30pm** with various activities throughout the day.

This is a free and fun event for children of all ages and their families during the half term. Events include: Multi-sports, Zumba, Soft Play Area, Table Tennis, Bouncy Castle, Arts and Crafts and much more.

(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 responsibility or liability for any such activities/services)

Mrs O'Hara's Leaving Assembly

There wasn't a dry eye in the school today as we bid a fond farewell to our lovely Mrs O'Hara. After 25 years working at St Mary's she is simply irreplaceable. I'm sure you will join with all the school community in wishing her a wonderful retirement and thank her for her commitment and wonderful contribution to our school.



National Walk to School Week/ Shoes for Shoesday

We all want the right to walk to school safely, with fewer traffic jams and less toxic fumes in the air. By taking part and swapping the school run for a school walk, you're helping to reduce the number of cars on our roads. With fewer cars at the school gates, children can enjoy a happy healthy and safer walk to school.

On Tuesday, over a hundred pupils joined the walking bus along with Billy the Boots and what a sight it was to see! Well done to everyone who walked to school and wouldn't it be great if this happened every day. Many thanks to Mrs Butterly who drives the bus every day.

