



Newsletter Issue 19: 29th June 2018

Dear Parents,

We're looking forward to seeing you all next Friday after school at our Summer Fayre. FOSMs have been working tirelessly to ensure the fayre will be a success, so please do come along and support FOSM's fundraising efforts as we need these funds more so than ever.

Sadly Mrs Barrett will be leaving at the end of this term to move onto pastures new, she has been at St Mary's for 20 years. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please send any donations in a marked envelope to the School Office.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the 'School Keep Clear' zig zag lines which have now been repainted and a '**No Parking**' notice which has been erected. This is as a result of a new TRO (Traffic Road Order). Illegal parking in this area is now enforceable by law. If you want to avoid a parking ticket, please don't park in this area. If parents ignore the new restrictions and continue to park, I've been informed the attendance of a Community Enforcement Officer will be requested and if necessary, parking tickets will be issued.

It's great to see so many families using the walking bus in the mornings and many thanks to Mrs Butterly for leading on this. If you're able to help out on any morning, please do let the office know.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

July

2 nd	Assembly - Apostleship of the Sea - John Pinhay @ 9:10am
4 th	Music Concert at 10am
5 th	Class 4 trip to Chysauster Class 5 trip to Truro Museum Mark's Ark to visit Class 2
6 th	STEM Day- Chocolate Dress Down Day - Summer Fayre Class 4 to meet Britain in Bloom judges @ Queen Mary Gardens (AM) Last swimming session for Yrs 3 & 4 Summer Fayre from 3:30 to 6:00pm
9 th	Assembly - Falmouth Library 'Summer Reading Challenge'
11 th	Dress Rehearsal - Class 5 & 6 Leavers' Performance
12 th	Leavers' Performance - Classes 5 & 6 Class 1 trip to the beach
13 th	Leavers' Mass @ 9:30am Year 6 Parent Invitation -Cream Tea @ 2:00pm
16 th - 20 th	Transition Week for Year 6 'Shuffle Up' days for all year groups
17 th	FOSMs 'Bags for School' fund raiser
18 th	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am
19 th	Teddy Bear's Picnic for new Reception Class

20th

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.)

Catholic Life/ Religious Education

Recently Father Brian reported to the governors his views of the quality of Catholic Life/Religious Education at our school. This is his report

Through my experience of celebrating School Mass, attending assemblies, taking part in various services and visiting classes and talking to pupils I am more than satisfied and content with the Catholic Life and Religious Education in the school. The children have a lovely and sound knowledge of the Catholic faith. Encouraged by the teachers and staff, the children are eager to share their thoughts and views.

The liturgies of the school, particularly the Mass, are a joy to be part of. The parents and parishioners who share in these occasions are full of praise for these celebrations. The Headteacher and all the staff inspire the children to know their faith and to share that faith with others.

The singing of the children is a constant joy to me and impresses all those who hear them and enhances all the celebrations.

It is a joy and pleasure to visit the school that always witnesses to the values of the Catholic faith. In these challenging times I am confident that through the combined efforts of the Headteacher, teachers, staff and children, the school will continue to be a beacon of Catholic faith in Falmouth. I am very conscious that the only experience that many parents will have of the Catholic faith and the Church is St Mary's School.

My hope is that the school will continue to be an effective witness of Jesus to all who are part of the believing community.

Father Brian Kenwrick

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! Please note: there will be a 2nd hand school uniform stall at the fayre. This is made up of lost property handed in over the year and outgrown school uniform.

6th July Fayre day - cakes

Head Boy

Congratulations to Max Thompson (ex St Mary's pupil) who was elected as Head Boy at Falmouth School.

Attendance

Please be reminded that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. This includes families of children in the Reception Class.

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday.

Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of under achievement.

This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department of Education no longer allows Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you must complete the 'Exceptional Leave' form which can be found on our school website or from the School Office. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. In the case of an unauthorised absence the Education Welfare Services may be notified and a Penalty Notice may be issued. Please note that a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 if paid within 28 days. If the fine is not paid after 28 days, it may result in legal action being taken against you. Parents have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

All requests must be completed on the 'Exceptional Leave' form as letters will not be accepted.

	Class 3		Class 4
 St Mary's Super Stars	Ruby Watson	 St Mary's Super Stars	Amelie Medlin
	Ruby Cummins		Evie-Mae Chapman
	Alfie Udy		Mabel Browning
	Isabelle Smith		Seamus Doyle
	Sophia Grunwell		Lennon Giblin
	Wiktor Osyka		Zishan Xie
	Ella Rae Woodman		Julia Zwada

Year 5/6 Performance of Mary Poppins

We're looking forward to welcoming you to Class 5 and 6's performances on Thursday 12th July. In order to meet health and safety guidelines, we are issuing tickets for both performances. There will be no cost for these tickets, but as usual there will be a collection at the end of each performance. Each family will be issued 2 tickets for each performance. If you don't require some of your allocated tickets, please return them to the School Office by Monday 9th July when they can be re-issued to families who request additional tickets from Tuesday 10th July.

Please note entry without a ticket will not be permitted.

Afternoon Performances

Parents and visitors are politely asked not to arrive on Thursday afternoon, before 1:15pm. Lunches are served from 12 till 1:00pm. The hall has to be cleared and set up for the afternoon performances.

Entrance will be through the green gate leading to the Reception Class playground.

Evening Performances

Entrance to the school for the evening performances is through the front door.

Every year we ask parents not to return their child/ren for the evening performances before 6:00pm as the school is closed until staff are back on the premises to supervise them. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Photographs/Videoin

Many parents and grandparents wish to take photographs and recordings of their child/ren performing for their own personal use. Therefore, if parents wish to photograph or film they are free to do so. Please note that any photographs or videos taken of your child are for personal use and should not be posted on social media without the permission of the parents involved. Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns about this before the first performance.

Classes 5 and 6 have decided they would like to help Harvey (an ex pupil) in Year 8 at Falmouth School to buy a new wheelchair. Therefore there will be a collection after both performances for this cause. Please see the attached details.

Help Required!

We are looking for any Dads, who can assist with:-

- Dismantling the stage and scenery early Friday morning on the 13th July, in preparation for the Leavers' Mass.

Please let the school office know if you are able to spare half an hour.

Prayer Space

We will be setting up a prayer space in the Reception Class. This will allow children and adults to explore prayer in a very creative way. The theme is 'Change' with the emphasis on transition to their next class. If parents would like to visit the prayer space to see what it's all about, please feel free to visit with your child/ren after school.

Reception Class	Monday 16th July
Classes 2 and 4	Tuesday 17th July
Classes 1 and 3	Wednesday 18th July
Classes 5	Thursday 19th July

Year 6 Parents Invitation – Cream Tea

You are invited to an informal gathering for a 'Cream Tea' in the School Hall on Friday 13th at 2:00pm. It would be good to have an idea of numbers, so your child/ren will bring a slip home next week, to be returned as soon as possible.

Fundraising for CMST Early Years Music Education and Music Therapy Services

Gareth Churcher, Head of Cornwall Music Service, parent and governor is cycling the Dartmoor Classic, one of the most prestigious open-road cycling events in the UK. Help him raise money for the CMST Early Years Music Education and Music Therapy services while he cycles 173 kilometres on Sunday 1st July. You can donate by visiting <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/cmst>. Just scroll down and select 'Make a one-off donation'.

Thank you for your support.

30th Anniversary

Congratulations to Father Brian who celebrated 30 years ordained as a priest.



On Friday 29th June, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Price and Amelie Price were lucky enough to take Isla and Oliver (two of our Y6 Pupil Librarians) to the Cornwall Education Library Services. There was a massive selection of books for us to choose from. Oliver and Isla picked books on the list pupils had suggested and chose others that they thought looked really good reads. We chose more Mr Gum, Michael Morpurgo, Frank Cottrell - Boyce, Charlie Higson, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and lots more! We also stocked up on Levels 0-3 AR books and tried to fill in the gaps of books missing from a series. They will be available in the Library soon.

Music Concert

This year's music concert is being held in the school hall on Wednesday 4th July at 10am. Year 2 will be performing on their ukuleles, Year 3 on their violins and Year 4 will be playing their brass instruments. Also, there will be individual performances and ensembles. All parents are invited to attend this musical event.

Please help Harvey to buy a new wheelchair.



Call-out for a St Mary's Past Pupil!

Harvey is in Year 8 at Falmouth School and has Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy. This means that over time his muscles get progressively weaker. Although he can still walk, over the past year it has become increasingly difficult for him to move around independently and he has to rely more and more on the use of his wheelchair. Whilst Harvey always remains positive and gives everything his best efforts, he currently has a manual wheelchair which can be quite limiting at times, especially when negotiating Falmouth's many inclines! Harvey is of an age where he would like to be out with his friends and not have to worry about someone pushing him. We are trying to raise funds to buy Harvey a power wheelchair which not only will enable him to be more independent but also looks cool when he is out with his friends. Which is quite important when you are 13!

If you are able to make a donation it would be fantastic!

Please visit: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/melissa-thompson

