

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 19: 7th July 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate Class 6 on their hard work throughout their time at St Mary's and more recently in Year 6. We are all so proud of them as their hard work is clearly evident in their amazing SATS results;

	<u>St Mary's School 2017</u>	<u>National 2017</u>
Reading	100%	71%
Writing	91%	76%
Mathematics	97%	75%
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	97%	77%

Of course their academic success is only part of their journey during the years spent at St Mary's. They have grown in confidence, have learnt to become resilient learners and persevere in the challenges they have faced. They have all made a massive contribution to our school and will be greatly missed next year when they transfer to their secondary settings.

Well done to our hard working FOSMs who have worked so hard in organising the highly successful Summer Fayre last Friday. A whopping £1,706.27 was raised before any match funding which is incredible. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help, ran a stall, donated raffle or hamper prizes and indeed all those who came along to support this fund raising event. The money will go towards refurbishing the library.

Don't forget we are on Facebook for the latest news and updates! Why not write a review about our school!

Warm regards Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

July

- 11th Teddy Bear's Picnic for New Reception Class
- 13th Classes 5/6 Performance @ 1:30 & 6:30pm
- 14th Cream Tea for Class 6 parents @ 2:00pm
Class 6 Leave St Mary's @ 3:30pm
- 17th Shuffle Up Week
- 18th Workshop for KS1 'Magical Mindfulness'
- 20th Music Concert

21st Break up for Summer Holidays @ 1:30pm

Advance notice of INSET Days for the Academic Year 2017-18

4th September 2017

20th October 2017

3rd November 2017

19th February 2018

23rd July 2018

24th July 2018

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

Please note, if you can't access the newsletter electronically, you will need to inform the School office staff at the beginning of the new academic year in September as we're going paperless.

Year 5/6 Performance of 'Pantastic'

We're looking forward to welcoming you to Class 5 and 6's performances on Thursday 13th 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 10th July when they can be re-issued to families who request additional tickets from Tuesday 11th 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. The play runs for approximately an hour and a half, so there will be no reason to collect siblings from other classes earlier than usual.

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.

Help Required!

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

- ***Dismantling the stage and scenery early Friday morning on the 14th July.***

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

Cornwall Music Education Hub

Have changed how they support 'Minority Instruments' (Bassoon, Cello, Double Bass, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Oboe, Tuned Orchestral Percussion and Viola) and a bursary scheme is now in place. There are 80 bursaries available to subsidise the cost of learning one of these instruments. Please contact the school office for more information.

Mr Nigel Baker, from the Cornwall Music Service Trust came into school this week and gave a keyboard/piano demonstration. If your child is interested in having lessons from September 2017 please collect a letter from the school office.

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 17 th July
Classes 2 and 4	Tuesday 18 th July
Classes 1 and 3	Wednesday 19 th July
Classes 5 & 6	Thursday 20 th July

Cornwall Games

Congratulations to Billy, Neo, Tom, Harry, Alex, Imogen, James and Erin who represented the school in Basketball at the games this year. They did extremely well to get to this level of competition across all schools in Cornwall. Thanks to Mr Blakely May and all the parents who supported them on the day.

Year 6 Parents Invitation - Cream Tea

You are invited to an informal gathering for a 'Cream Tea' in the School Hall on Friday 14th at 2:00pm. It would be good to have an idea of numbers, so your child/ren will bring a slip home on Monday, to be returned as soon as possible.

Brave the Shave

Sarah Slater is taking part in this year's 'Brave the Shave'! If you would like to sponsor her please go to the 'Brave the Shave' website and enter Sarah's name and her profile will come up. Alternatively, pop your donation into an envelope labelled 'Brave the Shave' and hand it to the School Office staff.



Parent Survey

We had 127 responses to the Annual Parent Survey and I've attached a brief summary of the results. Many thanks to all those who responded as this provides valuable input for next year's improvement plan.

Reports

All parents should receive their child's report today. Apologies for the date error in the covering letter which should obviously read 2017!

	Agree %	Disagree %	
The School and its Ethos			
1. I know who the school governors are	60	40	
2. The school is led and managed well	99	1	
3. The school is friendly and welcoming	100	0	
4. Accommodation is clean, safe and welcoming	100	0	
5. School helps child undstd roles & responsibilities	99	1	
6. Comfortable approaching school with questions	98	2	
7. School helps me to support my child's learning	95	5	
8. School takes account parent/carer suggestions	93	7	
9. The school treats my child fairly and politely	98	2	
Wellbeing			
10. Range exps contrib to child's spiritual development	97	3	
11. Feel my child is safe and well supported at school	98	2	
12. Child not experienced physical bullying at school	90	10	
13. Child not experienced verbal bullying at school	82	18	
14. Deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	96	4	
15. I feel happy with school lunches	79	21	
16. My child is encouraged to eat healthily	94	6	
17. Child is encouraged to take exercise and keep fit	94	6	
18. My child feels very safe and secure at school	98	2	
19. Child knows whom approach if they have a worry	94	6	
20. My child enjoys school very much	93	7	
21. Opps to make pos contribution to local comm	97	3	
22. School helps people diff backgrounds get on well	98	2	
Teaching and Learning			
23. Child enjoys variety of opps across curriculum	100	0	
24. Child encouraged to work hard and do their best	98	2	
25. Staff have high expectations of children	99	1	
26. The teaching is good	100	0	WOW!
27. The school provides appropriate homework	82	18	
28. The school uses new technology well	99	1	
29. Termly meetings and reports keep me informed	98	2	
30. Child gaining new skills that will help in the future	99	1	
Overall Satisfaction			
31. I am satisfied with the choice of this school	98	2	
32. My child is making good progress	99	1	
33. I would recommend the school to a friend	97	3	