



Newsletter Issue 15:26th April 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and the glorious weather!

We have an action packed term ahead of us, so please do check your fortnightly newsletter for all the news, events and diary dates.

This can be found on our website at www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

Each year the staff and governors review the progress we have made during the year and identify areas of focus for continued improvement for the future. This self-review forms part of our ongoing school improvement cycle and helps us to devise the 'School Improvement Plan'. Next week you will receive our annual survey and I would be grateful for your support in completing it. Further details will follow.

St Mary's School has finally been caught up with the never ending Brexit fiasco! Due to the European Parliament elections, the school is required to be used as a polling station on the 23rd May. Therefore the school will be closed to pupils on this day and I apologise for the short notice, but this was beyond the school's control. I must stress that this should not be used as an extended half term holiday as we will expect to see all pupils back in school on Friday the 24th May. Unfortunately we have no choice about the matter and currently share this duty with St Francis School and it's St Mary's turn this year.

It was great to see St Mary's School, Falmouth getting a personal mention again in the Sunday Times article on the 14th April, '**Best places to live in the UK - 2019**'.

Thank you for your continued support for our school and please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns or worries and above all any positive feedback about our school!

Warm regards Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

May

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| 1 st | Y1 trip to Pendennis Castle |
| | Reception Class trip to Trelissick Gardens |
| 2 nd | RNLI Beach Safety Assembly for KS2 |
| 3 rd | Y3 & Y4 Summer Term swimming commences |
| 6 th | BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY |
| 13 th - 16 th | SATs week for Y6 |
| 19 th | First Holy Communion Mass, St Mary's Church @ 10.45am |
| 21 st | FOSMs Bags for Schools @ 9am |

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| 22 nd | Sports Day from 1:30pm |
| 23 rd | School used as Polling Station - closed to pupils |
| 24 th | FOSMs Coin Trail |
| 27 th - 31 st | HALF TERM |

June

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| 3 rd -5 th | Y6 Porthpean Residential |
| 4 th | Mrs Bolton (new Executive Head) to see parents from 3:30 to 6:00pm |
| 5 th | Mrs Bolton (new Executive Head) to see parents from 9 to 3pm |
| 10 th | Phonics Screening check week for Y1 |
| 13 th | Y2 trip to Eden Project Y5 trip to Truro Museum |
| 14 th | Tempest Photography Class & Team photos |
| 18 th | Education Welfare Officer Visit (Attendance) |
| 19 th | Mass at St Mary's Church/Diocesan Childrens' Society @ 5pm |
| 20 th | Penryn College Induction Day Y6 |
| 21 st | STEM Project - Class 5 - Watson Marlow |
| 28 th | FOSMs Summer Fayre |

July

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| 2 nd | Apostleship of the Sea Workshop with Class 5 Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:40pm |
| 4 th | Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:40pm |
| 8 th | Apostleship of the Sea Assembly |
| 10 th | Year 5/6 performance |
| 12 th | Leavers' Mass |
| 15 th -19 th | Transition Week for year 6 pupils at Falmouth School and Penryn College Prayer Space with theme of Transition |
| 17 th | End of term Mass |
| 19 th | Break up at 1:30pm |

ADVANCE NOTICE OF INSET DAYS- 2019-20

Advance notice of INSET Days for the Academic Year 2019-20

4th September 2019

28th October 2019

6th January 2020

24th February 2020

1st June 2020

23rd July 2020

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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have a child attending a school or 6th form and you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Cornwall County Council is able to check your eligibility online, therefore minimising the need to provide proof of your entitlement.

It is of great benefit for your child's school if you are entitled to free school meals as they receive extra school funding for all children who qualify. Please contact the school office in confidence for further details.

SPORTING NEWS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL!

HOCKEY LEAGUE

Well done to the squad for coming 3rd overall.

GYMNASTICS

Well done to Lauren Mutsaers for passing her British Gymnastics National Development Plan Grade 6 with a highly commended.

Well done also to Freddie Nielsen who recently took part in the Men's Artistic Gymnastics South West Inter-Counties Festival in Barnstaple. Freddie won individual Gold medals in all six disciplines to become the AA South West Champion.



**Freddie Nielsen, AA South West Inter-Counties Champion
& his coach Alex Williams of Penryn Gymnastics Centre**

FOSMs

BAGS FOR SCHOOLS- Tues 21st May at 9am

Please start collecting unwanted clothes/shoes etc. The collection bags will soon be sent home in the bookbags. Please can we ask you not to bring in bags until the day of the collection as we have no storage available.

COIN TRAIL - Friday 24th May pm

Please could everyone start collecting copper and silver coins so our children can make a picture out of the coins. The theme this year will be revealed nearer the time! This fundraiser has grown from year to year and enjoyed by pupils and staff. Let's make it the one to remember, so start collecting now!

SUMMER FAYRE

Remember to diary date the FOSMS summer fayre which will be held after school on Friday 28th June.

SATs TESTS

National SATs week for Year 6 pupils across the country begins on the 13th May. It is really important that they are in school every day during this week and prior to this week as they prepare for the tests.

Class 2 will also be completing tests this year during the week beginning the 13th May, which will contribute to their teacher assessment. Again, it is important that they are in school every day during this week.

Class 1 will be completing the Phonics Screening checks 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.

NUN ON THE RUN!

We're really grateful for the financial and spiritual support we receive from the Parish. Sister Augustine, one of our greatest supporters and a parishioner, will be taking part in a Fun Run in Dorchester in May and has chosen to donate half of the sponsorship money to our school. Please find the sponsorship form attached and if you're able to contribute, please send your sponsorship money in a marked envelope to the school office.

FOUND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If you have lost an iphone7 or a fitbit, please see Mrs Pipkin in the school office.

MONGLEATH ROAD PARKING



We have been approached by a resident asking if parents could please be mindful when dropping off or collecting children from school. This car blocked the neighbours drive so in an emergency she would be unable to get out of her driveway.

Using the walking bus avoids any difficulties in parking near the school and operates from the Co-op each morning from 8.30am. To sign up, call in at the school office for a form.