



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Term 5 Week 5 May 19th 2017

Celebrate

Attendance:

Red Class YR: 94.7%
 Orange Class Y1: 98.0%
 Yellow Class Y2: 98.0%
 Green Class Y3: 96.3%
 Blue Class Y4: 95.7%
 Indigo Class Y5: 94.1%
 Violet Class Y6: 98.7%



**Well Done
Violet
Class!**

The Friends of St Mary's are holding 2 events in the summer holidays, there will be a bouncy castle and ice-creams, bring a picnic and spend sometime together. More details to follow.



Please keep your Waitrose tokens, they will be running a fund raising collection box in store in June. Thank you



Year 5 Cake Sale money, £102.20. Well done and thank you to all who supported.



Age Restrictions On Social Media

13	14	16	17	18	18
Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	LinkedIn	WhatsApp	Vine Tinder	Path	(13 with parents consent) YouTube Keeek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

Social media age restrictions are there for a reason. Users of social media need to be safe and responsible. The issues that St Mary's school staff have spent time dealing with this week prove to us again that many primary school children are not yet acting safely online, are not taking responsibility for their behaviour and have therefore not met the level of maturity required to use such sites.

At St Mary's we teach children regularly about being safe online. We have taught them how to report others both online and through parents and staff. We have held training for parents on the issues facing them in the digital age, sadly though, this was very poorly attended. However we still have so many pupils with social media accounts, many of which their parents are aware of.

"Everyone else does it and I don't want to be left out" is not a good enough reason. If your children hear you agreeing with that argument or you allow them to use that excuse, how will you expect them to react any differently when they and their friends are eventually offered cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, to skip school or a casual sexual experience? Doing something you know is wrong or harmful is not acceptable just because others are doing it. Sometimes we have to be strong enough to take a stand in the face of opposition simply because it is the right thing to do.

This week we have been dealing with some cyber bullying which happened outside of school hours, often late at night. None of us can (or should) be with our children 100% of the time but we do need to teach them how to be responsible and how to make good decisions for themselves when we are not with them.

We were really disappointed in the actions of some of our pupils and ask that you **all** please start a conversation with your children about these issues and plan your family rules. It is never too early to open this discussion. Get to know the different sites and how they are used. Make an account for yourselves (e.g. Snapchat, WhatsApp or Instagram) to learn about it before allowing your child to sign up. If any parent would like help in finding out about these accounts, the security settings or any issues encountered, please feel free to contact school where we will be happy to help.

Dates for Your Diary

Remember: PI shows parents, carers, parishioners and friends are invited.

MAY

20th Summer Fete PI
 25th Year 2 Assembly PI
 25th School Health Team-Drop in session at 2.30
 26th Marian Celebration PI
 26th Last day of Term 5
 Children collected after Marian celebration or 3.15pm

29th May —2nd June
 School Holiday

JUNE

5th First day of Term 6
 5th Year 6 Safety in Action
 6th Year 5 Herne Allotment
 9th Year 5 & 6 to Wales
 19th Year 5-Bikeability
 27th Beacon Open morning

JULY

26th Friends of St Mary's play day-more details to follow.

AUGUST

18th Friends of St Mary's play day-more details to follow.

Before you...



THINK!!

T = is it True?
H = is it Helpful?
I = is it Inspiring?
N = is it Nice?
K = is it Kind?

Taken from this week's Gospel

6th Sunday of Easter Year A

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

[John 14:15-21](#)



~ Pray ~ Learn ~ Love ~ Enjoy ~



Get in the know
– research the
'terms of use' and age
requirements on social
media services and
explain them to
your child.



Keep it private
– show your child how
to use privacy settings
to control what
others can see.



Play nice
– encourage your child
to respect others
online and to always
think before
posting.

Should my child be on social media?

Parents can sometimes feel the pressure of pester power to allow their children on social media, even if they don't feel comfortable doing so.

While these services are a fun way to stay connected with others, there can be downsides like cyberbullying, risks to privacy and contact from strangers.

If you allow your child to sign up to a social media service, consider these handy tips.



Report
– show your child
how to report
inappropriate content,
especially
cyberbullying.



Beware of bad eggs
– teach your child that
not everyone they meet
online can be trusted,
even if they seem
nice or friendly.



Join in
– create an account
yourself and find out
what your child is
likely to
encounter.



Talk
– maintain open
communication with
your child so
they feel safe talking
to you about any
concerns.



Learn more
– keep up to date with
popular social media
sites at
[esafety.gov.au/
quickguide](https://esafety.gov.au/quickguide)

Christian Aid Week 14-20 May 2017



Envelopes coming out next week

This week is Christian Aid week and there will be collectors at Crowborough station tonight and in the High Street tomorrow. Next week, Christian Aid envelopes will be sent out in satchel post to nearly all Crowborough primary schools. Please complete your name and address on the envelope so that gift aid may be claimed. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity for contributing towards bringing relief across the world, from helping refugees in Syria to feeding the hungry in South Sudan.

Please donate whatever you can and return your envelope to school by Thursday 25th May.



Healthy Active Living

On Wednesday the children had the treat of watching a play called "The Invasion of the Summer Puddings". This was paid for by The Health Grant which schools have been given to reduce childhood obesity and encourage active lifestyles. Children were reminded that cakes, chocolate, crisp, biscuits and many drinks are full of hidden sugar and should be eaten as treats. Children joined in enthusiastically and enjoyed the story line which linked learning with actions.

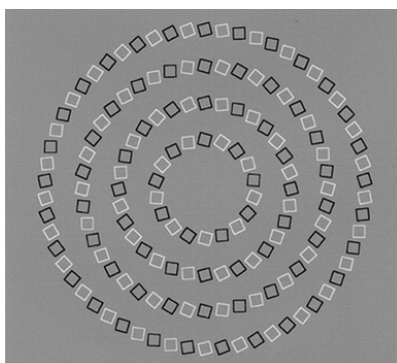


Reminder Drop in session

The school Health Team will be running a drop in session for parents on Thursday 25th May at 2.30 to talk about healthy eating as well as the other services they are able to offer parents. We hope that many of you will be able to attend and find it useful.

Perfectly Round Circles That Don't Overlap?

Just for fun I thought I would give you this mathematical illusion that I found this week – ENJOY!



FRUIT AND VEG SNACKS



Just a reminder that we actively encourage children to bring in fresh or dried fruit and vegetable snacks to have at morning break. These snacks can keep the children going until lunchtime and can be a good way of increasing your children's daily fruit and vegetable consumption. However please can you ensure that your children do not bring in processed fruit/vegetable snacks which are full of additives and sugars and are therefore not good for your children's dietary needs or for the health of their teeth. Thank you for your support with this matter.

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Fund Raising for your Children

**WE CAN NOT DO THIS ALONE.
WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

The Friends of St Mary's are trying to raise funds to pay for a new reading scheme for ALL the classes in St Mary's. The books the children have are tatty, dated, and have been here for years and years.

As you can imagine this complete scheme is not cheap. All the funds raised at the InflataFun Day will go towards this reading scheme.

Reading is a Key Skill in life, we need to have books that are engaging and inspiring, books that encourage the children and want them to read, books that look interesting and up to date. Please support the school by coming to this event, the funds raised are for your children and their future. The children love to bring their families to 'their' school and see their friends. Please come down and join in the fun just for the afternoon. The school fete is the main fun raiser of the year, we have a real purpose in the fun raising, a real chance to make a difference.



The Friends of St Mary's Invite you to join us for an

InflataFun Day

on

Saturday 20th May

from 2:00pm – 5:00pm

at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Queens Road, Crowborough

£5 per child for unlimited use of Inflatables

BBQ Bar Chocolate Tombola Bottle Tombola

Fire Engine Visit Pony Rides Ice Creams

55 Foot Assault Course Slide Bouncy Castle

Performance by Jewel Performing Arts

EVERYONE WELCOME!