



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Term 6 Week 3 June 22nd 2018

## Celebrate

### Value Awards

#### Independent Learners

William O, Cody B

#### Collaborative Learners

Erin M, Josh K,  
Jason E, Sophie B,  
Ariadne E

#### Resilient Learners

Jame H, Maya,  
Anna J, William O,  
Bethany H,  
Brierley P,  
Jazmine G

#### Reflective Learners

Matthew P

#### Other Awards

Rebecca K—

#### Swimming

#### Lunchtime Awards

Bethany H, Amy D

### Attendance

#### Red Class YR:

99.7%

#### Orange Class Y1:

95.7%

#### Yellow Class Y2:

99.0%

#### Green Class Y3:

99.4%

#### Blue Class Y4:

96.5%

#### Indigo Class Y5:

94.7%



Well Done Red Class!

## School Funding Crisis - the impact on St. Mary's

### A statement by the Governing Body of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Crowborough

Many parents wrote letters to our local MP, Nusrat Ghani, following the recent Governors' meetings which were held to explain the pressure that the school funding crisis is having on our school.

The Governing Body is aware that Ms Ghani has written a 'standard response' letter to those parents that contacted her, which gives the impression that school funding has increased and that the Governing Board used unreliable data.

The Governors are keenly aware that school funding is very complex, so we have taken the decision to write to you to set out the facts.

These are the facts:

In July 2017 Justine Greening, announced that some of the Department for Education budget would be reprioritised to make £1.3 billion available for schools (£416 million in 2018-19 and £884 million in 2019-2020) to ease financial pressures.

This was welcome, but it was not enough. To date, the Treasury has made **no** new money for available to schools.

The independent Institute for Fiscal Studies analysed how the additional £1.3 billion would affect schools. They said that even with this additional money:

there would be real terms freeze on school budgets for the next two years  
school budgets will have declined by 4.6% in real terms between 2015 and 2020.

Analysis by the National Association of Head Teachers, the National Education Union (NEU), GMB, Unison and Unite estimate that an additional £2 billion is needed each year until 2022, just to maintain school funding in real terms - that is to cover inflation, cost increases and rising pupil numbers.

Ms Ghani's letter refers to the national funding formula, which sets out how funding will be divided and allocated to schools.

However, the issue is not about changes to how the overall pot of money is divided. The issue is that **the pot of money itself is simply too small to meet rising costs and pupil numbers.**

Ms Ghani also makes reference to a lump sum of £110,000 'to help with fixed costs'. This lump sum payment is **not** new money. The lump sum complements per pupil funding and other income streams, and is a feature of the way in which schools are funded.

The lump sum funding for St. Mary's has reduced from £142,000 last year to £122,000 this year. It will reduce further to £110,000 in the future. So, the lump sum referred to actually represents a loss to our school.

The key issue is that overall there is **too little money** in the system. As would be expected, the costs of employing experienced school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and support staff takes up the majority of any school's budget. Increased school funding is urgently needed to maintain current staffing levels.

It is a matter of considerable regret that our constituency MP appears not to grasp the scale of the school funding crisis. The governors of St Mary's believe that our children deserve a properly funded education. We remain committed to supporting our school in every way possible to achieve the very best for our pupils and community.

Taken from this week's Gospel

The Birth of John the Baptist Year B

Luke 1:57-66,80

John the Baptist is born and all wonder what the child will be.



~ Pray ~ Learn ~ Love ~ Enjoy ~



From 8pm There will be a Bar and Raffle

£5

Early indications show that the Summer Fair has raised approximately **£3000!**

This is Amazing! Well done to the FSM and everyone who supported this event. Thank you.

### Swimming Money

Please could you send in your contribution for Swimming for Term 6. It is £12 per child. The swimming pool is very expensive to run and your contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



### Vacancies - Friends of St Mary's

The Friends of St Mary's are having a re-shuffle and all positions are available. If you are interested please contact the school office and we will forward on your information.



## St Mary's Music Festival

Live Music

THE MANAGEMENT 8pm - 10pm

BBQ Bar

St Mary's children perform

Tickets £5 Family Ticket £15

Friday 29th June 6pm - 10pm

Chocolate cake Glowsitix Ice cream Wrist bands

### Dates for Your Diary

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

#### June

**22nd** Friends of St Mary's Bingo 8pm, School Hall **PI**  
**26th** New Intake-Stay and Play  
**26th** Reception and Year 6 Photographs.  
**27th** Big Bang trip Years 5/ 6  
**29th** Beacon Academy open morning.

**29th** St Peter and St Paul Mass **PI**

**29th** St Mary's festival **PI**  
**July**

**2nd** Years 5/6 Residential  
**4th** Years 3/4 Athletics at Beacon

**9th & 10th** Year 6 Beacon Transition Day

**13th** Wimbledon Visit

**16th** Whole School Sports Day **PI**

**19th** Leavers' Mass (am) **PI** / Last day of term for pupils (*pick up at 1pm*)

**20th** INSET day

#### September

**3rd** INSET

**4th** INSET

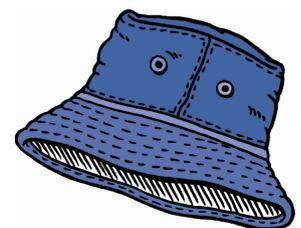
**5th** First day of school for Years 1 to 6

*Please check dates regularly as events are added or maybe changed.*

**Tickets on Sale Now!**  
From the School Office.

### The weather is getting hotter!

Please make sure your child brings in a sunhat next week and sun cream if possible.



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