



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Term 5 Week 2 April 27th 2018

Celebrate

Value Awards

Responsible Learners
Jago K, Lilly R, Tiffanie K

Creative Learners
Poppy T, Luca D, Ava C, Jamie A, Mason H

Independent Learners
Mollie J, Isabella P, Yasmin W

Collaborative Learners
Luke G, Isabella V, James M, Ava S

Resilient Learners
Theo S

Reflective Learners
Thomas N

Reading Challenge
Owen K, Daisy L

Lunchtime Awards
Derenz C, Harrison S
Awards Outside School
Oliver Wright - TaekwonDo

Attendance:

Red Class YR: 97.7%
Orange Class Y1: 99.3%
Yellow Class Y2: 96.3%
Green Class Y3: 99.4%
Blue Class Y4: 88.1%
Indigo Class Y5: 97.9%
Violet Class Y6: 100.0%



Well Done
Violet
Class!

Congratulations!

Miss Russell has let us know the exciting news that she is expecting her first baby in October!



Forthcoming Changes at St Mary's

Maths Sets

Over the course of this term there will be some changes to the arrangements for the teaching of mathematics in Key Stage Two. Due to staff restructuring that will be taking place later in the term (once Miss Ticehurst begins her maternity leave), the maths sets in Lower Key Stage Two will end and the children will continue to develop their learning in mathematics in whole class lessons. In Upper Key Stage Two we will be trailing a scaled down version of the maths sets which have been running over the last few years and will be regrouping the children into two groups according to their mathematical ability. Mr Sayer, Mrs Hearty and Mrs Thorpe will continue to work with the children in maths lessons, providing additional support where needed. The Key Stage Two Maths Team are working hard to prepare for these changes to provide a smooth transition to these new groupings and to ensure all children's needs continue to be met. Mrs Hills will once again take on the Year 6 teacher role until the end of July.

Mrs Hinge

After many years here at St Mary's Mrs Hinge has decided that the time is now right for her to move on. She will not really be retiring as she has discovered lots to keep her busy with her family.

Mrs Hills

Many congratulations are in order for Mrs Hills who has been promoted to a newly developed position as Assistant Head for Learning and Assessment at St Leonards Academy in Hastings from September. We will of course be upset to lose Mrs Hills but we are very excited for her too!

We have already appointed one new teacher to cover a maternity leave from September and are advertising for another now. When the new appointment has been made we will then be in a position to allocate teachers to different year groups for next year and then we can let you know who will be



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Dates for Your Diary

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

April

27th Year 4 Cake Sale PI
29th FSM Colour Run

May

9th Beacon Dance Show
PI
10th School Funding Crisis in School 9.00am & 7.30pm
w/c **14th** Key Stage 2 SATS
17th Change of Lunch Menu
18th Year 3 Trip-Drusillas
23th Year 1 Trip-Natural History Museum
24th Last day Term 5 (Children collected at 3.15pm)
25th INSET DAY-NO SCHOOL

June

4th First day Term 6
w/c **4th** Life Skills week
8th Reception Class Cake Sale PI
10th Summer Fair
11th Year 6 Safety in Action Day
15th Fathers Day Sale
w/c **18th** RE events week
w/c **18th** Bikeability
21st Able writers day
26th Yr 5 Transition day at Beacon
29th St Mary's festival PI

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

Taken from this week's Gospel

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches

John 15:1-8

You are the branches



~ Pray ~ Learn ~ Love ~ Enjoy ~

Violin Recital

On Thursday morning we were treated to a violin recital by Matilda, Jamie and Andrew. It was clear that they had worked hard with their teacher, Mrs Kirkpatrick and had also practised at home! It is fabulous to see some of St Mary's pupils showing such resilience and creativity. If you think you would be interested in learning the violin, Mrs Kirkpatrick teaches here every Monday and letters are available.



Colour Run – Message from FSM

The Colour Run is this Sunday (29th April 18) Gates open at **1.15pm**. Teas/Coffees/Smoothies will be on Sale.

Thank you so much if you are taking part, we are sure you are busy collecting sponsorships for your run. Would it be possible for the runners to wear a white or light coloured tee-shirt so the colours will really show up. Thank you for your support.

Just a reminder, we are a **NUT FREE** school. Nuts are in many products, please check packets for details. So **NO** peanut butter or chocolate spread sandwiches please as chocolate spread often has traces of nuts. Please be mindful of children with allergies.



We would like to say Thank you to Mr Sutch for bringing a fantastic selection of card and paper for the children to use in their Art lessons, we are very grateful as the budget is stretched. Thank you.



How is the 'School Funding Crisis' affecting St Mary's?



Thursday 10th May 2018 St Mary's School Hall, 9am and 7.30pm

St Marys Catholic Primary School

More pupils per teacher.

The pupil to classroom teacher ratio increased between 2014/15 and 2016/17.

-£44,136

Loss between 2015 & 2020*

-£216

Per-pupil loss*

St Mary's Governing Body would like to offer all parents/carers an informative talk that will focus mainly on how the 'School Funding Crisis' will start to have an impact at St Mary's. We will also be discussing how to help our school raise/save money and ways to put pressure on the DfE and our local MPs.

Please join us!



Refreshments will be provided



Just a reminder that you can also pay for school trips, residential trips and swimming contributions using the ParentMail app. If you are having problems with this do contact the office and we will try to help you. Thank you for your support.

Year 5 Open Morning at Beacon Academy

Parents of St Mary's Primary school will be invited to take their Year 5 children to visit Beacon Academy on **Tuesday 26 June** for a Year 5 Open Morning. Information on the session will be available on the Beacon Academy website. Booking is essential and details on how to do this will be sent to Year 5 parents before the May half term. Bookings will open on the Beacon Academy website from Monday 21 May.