



St Mary's R.C. Primary School, Meadowside Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carers,

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

School closes today, Friday 9th February 2018 for one week.

School will re-open as normal on Monday 19th February 2018.

DINNER MONIES

School meals are **£2.00 per day** i.e. **£10.00 per week**. Advanced payments of **£58.00** can be made for the next half-term (19/02/18 to 29/03/18). Payments can be made by cash, cheque or e-payment. Cheques need to be made payable to 'City of Sunderland'.

All school meal payments must be made on a Monday morning clearly marked 'Dinner Money' with your 'Child's Name' and 'Class'. These are to be handed over in class first thing on Monday Morning.

Article 17 – All children have a right to information from the internet but must be protected from materials that can harm them.

Attention All Parents/Carers,

On Monday, 19th February 2018 at 2.15pm – 3-15pm, a representative from NSPCC will lead a session to help you to keep your child safe online.

We feel strongly that every child should be represented (even our youngest children)

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

A Fairtrade coffee morning will be held in the **School Hall** on **Friday, 23rd February 2018 from 9.00am until 10.00am.** Fairtrade refreshments will be served and there will be the opportunity to buy Fairtrade gifts. There will also be a raffle and a performance by the school choir.

Entrance Fee £1.00 – We hope to see you there.

Any donations of 'Fairtrade' raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Thank you.

FAIRTRADE SHOP

Children from years 1-6 will also have a chance to buy small Fairtrade gifts, snacks and toys on **Friday, 23rd February 2018. Items will cost between £1 and £2** and children will only be able to buy one item.



Feb/Mar 2018						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
12 Hol	13 Hol	14 Hol	15 Hol	16 Hol	17	18
19 Rock Band 3.30 – 4.30pm Year 5 – P.E. Day	20 Year4 Swimming 1.30-2.20pm Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Chess 3.30 - 4.30 pm Karate 3.30 - 4.30 pm Year 4 – P.E. Day	21 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6 Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Year 3– P.E. Day	22 Year 6 P.E. Day	23 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 2&3 Year 1 & 2 – P.E. Day	24	25
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- Holidays – School Closed
- After- School Clubs
- Sports Events
- INSET Day – School Closed
- Music Lessons
- P.E Days
- Bank Holiday – School Closed



Y3 & Y5 - PE DAY CHANGE

After the half term break, Y3 & Y5 will have their PE days on:

Y3 Wednesdays

Y5 Mondays

Please remember that your child should come to school on PE days in their PE kit/jogging bottoms. Thank you

Article 29 – Education is to develop every child’s personality, talents, and mental and physical abilities.

Y1 & Y2 – CRICKET

Y1 & Y2 will have Cricket on Fridays, for 6 weeks as part of their PE session.

Y2 from 23 February 2018 for 3 weeks

Y1 from 16 March 2018 for 3 weeks

YEAR GROUP MASSES

Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to attend year group Masses which they will plan and prepare. Masses will be held in the **School Hall at 9.30am** and parents/carers of the relevant year groups are very welcome to attend.

Thursday 1st March 2018 Y3

Thursday 22nd March 2018 Y5

Thursday 19th April 2018 Y4

Please do join us in worship if you can – we’d love to see you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

A range of First Holy Communion Cards is available at the back of St. Mary’s church after Sunday Morning 10.30am Mass. They are currently being sold at half price which represents excellent value for money.

PTA NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPONSORED READ

Monday 26th February 2018 – Friday 2 March 2018
Sponsored read week, more details to follow.

SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 23rd June 2018 – Summer fayre

We are cost saving and trialling our newsletter in black & white.

If you would like to see a colour version, please visit our school website www.smrc.school where you can view our weekly newsletter. Thank you

DANGEROUS DRIVING

There have been reports from parents/grandparents of dangerous driving around Meadowside and Alexandra Road. We urge you to please report any signs of dangerous driving to our local police by ringing 101.

School Crossing Patrols required!



We no longer have a School Crossing Patrol at the junction of Queen Alexandra Road and Meadowside.

We have contacted the Road Safety Team at the Civic Centre for a replacement however due to a shortage of School Crossing Patrols across the City, they are unable to provide cover until they are able to recruit a suitable replacement.

In the meantime, please be extra careful and vigilant when driving or crossing the roads, particularly around school at peak times and particularly in the absence of our School Crossing Patrol.

Anthony Bell , Road Safety Co-ordinator at Sunderland City Council has advised if anyone is interested in applying to be a School Crossing Patrol, the Road Safety Team would definitely like to hear from you. Any enquiries should be directed to Sunderland City Council Road Safety team on 0191 5611524 or 0191 5611525.

There is an open advert on the Jobs North East website for School Crossing Patrols in Sunderland. Please visit www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/162137 if you would like more details or you can contact Hazel Walton on (0191) 5611525, email hazel.walton@sunderland.gov.uk or Anthony Bell on (0191) 5621524, email: anthony.bell@sunderland.gov.uk for further information. You can download the information pack or alternatively ‘ask recruitment’ for an application pack on 0191 520555.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

St Mary’s RC Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We politely request that all parents, carers, contractors and visitors to school respect our safeguarding culture of vigilance.

Please help us to keep our school community safe and support school in reporting any concerns and/or inappropriate behaviour or actions through the appropriate channels.