



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

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Date: Friday 13 October 2017

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please note that all Free School Meals applications should now be made online by parents and carers using the Family Portal: <https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortalLIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortalLIVE%2f>

More information about free school meals is available at: <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals>

If parents are having any difficulties completing an online application, they can contact school meals by telephone for support Tel:0191 5611417. Alternatively, please telephone school on 0191 5536087.

THE FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY

Help raise money for **school** and **The Firefighters Charity.**

We will send home bags with your child on **Wednesday 18 Oct 2017** – please put clean, dry clothing in one bag and paired shoes, belts & handbags in another.

Please return bags on Tuesday 31 Oct 2017.

LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property will be placed in the **“Outdoor classroom”** on **Friday’s** for you to look through. Unfortunately as we do not have the space to store any unclaimed items, then these items will be disposed of..

It is important to add your child’s name to all items of clothing as this helps us to return them to the child.

ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS

Thank you to all parents who have returned the Annual Consent and Emergency Contact Forms. We are still waiting for 5 forms to be returned. We would greatly appreciate if these could be returned by Monday 16 October 2017. Thank you

October 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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- Sports Events
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- Music Lessons
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Website: www.smrc.school

Email: info@smrc.school

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.

SAFEGUARDING IN CLUBS IN OUR COMMUNITY

We try and make the community aware of events in the local area that children may benefit from. This is often done by handing out leaflets given to school by outside companies.

If the provider operates within school we will do all we can to ensure they deliver high quality learning and also make their staff aware if we have any concerns about their provision.

We cannot guarantee the quality of outside providers that are advertised via leaflets and remind parents/carers that it is their responsibility to check they are appropriate and meet all safeguarding and health & safety requirements

CAKE SALE

We will be having a cake sale in school on **Thursday 19 October 2017** to raise funds for **CAFOD**. Donations of cakes greatly appreciated and children can bring up to **50p** to buy a cake.



FAMILY CEILIDH

The PTA have organised a **Family Ceilidh** on **Thursday, 19th October 2017** at **The Holy Rosary Parish Hall** from **6.30pm** until **22.30pm**.

Tickets are now available from the school office:

Adults £5 Children £2

Entry includes a hot dog.



OLD £1 COINS

Please be aware, after **Friday 13 October 2017**, the school will be unable to accept any old-style £1 coins (round edge, not bevelled)

Any received into school after this date, will be returned to you as the old style cease to be legal currency from midnight 15 October 2017.



SOCIAL NETWORK SITES

At St Mary's Primary School we value our strong relationship with parents and carers and together this helps us achieve the very best for the children in a mutually supportive partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community.

Parent and Carers receive annually a copy of our Parent/Carer Code of Conduct and this is also available on the school website www.smrc.co.uk An extract from the Code of Conduct which includes inappropriate use of social media websites at Appendix 1, reads as follows:

"Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents or pupils. The Department for Education/Government and Governors of St Mary's Primary School considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable. Any concerns you may have about the school or your child/children must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, where they will be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. Please see our complaints policy, which is available on the school website – www.smrc.co.uk

Libellous or Defamatory posts – In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/children at St Mary's Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook/twitter or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity that breaches these rules. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

Cyber Bullying – We take very seriously the use of cyber bullying by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.

The school will also consider its **legal options** to deal with any such misuse on social networking and other sites.

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.



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