

St Mary's RC Primary School Newsletter

'Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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SCHOOL OFFICE-RECEPTION **Reminder**

Reception is extremely busy on a morning and it is essential that pupils are in school and registered as a safeguarding priority.

Telephone lines are busy at this time so please help us by reporting absences by leaving a message on the answerphone between 8.30am and 9.00am. If your call is not an urgent enquiry, please ring after 9.30am.

If you are dropping off items for your child after 9.00am, please understand this disrupts the school day and classes. Items will therefore be taken to class at break times provided that the item is clearly marked by the parent with the child's name and class and put in the box in the main entrance.

Thank you for your co-operation, it is much appreciated.

A GENTLE REMINDER

A gentle reminder please – as all school gates will be locked **prompt 9.00am**, can parents/carers ensure that children are in class for **9.00 am registration** to ensure lessons start without any delays to the school day. Thank you

ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS

Please complete and return the forms in the plastic pocket provided to the school office by Friday 13th September. Thank you

DINNER MONEY REMINDER

Dinner Monies are payable for children in years 3 to 6. Please send in your child's money on a Monday morning in a sealed envelope clearly marked with their name and class. This can be made with either cash or cheque (*cheques to be made payable to 'City of Sunderland'*). Alternatively, payment can be made online via www.sunderland.gov.uk. Thank you

School Meals are now £11 a week - £2.20 a day. Payments of £86.60 can be made for this term (04.09.19 to 25.10.19).

A copy of the new school menu for 2019/20 will be available to view on our school website www.smrc.school

PE

Your child's PE day is as follows:

Year 1- Friday	Year 4 - Monday
Year 2 - Friday	Year 5 - Tuesday
Year 3 - Wednesday	Year 6 – Thursday

We ask all parents to remember that their child has weekly PE activities and need to be fully equipped. We prefer that your child comes to school on PE days in their PE kit - Royal blue tracksuit bottoms, royal blue shorts, training shoes (black or white) and t-shirt with school badge -**This does not apply for Foundation Stage.**

CALENDAR - September 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 Year 4 PE Day Activate Club	17 Year 5 PE Day Y4 Tag Rugby Year 6 Curriculum Meeting 9am & 3pm	18 Year 3 PE Day Y4/5/6 Drama Year 3 Curriculum Meeting 9am & 3pm	19 Year 6 PE Day	20 Year 1 & 2 PE Day Y2 & 3 Drama
23 Year 4 PE Day Activate Club	24 Year 5 PE Day Y4 Tag Rugby Year 5 Curriculum Meeting 9am & 3pm	25 Year 3 PE Day Y4/5/6 Drama Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 9am & 3pm	26 Year 6 PE Day Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 9am & 3pm	27 Year 1 & 2 PE Day Y2 & 3 Drama

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Nursery and Reception—ONLY

Winter - Royal blue sweatshirt, white polo shirt, royal blue school jogging bottoms
Summer – As above with royal blue shorts
Footwear – Black or white velcro fastening trainers.

Year1 to Year 6 and Standards in School

Children are expected to wear school uniform at all times unless otherwise informed:
Grey trousers, pinafore/skirt, royal blue sweatshirt, white polo shirt, black shoes
In summer a blue checked or striped dress may be worn.

The following ARE NOT permitted

Leggings, tracksuit bottoms, football shirts, jeans and trainers (except for P.E.) are not permitted.

Embroidered (with St Mary's School badge) polo shirts, sweatshirts and PE kits can be ordered from Little Gems.

PE Uniform

We prefer that your child comes to school on PE days in their PE kit – royal blue tracksuit bottoms, royal blue shorts, training shoes (black or white) and t-shirt with school badge.

Parents are asked to clearly mark all uniform with their child's name. May we remind parents that pupils are **NOT** allowed to wear the following in school:

- Make-up
- All jewellery – except for watches
- Tattoos – temporary or permanent
- Nail varnish
- Stencil haircuts
- Trainers (*except for P.E. White soles only please*)
- Leggings
- Flip Flops

EARRINGS – We understand that some children have had their ears pierced during the school holidays. We ask for parents to remove them as earrings can cause health and safety issues and children cannot take part in PE activities.

We would like to see all earrings removed by Friday 13th September 2019. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Cecilia's Church, 6pm Mass
Saturday 14 September.

All welcome.

WATER BOTTLES

Please remind children of the importance of a regular intake of water. Water is available in school and all children should have a plastic bottle clearly marked with their name.



Article 24 Every child has the right to clean water

Article 8 Every child has the right to a name

SNACKS

Due to allergies in school, children are only allowed to bring fruit as a snack. **Please only send your children to school with a piece of fruit as a playtime snack.**



Article 24 Every child has the right to healthy food

CURRICULUM MEETINGS –For Parents/Carers

The Curriculum meetings for years1-6 will take place in your child's classroom at 9.00am and will be repeated at 3.00pm.

The meeting will last no longer than 30 minutes and dates are as follows:

Year 1- **Wednesday 25th September 9am & 3pm**

~~Year 2- **Thursday 12th September 9am & 3pm**~~

Year 3- **Wednesday 18th September 9am & 3pm**

Year 4- **Thursday 26th September 9am & 3pm**

Year 5- **Tuesday 24th September 9am & 3pm**

Year 6- **Tuesday 17th September 9am & 3pm**

Please note change of date for Y4

The Curriculum meetings for Reception will take place in the main school hall on Wednesday 25th September, 9am & 2.45pm.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

St Mary's RC Primary School is 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.

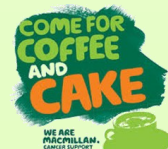


WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 27th September 2019 at 9.00am, St Mary's School will be taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Parents/carers, nanas, grans, grandads, aunts and uncles are welcome to come and join us. There will be entertainment from our fabulous school choir.

Entry will be £1.



We would be grateful for donations of cakes and biscuits either home-made or bought. *(Recipes can be found on the Macmillan website)*

Also donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully accepted.

All funds from this event will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you





SUNDERLAND CARERS CENTRE

Do you look after someone who has a long-term, physical or mental illness, is disabled or frail?

Could you do so with some help, advice or just talk to someone to talk to?

Sunderland Carers Centre is available to you.

For more information telephone 0191 5493768 www.sunderlandcarers.co.uk

There is also a **Young Carer's** Branch that supports our young children who support brother, sisters or parents at home.

ARE YOU A KINSHIP CARER?

Kinship carers are people who are raising their grandchildren or a relative's or friend's child because they cannot live with their birth parents. This can be for a variety of reasons such as parental substance misuse, poor mental health or death of a parent but sometimes it's because the children have been abused or neglected by their parents and they have been removed by the Local Authority to keep them safe.

Is this you?

For more information on "More than Grandparents" – a group based in Sunderland contact

Melanie Nichols on 07501191338



More than Grandparents
Supporting kinship families



Join us for coffee (or tea!)

Parent Carers and family members of Children and Young People with SEND or invited to join us at one of our coffee mornings. Find out what's happening in Sunderland around Special Education Needs & Disabilities, talk about issues and concerns you may have and add your voice in helping to influence and change SEND provision in Sunderland.

Please note, although we try not to change dates, things happen unexpectedly that may mean we have to change dates at short notice. To keep up to date, please follow us on Facebook, or even better fill in a 'Join Us' form (find it on our website).

Guest Speakers will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

All coffee mornings are a Friday, 10am-12pm unless otherwise stated.

2019	2020
Sept 20 th 2019- Guest Hannah Finney (Citizens Advice)	Jan 17 th 2020
Oct 18 th 2019	Feb 7 th 2020
Nov 15 th 2019	March 20 th 2020
Dec 11 th 2019 (Wednesday)	April - None due to Easter Hols
	May 15 th 2020
	June 19 th 2020
	July 10 th 2020

Bede Tower, Bethany City Church
Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7DZ

Bede Tower is across the road from Mumbai Silk.

The following buses stop right outside or opposite Bethany City Church.

9 The 9	22 Sapphire
23	60 Drifter
S451	X21



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