

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 (**please state a reason why your child is absent**) 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 **9.00am registration** to ensure lessons start without any delays to the school day. Thank you

PTA MEETING

PTA AGM Meeting in school on Monday 23rd September 2019 from 6pm - 7pm.

All Welcome

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:

Nursery and Reception **Wednesday 25th September, 9am & 2.45pm** in Main School Hall

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

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

Please note change of date for Y4

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

CALENDAR - September/October 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 Year 4 PE Day Activate Club PTA AGM Meeting 6-7pm. All Welcome	24 Year 5 PE Day Y4 Tag Rugby Chess Club Year 5 Curriculum Meeting 9am & 3pm	25 Year 3 PE Day Y4/5/6 Drama Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 9am & 3pm Nursery & Reception Curriculum Meeting 9am & 2.45pm	26 Year 6 PE Day Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 9am & 3pm	27 Year 1 & 2 PE Day Y2 & 3 Drama
30 Year 4 PE Day Activate Club	1st October 2019 Year 5 PE Day Y4 Tag Rugby Chess Club	2 Year 3 PE Day Y4/5/6 Drama	3 Year 6 PE Day	4 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.

Year 1 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.

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 with a piece of fruit as a snack.**



Article 24 Every child has the right to healthy food

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.**

Year 4 Swimming – Wednesday

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.

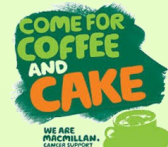


WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

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



Dear Parents,



Our school has subscribed to Oddizzi, an online educational resource designed for children to learn about the world. As part of our subscription your child can access the website from home using the following class login details.

Login URL: <http://www.oddizzi.com/schools/login/>

Year	Class	Username	Password
1	Mrs Collingwood	i3	oddizzi
1	Mrs Robinson/Mrs Padget	i4	oddizzi
2	Miss Watt	i5	oddizzi
2	Mrs Cummings	i6	oddizzi
3	Mrs McQuillin	j1	oddizzi
3	Mr Crow	j2	oddizzi
4	Mrs Bravo	mrs bravo	oddizzi
4	Miss March	j3	oddizzi
5	Mr Carson	mr carson	oddizzi
5	Mrs Clinton	mrs clinton	oddizzi
6	Miss Simpson	j7	oddizzi
6	Mrs Duffy	j8	oddizzi

Please take some time to look at the site with your child and explore. The site is completely e-safe and does not have any external links, except for one to CBBC news, so once comfortable your child can safely explore on their own.

Here are some ideas to get them started:

Play the quizzes to test your knowledge! The **interactive quiz** 'Umbuzo' is being played by thousands of children every day. It engages the children and tests their knowledge.

Explore the written content under '**Explore the World**' - investigate a country or a physical feature. Take a journey through the world by clicking on the green hyperlinks and seeing where they take you.

At school we will be using an additional feature called "ClassPals" which enables us to link up with other classrooms around the world. ClassPals is not available at home with the above login details, but your child may talk about sending and receiving postcards. This system is monitored by the teacher at all times and is completely e-safe.

We hope you enjoy exploring the world with Oddizzi from the comfort of your own home!

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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