



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

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Dear Parent/Carers,

### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Due to DFE regulations, a gentle reminder that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, DFE amended the regulations surrounding holidays in term time. The DFE has removed references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. These make it clear that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, applications for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and warrant the granting of leave.

### SPORTS UPDATE

Warmest congratulations to both our netball and football teams who were in action last night. All teams won their matches and the football team is now through to the final of the McAuliffe Cup. Well done! Well done everyone – we're really proud of you!

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

The Internet can be a wonderful resource for children. They can use it for research and communications. Children who are old enough to punch in a few letters on the keyboard can literally access the world.

This access can also pose hazards. Children can easily gain access to unsuitable materials that they can seek through curiosity, or stumble upon accidentally.

Children can sign up to a number of media websites solely for communication, or for gaming. It is extremely important to be aware of what your children see and hear on the internet, who they meet, and what they share about themselves online.

**On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Rights Respecting – Article 15**

**We all have the right to choose our own friends and join in groups, as long as it is not harmful to others.**

## Feb 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Rock Band 3.30 – 4.30pm  Year 3 & 4 – P.E. Day	6 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	7 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6 Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm  Year 5 – P.E. Day	8   Year 6 P.E. Day	9 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 2&3  Year 1 & 2 – P.E. Day	10	11
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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

### ST MARY'S PTA MOVIE NIGHT

**Years 4, 5 & 6 - Movie Night**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
3.30pm – 5.30pm



**Tickets are £2.50, which include a hot dog.**

To reserve a place for your child, please call at the school reception or send in £2.50 in a sealed envelope marked clearly with your child's name and Years 4,5 & 6 Movie Night'. Please note there are limited spaces.

### YEAR GROUP MASSES

Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to attend year group Masses which they will plan and prepare. These 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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018      Y6

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018          Y3

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018      Y5

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018        Y4

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

### PTA NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 9.00am-10.00am  
More details to follow.

#### SPONSORED READ

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

#### SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 – Summer fayre

#### 100 CLUB

Congratulations to January's 100 Club winners:  
£100 – Lynn Foster  
£50 - Deborah Lloyd  
£25 - Elizabeth Flores-Busil

Please ensure that all £5 payments are made (via bank transfer or cash to school office) before Wednesday, 31 January 2018.

If you would like to take part in the 100 club, please email your contact details to [pta@smrc.school](mailto:pta@smrc.school)

### 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](http://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](mailto:hazel.walton@sunderland.gov.uk) or Anthony Bell on (0191) 5621524, email: [anthony.bell@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto: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.**