



Date: Friday 5th May 2017

Dear Parents,

£5 Notes

Please be aware, after Friday 5th May 2017, the school will be unable to accept any old-style paper £5 notes.

Any received into school after this deadline, will be returned to you as the old style cease to be legal tender from midnight 5 May 2017. Thank you.



PTA MEETING

There is a PTA meeting being held in school on Monday 8th May 2017 at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

When organising school trips, visits, activities, school equipment and school funds generally which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school sometimes invites parents/cares to contribute to the costs. Although contributions are voluntary, if the visit or activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions or the school cannot fund it from some other source then, in accordance with advice from the Department for Education, it must be cancelled.

At this time of year particularly, we look to arrange lots of school visits and activities which do have a financial impact because of entry, travel, activity costs etc. and, in these times of budgetary restraints on schools, we do request voluntary contributions so that our children do not miss out on any wonderful opportunities and experiences.

We thank you for your voluntary contributions to enable these activities and visits to go ahead and it is reassuring to have the continued support of the parents and carers of our school.



MAY/JUNE 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8 Y6 SATS WEEK • YR4 – St Marys Church • PTA Meeting 6pm • Rockband • Karate • Drums/Brass/Woodwind • Guitar (pm) Year 3 PE Day	9 Y6 SATS WEEK • Chess Club • Choir Practice & Choir Meeting Reception, & 6 PE Day	10 Y6 SATS WEEK • Wednesday Drama Y4/5/6 • Football (H) Year 5 PE Day	11 Y6 SATS WEEK • Guitar PM • Football (A) Reception, Year 4 PE Day	12 • Violin • Keyboard • Friday Drama Y2/3 Year1 & Year 2 PE Day	13 FHC- ST MARY'S CHURCH 10AM MISS SIMPSON CLASS	14
15 • Rockband • Karate • Drums/Brass/Woodwind • Guitar (pm) Year 3 PE Day	16 • Chess Club • Choir Practice & Choir Meeting • Y5 Boys Cricket Comp Reception, & 6 PE Day	17 • NURSERY PARENTS EVENING 9 – 5.30PM • Wednesday Drama Y4/5/6 • Y6 Girls Cricket Comp Year 5 PE Day	18 • Guitar PM Reception, Year 4 PE Day	19 • Y6 LEAVERS PHOTOS • Violin • Keyboard • Friday Drama Y2/3 Year1 & Year 2 PE Day	20 FHC- ST MARY'S CHURCH 10AM MRS RUMIS CLASS	21
22 • Rockband • Karate • Drums/Brass/Woodwind • Guitar (pm) Year 3 PE Day	23 • Chess Club • Choir Practice & Choir Meeting Reception, & 6 PE Day	24 • FHC PHOTOGRAPHS AND PARTY • Wednesday Drama Y4/5/6 Year 5 PE Day	25 • Guitar PM Reception, Year 4 PE Day	26 • Violin • Keyboard • Friday Drama Y2/3 Year1 & Year 2 PE Day	27	28
29 Bank Holiday	30	31	1 st June 2017	2	3	4

Holidays – School Closed	After- School Clubs	Sports Events
INSET Day – School Closed	Music Lessons	
Bank Holiday – School Closed	P.E Days	



SPORT

Football: Year 5/6 team are through to Bishop Cunningham Cup semi-final after drawing 1-1 with St. Patrick's and beating St. William's 8-0 and St. Joseph's 4-0.

The Girls team are through to the final of the Northern Cross Cup after beating St. Alban's 1-0 in their final group game.

Huge congratulations to both sets of players.



Gymnastics: Year 5/6 team will represent Sunderland at the Tyne and Wear finals after being placed 1st in the cluster competition at AAA Sports.

Congratulations to Ellie and Emily S who were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the individual competition.

WANTED - COSTUMES

Reception would be grateful for any unwanted costumes, especially Dinosaur or Explorer costumes. Thank you.

HEDGEHOG WEEK

This week has been Hedgehog Week and the children have watched a short animation narrated by Gordon Buchanan, on how to care for this iconic mammal. Surveys by the British Trust for Ornithology and People's Trust for Endangered Species indicate there are now fewer than one million hedgehogs left in the UK, having lost around 30% since 2002. Please watch 'Hedgehog Close' on YouTube by Zest Productions, on how you can help our hedgehogs. Thank you.



REMINDERS:

WANTED

Donations of any unused / unwanted ties are still wanted to use to make recorder cases.

SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury Active Kids school vouchers.

Please collect as many Active Kids vouchers as possible when you shop at Sainsbury's to donate to our school. We can exchange them for an exciting range of active and cooking equipment and experiences.

Active Kids vouchers can be collected from now until June 2017 at all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online.



ST MARY'S / PTA REMINDERS:

PTA 100 CLUB

Thank you to all those who have joined - if you are still interested in joining the PTA 100 Club, please email stmaryspta100club@gmail.com with your name and contact details and the PTA will be in touch.

The next draw takes place on Friday 26 May 2017.

HEAD LICE

I have been informed that head lice are present in school. I would advise all parents to regularly check their child's hair and treat any infestation promptly. Please note that we do not send letters to individuals or class groups highlighting head lice in school.

Further advice can be obtained from the school nursing team on 0191 502 5426