

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

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Welcome back to our first newsletter of the new academic year 2023/2024.

It has been wonderful to see all the children back at St. Mary's and we have to congratulate them on a fantastic start.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

Even if your child is in Nursery, Reception or Years 1 to 6, if you think you may be entitled, it is worthwhile applying.

All Free School Meals applications should be made online by parents and carers using the family portal:

Please double click on the link below to apply directly via City of Sunderland website.

https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/

For more information regarding Free School Meals please see the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools-and-local-authorities>

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 5228787.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS - URGENT

Thank you to all parents who have returned the Emergency Contact Forms.

We are still waiting for a number of forms to be returned. It is vital that we have up-to-date contact information for your child/children in the event of an

EARRINGS

Please note earrings are not to be worn for school under any circumstances. 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.

DINNER MONEY REMINDER

Dinner Monies are payable for children in years 3 to 6. Please make payment via ParentPay on or before a Monday morning.

School Meals are £11.00 per week - £2.20 a day.

A copy of the school menu for Summer 2023 is available to view on our schools app.

YEAR 6 CURRICULUM MEETING

Year 6 curriculum meeting for parents will be held in school on Wednesday 13th September 2023, at 9.10am - 9.40am or 4.30pm - 5.00pm.

We would love to see everybody there.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 Year 4 PE	12 Year 5 PE Miss Thurlbeck's Class Swimming	13 Year 1 & Year 2 PE Y2 & 3 Drama	14 Year 3 PE	15 Year 6 PE Y4, 5 & 6 Drama
18 Year 4 PE YEAR 6 DERWENT HILL VISIT	19 Year 5 PE YEAR 6 DERWENT HILL VISIT Miss Thurlbeck's Class Swimming	20 Year 1 & Year 2 PE YEAR 6 DERWENT HILL VISIT Y2 & 3 Drama	21 Year 3 PE YEAR 6 DERWENT HILL VISIT	22 Year 6 PE YEAR 6 DERWENT HILL VISIT Y4, 5 & 6 Drama

SICKNESS IN SCHOOL

If your child has had any sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend school for 48 hours from the last episode, this is to stop the spread to other pupils and staff. Please see separate guidance notes attached from Public Health Agency regarding keeping your child off school.

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.

This does not include Nursery.



PE DAYS

Your child's PE day is as follows:

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

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 or school leggings or navy blue leggings, royal blue shorts, training shoes (black or white) and white t-shirt.

This does not apply for Foundation Stage.

DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOLS APP

Remember to download our school app to keep up to date on all news, events, letters to parents, newsletters and online payments, the app will also give you direct links to our website. *All notifications and event reminders will be sent via*

'OurSchoolsApp'



SCHOOL OFFICE - RECEPTION

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. 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.

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

HEALTHY EATING

All children may bring a healthy snack to school every day.

This can be fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, crackers, bread sticks, plain biscuits etc.

Send two items only, one for morning and one for afternoon.

Please be aware that we have nut, milk and egg allergies in school.

NO SWEETS

