

St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter No 8

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'Serving with Love; Striving for Excellence'

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first part of the Summer term has certainly begun with some pace and the term already seems to be flying by. As you are aware, we had a two day full Ofsted Inspection this week. I would like to express my thanks to all our parents, for your wonderful support and positive feedback to the inspection team. We are so proud of all the children! Also, a huge thank you to our amazing staff and Governors who are so dedicated and always go above and beyond for the needs of all our children. We are very pleased with the outcome and we look forward to sharing the report with you in due course.



As May is the month dedicated to Our Lady we will be inviting children in KS2 to pray a decade of the Rosary in our prayer garden, each lunchtime, led by our Mini-Vinnies group. We will also be celebrating Our Lady's Day on Friday 26th May, beginning with a special whole school liturgy and crowning Our Lady with flowers, followed by St Mary's Has Got Talent in the afternoon.

The term has begun extremely well and as usual, we will be expecting wonderful work from the children. Please continue to support your child and encourage them to read every evening, to complete homework promptly and to do their best.

We look forward to a rewarding final Summer term and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs MJ Grabski

Headteacher

That You May Have Life

Jesus says, 'I came so that you may have life and have it to the full.'

This is wonderful news. It means that God wants us to live life, and live it to the full.

Mere existence is not enough for us. We are summoned to the fullness of life.

We should live in such a way that we won't look back and regret that we have wasted our life.

Life is generous to those who seize it with both hands.

It is not possible to have an abundant life if one is disconnected from God. God is the source of life.

If we remain close to God, we will receive life in abundance.

Life is a gift from God, a gift to be lived and enjoyed.

To use a gift well is the best way of saying 'thanks'.

We are called to live deeply, to love the world but also to look beyond it.

*I have come
that they
may have life,
and have it to the full*
John 10:10



welcome

This term we welcome:

Mr Pomeroy, as Deputy Headteacher and
Ms Padmore, as Assistant Headteacher and
Mr Lansdell, as class teacher in Year 5.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now that the Easter break is finished, children can wear their summer uniform. To make sure that they are safe, however, we ask that they wear suitable shoes to school, not heeled sling-back sandals. Please also remember that trainers are not part of the school uniform. As the weather can still be rather chilly, please make sure children have a jumper and coat if appropriate. Summer uniform is a blue and white checked dress or grey shorts with a pale blue polo shirt and a school sweatshirt.

KS2 MASS IN CHURCH AT 10AM

KS2 children will be participating and leading parts of the Mass on following dates, in Church at 10am:

- 3rd May:** Year 4
- 17th May:** Year 5
- 24th May:** Year 6
- 7th June:** Year 3
- 14th June:** Year 4



All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.



ST MARY'S HAS GOT TALENT

On **Friday 26th May**, we are excited to be celebrating our very own talent contest, St Mary's Has Got Talent 2023.

The children will soon take part in their class auditions. The School Learning Councillors will help to judge the talent on the day and crown our winners. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the talent at St Mary's!

Miss Morris
School Learning Council Lead

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance is currently 94%.

Please be reminded that absence from school for a family holiday will not be authorised and if you decide to take your child out of school for an unauthorised holiday then this will be referred to the Medway Attendance Service and you may receive a penalty notice. Children with attendance under 90% will be put on Medical evidence. This means you will have to provide medical evidence every time your child is absent from school.

LATE

We expect all children to be in school by 8.50. Gates are open 8.40-8.50. After this your child will be signed in to the late book. We advise that all children should be in class with their peers to register as learning starts promptly every school morning.



We ask God to bless all our children who are making their First Holy Communion on 20th and 27th May and we also remember them in our prayers.

We come together with joyful hearts as you receive your First Holy Communion.

PARENT MESSAGES

Please ensure that you continue to email the school office if you have any changes to collection or any other key messages. If there are any urgent messages **after 1pm, please also phone the school office as well as email**. This will ensure that your message can be passed on in a timely manner before the end of the school day.

LATE COLLECTION

If there are unforeseen circumstances and you are unable to collect your child on time, please phone the school office to make them aware. If there are any late collections at the end of the school day, parents will be asked to sign for their child on collection. If necessary, your child will be booked into Wraparound Care, where a fee will be incurred.

Half Term

School finishes on

Friday 26th May 2023

at the normal time.

INSET DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE

The children return to school on

Tuesday 6th June 2023.