St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter

'Please arrive by 8:55'





Tuesday 23rd^h April

Coffee morning 9am

Monday 6th May

School closed

Wednesday 15th May

Class 6 & 8 Trip to Lotherton Wildlife Park

Friday 24th May

School finishes at 3.20pm for half term

Monday 3rd June

Teacher Training
Day

Tuesday 4th June

Class photos & Year 6 individuals

Indoor Shoes

Please can you
ensure your child has
indoor pumps in
school. These must
be worn at all times
around school

Headteacher's News

Welcome back everyone! It is great to be back for the summer term and to see the children have settled in so well over the past two weeks. The weather has improved a little bit and we have managed to cut the grass on the field and get everyone outside and active!

I have a couple of new announcements: First, we have become a designated https://myhappymind.org/ school which is an NHS funded programme which focuses on looking after our minds and keeping them healthy. Please visit the site, it has something for everyone!

Secondly, thank you for your continued support on lowering persistent absence. Our 90% and below figure is now 23.1%, the national average for this 17.7% so we still have some work to do but we can do it if we carry on working together. Lateness is also an issue - arriving regularly late by 20 mins everyday leaves over 25 hours of teaching lost per term. This slows progress for pupils as they miss the introduction to the teaching that day and can't always catch up. Please arrive by 8:55!

To support the great work even further I would like to share that if just 15 pupils move to above 90% attendance this is 5.1% of school. This would bring Persistent absence to below 20% which would be a massive achievement for us all as a school community! Last year was 32% so we have made huge difference.

Please let us know before 8:55 if your child is not going to be in school that day and this is an unplanned absence.

How will school support you with attendance?

- Office check voicemails and registers by 9:30am
 - Phone call if no contact and unplanned absence
- Home visit from our Family Liaison Officer to contact and support

Please help us and let us help you - we really want to see everyone in school, everyday! Thank you, Mr Glover

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Mrs D Martin, our Family Liaison Officer and Miss Ruddy, our SENDCO are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 23rd April from 8.55am - 10am in our school library.

Each coffee morning will have a different theme, with the first session focusing on My Happy Mind.

Hot/cold drinks and biscuits will be available, as well as a chance to have a chat and answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Everyone Welcome

Class 6 & 8 Parents

Class 6 & 8 will be going on their trip to Lotherton Wildlife World on Wednesday 15th May.

The cost of the trip is just £10 per person, which can be paid through parent pay or by using the barcode on the letter you received last week.

Payment is due by Wednesday 8th May.

Sweetie cones, biscuits & buns will be on sale after school every Thursday to help towards the cost of the coach





Year 6 Parents

SAT's Week - Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Leavers Hoodies payment due date - Monday 26th May

Year 6 photo's - Tuesday 4th June

Leaver's Assembly - Wednesday 17th July (times to be confirmed)

Leaver's Mass - Date and time to be confirmed





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Charity No. 1147436

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young adult 0-25 years with additional needs? Would you like good information and be part of a support network?

If yes, why not come along to our Parent/ carer coffee morning where you can meet other parents, get good information and support.

Al – Hikmah Centre, 28 Track Road, WF17 7AA Wednesday 17th April, 2024 9:30 am – 12pm

Ravensthorpe Community Centre, 24 Garden Street, WF13 3AR Monday 22nd April, 2024 9:30am-12pm



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