



SAINT MARY'S RC PRIMARY ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 25th September 2023

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DIARY DATES

Monday 25th September

Y6 Swimming

Tuesday 26th September

PTA (FOSM) meeting with Mrs Gleed-Thornley 9am

Wrates Photographers – Individual Photos

Thursday 28th September

Boston High School Open Evening 5-7:00pm

Friday 29th September

Shining Lights Assembly 8:50am

Y6 Wilderness Ways

Monday 2nd October

Anaphylactic Week

Y6 Swimming

Thursday 5th October

Boston Grammar School Open Evening 5-7:30pm

Giles Academy Open Evening 5:30-8:00pm

Friday 6th October

Shining Lights Assembly 8:50am

MacMillan fundraiser – non-uniform

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2:15pm (parents welcome)

Monday 9th October

Y6 Swimming

Friday 13th October

Shining Lights Assembly 8:50am

Monday 16th October

Y6 Swimming

Wednesday 18th October

Open Morning for EYFS & Year 1- 9-11:30am

Friday 20th October

Shining Lights Assembly 8:50am

END OF TERM 1

Tuesday 31st October 2023

Term 2 begins

SAFEGUARDING

St Mary's RC Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all pupils. Each child's welfare is of up most importance. **Safeguarding is everyone's business.** If you have any safeguarding concerns, St Mary's RC Primary Academy Designated Safeguarding Lead is **Mrs L Gleed-Thornley (Headteacher)**. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Mrs Williams (Deputy Headteacher)**, **Mrs Brader (SENCo/KS1 Leader)**, **Mrs Allan (Year 3 Teacher)** and **Miss Spikings (Administrator)**. Our Safeguarding Governor is **Mrs M Turner**. Further Safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the 'Welcome' tab.

e-Safety – National Online Safety

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Coffee Afternoon - in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support – non-uniform

On Friday 6th October, children can come into school in non-uniform and we are asking for a donation of £1.00 per child or £1.50 per family, which can be paid via your ParentPay account or brought in on the day. Green is the colour of the charity and children are encouraged to wear this colour if possible. Please join us for a coffee afternoon starting at 2:15pm. Mrs Liu and some of the children are making coffee gift bags which will be available to purchase on the day for £2.00 each. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your continued support.



The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

BELIEF IN BRIEF

An online course for **parents and carers** to explore the Catholic Faith and Parenthood.

Discuss | Learn | Share | Grow

A different aspect of our faith to explore each session. For example, God, the Saints, prayer, sacraments and living out faith.

Meet parents from across our diocese who share your desire to know more about the Catholic Faith.

10:00am-11:15am on Tuesdays
3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec,
16th Jan, 6th Feb, 27th Feb, 19th Mar,
23rd Apr, 21st May, 11th June, 25th June.

www.bookwhen.com/nrcdes

Parent free course

Please see the link or QR code to an online course for parents and carers to explore the Catholic Faith and Parenthood. A different aspect of our faith will be explored each session. For example, God, the Saints, prayer, sacraments and living out our faith. Opportunities to meet parents from across our diocese who share your desire to know more about the Catholic faith. This course is free. This has already been emailed out to parents, please check your inbox if you are interested.

Diary Dates

Events continue to be added to the school calendar, please ensure you have read the diary dates section as we don't want you to miss anything!

Attendance w/c 18th September 2023

Above National Average National Average Below National Average

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
93.7%	96.4%	94.8%	97.6%	97.7%	97.7%	98.6%	96.8%

Our attendance target is 97.5%

Well done to Year 6 who had the highest attendance with 98.6%

"We love, we learn, we grow; walking with faith in the light of the Lord"



Well done to all the children who received their Shining Lights Awards on Friday 22nd September 2023

YEAR 1	Amelia E has been chosen as Shining Light for her increasing independence this week towards all areas of her learning. Amelia also showed fantastic concentration and enthusiasm whilst comparing numbers in maths this week, as well as presenting her work neatly. She is also beginning to sound out her sentences independently. Well done Amelia!	Faith has been chosen as Shining Light for her fantastic setting description in English. Faith used a range of adjectives to describe the Wild Things forest and presented her work beautifully. During our RE lessons, Faith also created a detailed and descriptive storyboard depicting a Baptism. Well done Faith!
YEAR 2	Nikita has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for putting his head down and getting work done in all lessons. In English he has been able to improve sentences using different techniques and he is always willing to give new things a go. Keep up the amazing work.	Paris has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for really putting the effort into her lessons. She has listened well in maths which has allowed her to complete some tricky work when partitioning numbers. She also did some great work on our RE assessed task. Keep up the amazing work and showing what you can do.
YEAR 3	Alivia has been chosen as Shining Light this week for wowing us with her answers and links in our RE lessons! She has been able to explain what happens in a baptism, the meaning of the signs and symbols, and the promises made by the parents and godparents. Well done Alivia!	Jacob has been chosen by Year 3 as Shining Light this week for being a great friend in class and in the playground too. He has been showing our virtue of respect by listening to others and is always willing to help his friends and teachers. Well done Jacob!
YEAR 4	Emilija has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for her great introduction to her cultural narrative. She included fronted adverbials and adjectives to add more description and worked independently. Well done Emilija!	Ruben has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for showing enthusiasm in all his learning. He always works hard and puts 100% effort into all he does. Ruben shows a love of learning new things too. Well done Ruben!
YEAR 5	Aleks has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for his fantastic English learning! He has impressed the adults in Year 5 with his brilliant descriptive writing. Over the past 3 weeks, he has continued to work hard and already, we can see a huge difference in the amount he is writing! Alongside this, he is working hard to ensure his handwriting is neat. Keep up the hard work Aleks! Well done!	Kendra has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for her fantastic maths learning! She has impressed the adults in Year 5 with her dedication and determination. She didn't give up when rounding her numbers! We are also very impressed with her writing in English. Already we can see huge improvements with her use of exciting vocabulary! Keep up the hard work Kendra! We are very proud of you!
YEAR 6	Kamile has been chosen by the adults in the Year 6 for focussing really hard on her handwriting and now has a pen license! Kamile has also shown perseverance in completing her Maths. Well done!	Nikola has been chosen by her classmates for showing forgiveness to others. One pupil commented that she was very impressed when she read over Nikola's writing.

CLASS NEWS

EYFS

We have a brilliant week coming up in EYFS! On Monday, we will have a special visit from Lincolnshire County Council to take part in their 'Let's Talk Rubbish' workshop. In our phonics, we will continue to learn our set 1 sounds- focussing on c, k, u, b and f. In maths we are looking at sorting objects into groups and making different sorting rules. Finally, in our topic work, we are going to be making maps and learning all about people who help us.

Year 1

This week in English we are writing our own versions of the 'Where the Wild Things Are' story. In maths we will be exploring part-whole models as a method to add two numbers together. In RE we will design a Baptism candle. In art we will be representing the human face using collage and in PSHE we will discuss how being active can keep us healthy.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we will be writing our own versions of 'On the Way Home'. We will be using our own characters and changing the excuses the character gives throughout the story. We will also be using all the things we have learned with description this term within our writing. In maths we will be continuing to learn about place value and partitioning numbers. We will also be writing number sentences for our part whole models. In RE we are going to be looking at the white garment and baptismal candle within baptism. In our geography learning this week we will be finding the equator and looking for countries in the northern and southern hemisphere.

Year 3

In maths this week, we are continuing our place value topic and finding 1, 10, 100 more or less than a number, and calculating and estimating missing numbers on a number line. In English, we are identifying and using fronted adverbials in our writing and we will be planning and writing a fantasy narrative story. In RE, we are describing actions and symbols used in a Baptism and giving reasons for these. In science, we are explaining the importance and characteristics of a healthy, balanced diet and in geography, we will be using four-figure references to describe the location of objects and places on a simple map.

Year 4

In English this week we are continuing to write our cultural narratives and will edit them at the end of the week. In Maths we are estimating on a number line as well as comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000. In R.E we will be describing the actions of those confirmed and ways in which we can live in the light. We are identifying the purpose and parts of the digestive system in Science and exploring the significance of the Tropics in Geography.

Year 5

This week we will be planning and writing our own sci-fi narrative based on the discovery of Pandora. In maths we will be moving onto addition and subtraction – focusing on using the formal written method accurately. During our Science lesson this week we will be exploring and investigating the effects of water resistance and in Geography we will be finding timelines on a map and exploring different climate zones. In RE we will be exploring and discussing how we are all called to live in love and service. During our lesson we will be thinking about how Christians can live this out in their lives. During our PSHE learning we will be exploring what is meant by the term habit, and why habits can be hard to change, in Art we will be investigating tints, shades and tones in landscapes and in French we will be saying and asking how are you?

Year 6

Year 6 will continue to write Science Fiction narratives about animals, which used as experiments, taking over the world. In Maths we will be using adding and subtracting to solve mixed word problems. We will also be finding common factors linked to multiplication facts. In Science pupils will be looking at human traits and characteristics and how things have changed over time. Our Geography work will involve investigating lines of longitude and latitude. RE will be linking our learning to how people show they have been called to religious life and how this requires commitment. PE will now be on Fridays and swimming will be on Mondays as usual. Please ensure all homework books are return by Monday so new homework and spellings can go home. Thank you to those that have returned theirs already.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

St Mary's are looking for volunteers to set up and run the school's PTA. The main role of the PTA is to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and schools, in support of students, at schools where the PTA raises a significant portion of the school's discretionary money. In recent years the PTA have worked really hard in raising money for our school by organising events such as Discos, musical evenings, Christmas & Summer Fair and a BBQ at Sports Day are just some of the events that have been held over the years which have helped to pay for new books for the library, compost and plants for Gardening Club, Pantomime at Blackfriars, breakfast for SAT's, Year 1 dressing up outfits, Autism items and Year 6 diaries and pens. PTA events cannot happen without volunteers to run and organise them. The PTA committee is a small group of parents who always welcome new members to help co-ordinate the events diary. If you feel you can offer some of your spare time, please let the school office know – Thank you.

Parent Pay

Thank you to those who have already signed up to ParentPay - In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to sign up to ParentPay to pay for school trips, breakfast club etc. If you haven't already done so, please visit www.parentpay.com and activate your account via the Account login area on the home page of the site. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you. **Did you know, you can pay any amount into ParentPay weekly/monthly to save for any upcoming trips/events, this is then held in your ParentPay account until you need to make a payment.**

Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed and you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please call the school office where we will advise you on how to make an application for Free School Meals or click on the link below to create an account and apply.

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

Hot School Meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive a hot school meal FREE EVERYDAY! All children in KS2 can order a hot school meal at a cost of £2.30 per day. A School meal provides children with a healthy varied and balanced diet providing the right amount of energy to ensure that your child can work better in the afternoons. If you would like your child to have a school meal please come to the office where we will provide further information. Take a look at the Ideal School Meal website for an idea of the meals they provide - <https://schoolmealsonline.com/login> The deadline

for ordering is a Monday for orders placed for the following week. If you have any queries, parents can contact Ideal School Meals direct on 01522 246424 or via email admin@schoolmealsonline.co.uk

Twitter & Facebook

Our Twitter & Facebook accounts are the best way to keep up to date with everything happening in school. Recently we have tweeted about upcoming events and even posted some children's fantastic learning online. Make sure you follow us on twitter @bostonstmarys. You do not need to have a Twitter account to view our tweets! You can see all tweets by clicking the link on our website www.bostonstmarys.co.uk or at twitter.com/bostonstmarys