

### Use of cloud based storage

(for example Tapestry, Class Dojo)

The storage and processing of information and evidence about pupils attainment and or classwork has changed. Some of this information is now captured electronically and stored with an external provider (Data Processor). Please inform Mrs Hall if you wish to opt out of this arrangement.

Some apps/services used by the school (for example Class Dojo) transfer data to the US. The school will ensure that the company providing the app/service is certified as an approved company under the EU-US Privacy Shield. For more information - [www.privacyshield.gov](http://www.privacyshield.gov) Please inform Mrs Hall if you wish to opt out of this arrangement.

### Durham County Council Privacy Notice For Pupils In Schools, Alternative Provision, Pupil Referral Units and Children In Early Years Settings

#### Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act 1998

We, St Mary's RC Primary School are a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you and may receive information about you from your previous school and the Learning Records Service. We hold this personal data and use it to:

- Support your teaching and learning;
- Monitor and report on your progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- Assess how well your school / educational setting is doing.

Information about you that we hold includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information and personal characteristics such as your ethnic group, any special educational needs you may have and relevant medical information.

**We will not give information about you to anyone outside the school without your consent unless the law and our rules allow us to do so.**

We are required by law to pass some of your information to the local authority, Durham County Council, and the Department for Education (DfE) and where appropriate we will send to relevant National Health Service personnel (e.g. school nurses) information on individual pupils changing school (or address) to ensure continuity of health care. If a child moves to another school we will ensure a handover of appropriate data we hold, and we will co-operate with other schools she/he has attended to endeavour to complete any outstanding issues.

If you want to see a copy of the information we hold and share about you then please contact the school office on 01325 300339.

If you require more information about how the Local Authority (LA) and/or DfE store and use your information, then please go to the following websites:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3432/Sharing-information-about-you>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

If you are unable to access these websites, please contact the LA or DfE as follows:

Data Protection Team, Durham County Council, County Hall, DURHAM, DH1 5UL. Website:

[www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk) Tel: 03000 260000

Public Communications Unit, Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London

SW1P 3BT Website: [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk) Email : [www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus](http://www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus)

Tel: 0370 000 2288

# ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter date: Friday 30th September 2016

WEBSITE: <http://st-marysrc.schooljotter2.com/>

### Events

**Tuesday 4th October 2016**  
Y5 visit to The Life Centre

**Wednesday 5th October 2016 &  
Thursday 6th October 2016**  
Book Fair

**Thursday 6th October 2016**  
Y2, 3 & 4 Mass

**Monday 10th October 2016**  
Y6 Multiskills at Greenfield

**Wednesday 12th October 2016**  
Y4 Greek Day

**Thursday 13th October 2016**  
Y6 & Rec Mass

**Friday 14th October 2016**  
Y5 Assembly

**Monday 17th October 2016**  
Y2 Pirate Day

**Thursday 20th October 2016**  
Y3 Harvest Festival Assembly

**Thursday 20th October 2016**  
Y6 Mass

**Thursday 20th October 2016**  
**BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM**

**Friday 21st October 2016**  
**PD Day (School closed for children)**

**Monday 31st October 2016**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Friday 4th November 2016**  
Y4 Reconciliation—St. John's

**Wednesday 9th November 2016**  
Y1 visit to Hardwick Park

**Wednesday 9th November 2016**  
Y3 Farm to Fork at Tesco

**Wednesday 9th November 2016**  
Y6 Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre

**Monday 7th to Thursday 10th  
November 2016**  
Parents Evening

Dear Parents & Carers

The end of September is upon us already. It only seems two minutes since we were returning from a summer break. Our new children in Reception and throughout the school have settled in so well. It's amazing how much they have grown in both height and confidence in four weeks.

We had a lovely service to welcome them into the parish community last week during which they received a child's bible. Their manners – saying Thank you to Father Michael were very refreshing to see. Our Y6 Buddies are doing a great job of helping them to settle in at lunchtimes.

As you will be aware we had a 'visitor' last week from Ofsted. Thank you to all the parents and children who spoke to Mr Reeves. Our children did us proud, apparently they were very honest about the school. Whilst I am not allowed in when he speaks to the children he did say they were all extremely positive about liking their school. It will be a number of weeks from the end of the inspection until we get the results but as it was a No Notice Inspection the feedback will come in the form of a letter that will be posted on the school website.

Over the next few weeks children will be bringing phonics materials home to practise as we roll out Read Write and Inc. this term. As we mentioned on the letter we sent out on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September we are holding two information sessions for parents and carers on October 11<sup>th</sup> explaining the Read, Write Inc approach to the teaching of reading.

Thank you for the support you gave to the Jeans for Genes day. We were able to send off our donations to the campaign.

Next Friday following the assembly Alfie C in Y5 has asked that we hold a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer. With that in mind can we ask for both your support in coming for a piece of cake and a cup of coffee and donations of cakes please?

Best wishes

Mrs. A. Sowden, Head Teacher

**RECEPTION NEWS** Firstly can I say thank you to all of the parents, friends and families who sponsored us on our Sponsored Walk a couple of weeks ago. I think we have collected all of the money in now and we have raised a huge £480! We are well on our way to our new role play area and some much needed outdoor equipment. Thank you so, so much, we really didn't expect to raise as much on just one fundraiser. We are hoping to continue fundraisers throughout the year, so any ideas would be gratefully received! We have now started our RWI Phonics and the children have already learnt 5 sounds! I have been extremely impressed! Over the next couple of weeks, we will be sending home sheets to children who need a little more practice at their new letter/sound, if you could help your child with this, then send the sheet back in when it is complete that would be really helpful. Thank you, Mrs Muir.

**YEAR 1 NEWS** In Year 1 we have discovered that the people who live in the polar regions are Inuit people. We have thought about their warm clothing and how they travel on sleds or snow mobiles. We have been collecting Autumn leaves, conkers, acorns and sycamore seeds (also called helicopters) as part of our science topic on the seasons.



**YEAR 2 NEWS** In Year two, the children have become detectives and are currently busy searching for the "Big Bad Wolf" who has committed many crimes. To help them in their investigations, the children have created "WANTED" posters which are now displayed in class. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please contact the detectives. We are going to investigate the scene of the crime next week (Grandma's bedroom) and hope collect as much evidence as possible. The children are really enjoying our fairy-tale and pirate topics this half term. Unfortunately, we have not been able to organise and book a school trip so we've decided to arrange a "Pirate Day" on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October (more information to follow).

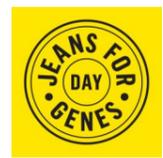
**YEAR 3 NEWS** The time is flying by so quickly, can't believe we are in week 4 already! The children had a great day at Beamish Agricultural show and we came away with a few prizes too. Rebecca got first prize for her vegetables; Leah, second prize for her flowers, Year 2 for their artwork on the seasons and Sophie Fleming in year 2 for her handwriting. The children have now finished their newspaper report; we are hoping it will be in the Newton News very soon. Work on exploring where our food comes from is going well. Our class challenge is to bring in different examples of food packaging from different countries. How many different countries will be having?

**YEAR 4 NEWS** This week children have had a visit from Miss Armstrong a vet. Children have been learning about the how an animal skeleton compares to a human skeleton? Children have enjoyed working with the FISCH team and being working hard. Children have worked hard in gymnastics and created some fantastic routines.

**YEAR 5 NEWS** Last week we visited 3M factory in Aycliffe. We had a great time looking at the amazing products that 3M make and the sophisticated equipment used to help make them. We found out the this factory has been awarded the Best Factory Award for the last 2 years and judging by what we saw when we visited we could see why. Thank you to the friendly and informative STEM ambassadors Ciaran, Donna and Lisa for showing us around, allowing us to see first hand science being used in the workplace.

**YEAR 6 NEWS** **This is what the children in Y6 want to share with you.** The children have continued rehearsing their song and it will be recorded to send off next week. In Y6 we are trying out an new style of guided reading. In pairs, listening to each other read out loud and then the children are questioned by one of the adults in the room about what they have read. The idea behind this method is to build fluency in our reading and to support each other. The children have expressed how they are starting to work as a team. They performed their song and explained the message of loving our neighbour during their assembly this morning. They tell me that they are working very hard and now enjoy home reading, we now have no reluctant readers.

**Jeans for Genes Day**  
From your kind donations we raised £160 for Jeans for Genes day.



**Uniform**  
Our lost property box is already filling up! If you know your child has lost an item please ask them to check the box. Please can parents also check that uniform brought home is actually theirs as we have a few children with clearly named jumpers which has vanished! Thank you!



**Healthy Snack and Drinks**  
We actively encourage children to bring their water bottles to school each day (named please). We would like the children to bring their bottles filled with water rather than juice. Children are very welcome to bring a healthy snack to school but please can you avoid sweets. Thank you for your co-operation.



**Year of Mercy**  
'When I needed a neighbour, were you there?'  
In the month of September, we pray for Our Community.



**ATTENDANCE (%) 5th September to 29th September 2016 ( National Average = 96.1%)**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
97.5	95.6	91.7	95.8	98.6	98.6	96.6	96.4

Above national average
Same as national average
Below national average

**TERM DATES 2016—2017**

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open For Teaching Purposes
<b>Autumn 2016</b>		Monday 5th September 2016
Autumn half-term 2016	Thursday 20th October 2016	Monday 31st October 2016
<b>Christmas 2016</b>		Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Spring half-term 2017	Friday 17th February 2017	Monday 27th February 2017
<b>Easter 2017</b>		Tuesday 24th April 2017
May Day 2017	Monday 1st May 2017	Tuesday 2nd May 2017
Summer half-term 2017	Friday 26th May 2017	Monday 5th June 2017
<b>Summer 2016</b>	<b>Friday 21st July 2017</b>	

**Staff Training Days**  
 Friday 21st October 2016  
 Friday 3rd February 2017  
 Monday 24th April 2017 (please note changed date—was originally Friday 7th April 2017)

**Parking**  
Please can we remind parents there are only three spaces in our car park, one designated for Disabled Parking, a second for Mrs Sowden so she can attend meetings etc. and a third for visitors. If you need to use the disabled space please contact the school and a pass may be issued to permit the use of the car park. Space is limited on our site and we ask all parents and carers to park responsibly both in and around the school building. Tesco are very understanding of parents using their car park, as it is usually only for a short period of time twice a day. The pedestrian crossing on Burn Rd enables families to cross safely at that point.

**Paying for trips, school meals, etc**  
Over the past few weeks parents have been bringing in a lot of money to pay for trips, sponsored events, school meals and uniform. I'm sure you can appreciate it can be difficult to keep track of all the money if it is sent in loose with a form. Please can ALL money, no matter how small, be sent to school in an envelope.