



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter

13th September 2019

This week we celebrate the 24th Sunday in Ordinary time.

Dear Parent,

Many thanks firstly to the group of parents who attended my meeting last night which looked at the new curriculum we have in place, the reasons for it and our approaches to using it. We also looked at the implications for supporting learning at home. I trust that the information provided was of significant use to you. The gist of this approach is recognising that in order to develop a whole range of necessary skills and dispositions our pupils need to acquire a significantly strong vocabulary and a body of the sort of knowledge that living in our society demands in order to be successful in the future. We looked at the range of areas to be studied during the course of the year last night; we will place a copy of this on our website during the next week.

Extra-curricular Rugby sessions on a Monday and Netball on Tuesday have begun. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and would like to take part, we would be very happy to accommodate them, simply send a note in to school and we would love to see them taking part in these excellent opportunities. There will be a **Rugby and Netball Festival** held at school on the afternoon of **Friday 11th October**. This is the first competitive occasion for which the groups are preparing.

On **Thursday next week** after school, Miss Rees will begin a **Fitness Club**. It will start immediately at the end of the school day and collection time will be at 4.15pm. There will be a separate short note coming home today about this for all pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 with a view to developing a full cross country team this year. We will only be able to take part in the cross country competitions if sufficient numbers come forward.

A reminder now that our **Parental Consultation Evenings** will be taking place soon on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October**. We will be in touch soon so that appointments can be made. This will be a very important meeting in terms of allowing you to establish how well your child has settled into the new school year and to look ahead to their priorities for development and ways you can support them at home.

A second reminder now that our next **INSET day** will be taken on **Friday 25th October**. Therefore school will be closed to pupils for staff training and the half term holiday will begin. We return to school after the half term break on Monday 4th November.

The **school photographer** will be with us on Friday 27th September to take individual photos of our children. The proofs should be with you shortly afterwards so that you can decide if you wish to purchase them or not.

Our first **school led mass** at St. Mary's Church for this year will be taking place on **Sunday 20th October**. Please do keep this date free and we very much look forward to you joining us for a wonderful celebration.

Here are some dates for your diary for the course of this autumn term:

- 27th September, school photographer visiting.
- 16th October, book fair arriving at school.
- Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October, Parental consultation evening.
- **Friday 25th October, INSET Day therefore, school will be closed to pupils and the half term holiday will begin.**
- 30th November, Friends trip to Bath Christmas Market
- 11th December, Year 1/2 Nativity at 10am and Nursery/Reception Nativity at 1.30pm
- 12th December, Nursery/Reception Nativity at 10am and Year 1/2 Nativity at 1.30pm
- 17th December, Year 3/4 Nativity at 10am and Year 5/6 Nativity at 1.30pm
- 18th December, Year 5/6 Nativity at 10am and Year 3/4 Nativity at 1.30pm
- 20th December, Term ends for Christmas holiday to begin
- 6th January 2020, return to school for the Spring term.

Friends of St Mary's Catholic School

On Saturday the **30th November** the Friends of St. Mary's will be organising a coach trip to the **Bath Christmas Market**. This was very successful and popular last year. Tickets are priced at just £15 each. Simply send your money in a marked envelope into school stating how many tickets you require and we will get them to you. Many thanks for your support of this activity. Last year the trip was an all female one. It would be wonderful this year if we could have a group of fathers and grandfathers to join us too!

Friends of St. Mary's Catholic School, first meeting taking place on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm, Haywain Pub Brackla. We hope you can make it!