



Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 11th May 2018

Dear parents,

A letter was sent home with your child during the week stating that we had a vacancy for a position of Parent Governor on our School Governing body.

Joining the Governing Body as the Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of your child's school.

Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school, in raising standards, the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum. Being a governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to work as part of a team and gain new skills. Don't worry if you have no experience as full training and support is available from the Diocese, Local Authority and your colleagues on the Governing Body.

If you have any further queries or would like more information about becoming a Parent Governor please contact me and I will be happy to outline what the position entails.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mr Keane
Headteacher

Pentecost Celebration

On Friday, 18 May we will be commemorating Pentecost. This is a very important celebration in our Catholic tradition as it is a time when the Holy Spirit came to disciples and gave them courage and wisdom. This is the moment when the Church was born.

We will celebrate this important feast day by having a non-uniform themed day and a special liturgy in the school. We ask that the children come to school wearing a colour or outfit that symbolises the Holy Spirit. The following colours could be worn.

White (dove) Red (fire) Blue (wind) Yellow (earth)

As part of this special birthday celebration we will be sharing a giant birthday cake!



Eco-Council

During the week the Eco-Council met to discuss ways that they could improve the school environment. They came up with a number of ideas which they will present at next weeks assembly. Amongst the ideas is the recycling of paper, saving energy and improving our green environment. We look forward to seeing the outcomes of their efforts in all of these areas.



Stars of the week!



EYFS 1	Medi	EYFS 2	Shontelle
Year 1P	Reigna Mae	Year 2M	Roshaun
Year 3M	Haroney	Year 3Q	Gabrielle
Year 4A	Nile	Year 4G	Lara
Year 5O	Azariah	Year 5P	Yosan
Year 6H	Jammel	Year 6M	Chloe

The majority of our Star Awards for this week were given for excellent effort, positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. Well done to all these children.

Attendance

Week ending 4 th May	
EYFS 1 92%	EYFS 2 96.6%
Year 1P 97.8%	Year 2M 98%
Year 3M 95%	Year 3Q 99.2%
Year 4A 100%	Year 4G 98.4%
Year 5O 95.7%	Year 5P 99.1%
Year 6M 93.3%	Year 6H 98.4%
Total for week 96.8%	

Well done to Year 4A for a perfect 100% attendance!

The overall leaders are 4G at 98.4%. 4G have been leading for some time now but other classes are just behind. 6G have 97.9% attendance while 4A are at 97.7%.

Reflection

God doesn't require us to succeed,
He only requires that you try.



Mother Teresa

Year 6 SATs Week

Good luck to our Year 6 children who will be taking their SATs tests next week. They have been working really hard for weeks both in school and at home. Next week, all the children in Year 6 are invited to have breakfast in school from 8.15 am. They will be offered toast, fruit and a drink (fruit juice).

Punctuality

Attendance figures to date have been good with some children having outstanding attendance, and for this we thank you. However, our punctuality this term, with 'lates' is steadily rising. If you do have any problems getting your child to school on time;

- talk to your child
- talked of the school
- ask for help

Remember it's better to get help early on to stop little problems from becoming big ones.

Why is punctuality such a good thing?

Being on time;

- gets your child's day off to a good start and puts your child in a positive frame of mind, so that they can make the most of their learning;
- sets positive patterns for the future;
- leads to good attendance;
- leads to better achievement;
- leads to understanding school is important and education is valuable;
- helps a child develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and towards others;
- helps a child make friends and keep friends;
- reaps rewards; it leads to success and self-confidence.

Why is lateness such a bad thing to mark?

Being late;

- gets your child's day off to a bad start;
- can be embarrassing for your child;
- will be noticed by other children who might make negative comments;
- may lead to your child losing confidence;
- may lead to your child feeling confused all day. They will have missed out on vital instructions and information and bits of news at the start of the day;
- disrupts the lesson for everyone;
- can cause your child to fall behind with their work;
- creates a bad habit that can be hard to break at secondary school and in the workplace;
- can lead to poor attendance-if your child thinks it's okay to be late for school then they can soon start to think it's okay not to go to school at all!

We look forward to your support in this matter. Thank you.