



# St. Mary's Newsletter

1st July 2024

## Parent – Teacher – Friends – Association

Thank you SO MUCH to the parents who have volunteered so far to be members of our PTFA. Words cannot express how much we appreciate this. We are really looking forward to being involved in the wonderful events that will be planned for our children and families.



## Reception Place

We have one spare **Reception place** left to start in **Sept 2024** - spread the word! Admissions can be non-catholic.

## Year 3 trip to Shildon

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Shildon Locomotion last week. They saw the Rainhill trials locomotives and found out even more information about George Stephenson. They worked together to build a railway. Comments from staff and volunteers at the museum about the children: "They have been lovely" and "They have been the best behaved class I've had in my group."

## Sports

Sports week was a huge success. Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of activities, including Friday afternoon's sports event. It was fabulous to see so many parents. A huge well done to Mr Pryer, for doing an amazing job in planning and organising everything!

## Stars of the Week

- YR **Ivy** for determination and courage on our climbing wall session
- YR **Jack P** for your enthusiasm and positive attitude to our sports week activities
- Y1 **Una** for showing a great attitude and resilience in all activities during sports week
- Y1 **Harriet** for showing fantastic skill and sportsmanship during archery and athletics
- Y2 **Phoebe M** for great enthusiasm in our tennis session
- Y2 **Daisy** for great listening and involvement in all activities during sports week
- Y3 **Hunter** for fantastic effort and enthusiasm in athletics and archery
- Y3 **Ollie** for excellent sportsmanship. You played fairly, honestly and helped those who needed it
- Y4 **Jessica** for being an excellent team player and really trying hard in all activities during sports week
- Y4 **J.J** for showing courage, resilience and a positive attitude to all of the sports activities
- Y5 **Hope** for a very upbeat attitude during sports week and an eagerness to try everything with enthusiasm
- Y5 **Harry** for using creativity to overcome an obstacle during an activity in sports week
- Y6 **Noah** for demonstrating great teamwork skills and giving his all
- Y6 **Gabby** for showing a positive attitude to all the activities this week

## Staffing from September and moving up day

We are very excited to confirm that two new members of staff will be joining the St Mary's teaching team in September.

Mrs Godwin will be our new Deputy Head Teacher. She will be teaching in year 3 from Monday to Wednesday, sharing the teaching week with Mrs Ewart who will continue to teach on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Ewart will be in the year 3 classroom on 'moving up day'. Sadly, as Mrs Godwin is unable to attend on this day due to prior commitments but she will come in to meet the children and work with them on an alternative day.

Miss Bainbridge will be our new year 1 class teacher. Miss Bainbridge knows St Mary's children and staff very well as she completed two placements here during her SCITT year. She will be in the year 1 classroom tomorrow as part of 'moving up day'.

Miss Zajackowska, who is currently our year 1 teaching will move into year 5. She will be in the year 5 classroom on 'moving up day'.

Miss Bell will continue to be part of our teaching team and will be covering teacher's Planning Preparation & Assessment time (PPA).

Please see below for your child's class teacher from Sept:

Year reception - Mrs Davies

Year 1 - Miss Bainbridge

Year 2 - Mrs Davison

Year 3 - Mrs Godwin & Mrs Ewart

Year 4 - Mrs Roe

Year 5 - Miss Zajackowska

Year 6 - Mr Pryer

Mrs Maxwell will continue to be the teaching assistant in year reception. The remaining teaching assistants will not be allocated to any specific class. Their timetables will be carefully planned to ensure we can meet the needs of our children with SEN and those who need additional support in certain areas of the curriculum.

## Stars in the community

Well done to Imogen in year 3! Imogen is massively into her football; not sure many of her friends know. Imogen, along with her teammates, were mascots for Man City ladies, walking out with the players. She plays for Consett Lionesses u8s and after finishing their first ever season, they have been promoted to the Russell Foster Premier league- the highest league for their age group. Imogen won players player of the year and coaches player of the year. And, after recent trials with the Newcastle foundation, Imogen has been accepted onto their advanced development program from next season!



Dates for your diary are on the following page...

## Jewellery and false / acrylic nails

A polite reminder that rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings and false/acrylic nails are a hazard to children when worn in school. There is a potential for injury such as tearing of flesh or nail beds, especially during playtime and PE. Watches may be worn but they must not be smart watches, have cameras or the function to link to a mobile phone.

Event	Date	Time	Details
Toy & book stall donations	1 - 5 July		In good condition please
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Mon 1 July	All day	Info from St Bede's
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Tue 2 July	All day	Info from St Bede's
Whole school moving up day	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Y6 residential to Kingswood	3 - 5 July		Email from teacher
School Summer Fair	Sat 6 Jul	11am-1pm	All welcome
Y5 trip to Washington Wetlands	Tue 9 Jul	All day	Email from teacher
Reception End of Early Years assembly	Tue 9 Jul	2.15 - 3.30pm	Reception parents
Y6 'Get Me Out of Here!' performance	Fri 12 Jul	2.30 - 3.30pm	Y3-Y5 children & Y6 parents
Y5 Trust Athletics	Mon 15 July	All day	Children only
Reception trip to Hall Hill Farm	Tue 16 July	All day	Email from teacher
EY & KS1 Mass in school hall	Wed 17 Jul	2.45pm - 3.25pm	EY / KS1 parents welcome
Y6 leavers Mass in church	Thu 18th July	10am	Y3-Y5 children & Y6 parents
Y2 End of Key Stage 1 assembly	Thu 18th July	2.30 - 3.30pm	Year 2 parents
Fri 19 July break up for Summer holidays			
INSET day	Mon 2 Sept	All day	School closed to children
INSET day	Tue 3 Sept	All day	School closed to children
Wed 4 Sept return after Summer break			