

St. Mary's C. E. Primary School

Summer Newsletter No. 13 23rd July



FOR YOUR DIARY

School resumes on Monday 6th September.

Reminder of new school start times:

KS1 start at 8:50

KS2 start at 8:40

ALL UPCOMING DATES NOW ON NEW WEBSITE!

May your skies always be blue, may the clouds stay away, but if a storm arrives let it clear the air, and may the Lord keep you safe.

Blessing sung with Rev Richard today at Leavers Service

House Points – total for year!

RED	BLUE	GREEN	YELLOW
8477	6430	6797	5651

Congratulations to RED team for being the overall winners!

Head Teacher Message

We have come to the end of this academic year – and what a year it has been! It is brought many challenges and changes, missed traditions but fresh opportunities. We all adapted to online learning, parent evenings, new ways of communicating... and together made the best of every situation. I want to take the opportunity to extend my heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for playing your vital part in ensuring that together as a whole school community, St Mary's has made a success of this year. I am so proud of the children of St Mary's – they have shown such resilience and enthusiasm on every step of unique journey this academic year has been. We wish our Year 6 the very best as they take their next step on the road of life.

I look forward to seeing you all in September, for what I hope will be a less disrupted year. All the teachers are very excited about the new Topics and exciting learning we have planned for the children.

But for now, it is time to relax and enjoy the summer!

God Bless,

Mr Morrissey

Message from Chairs of Governors

It has been a year like no other at St. Mary's and the Governors have seen how incredibly resilient the school community has been throughout this time.

When Mr Morrissey was appointed as Head Teacher we had no idea the momentous year he would undertake. Therefore, we would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts made by Mr. Morrissey and all of the staff at St. Mary's in bringing about a safe, caring and supportive environment for our children to continue to learn. This would not have been possible without everyone playing their part.

We also appreciate how challenging this year has been for our families and thank you for your continued enthusiasm, resilience and cooperation while learning at home and embracing the changes necessary to keep everyone safe in school.

We give our best wishes to our Year 6 children moving on to secondary school, you are more than ready for this challenge! So please now enjoy your well-deserved summer break! Stay safe and God bless

Message from West Sussex Early Help Team:

Are you finding the summer holidays difficult? Do you need someone to talk to? If so please call the Integrated Front Door on 01403 229900 or email us at

WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk and tell us you would like a face to face summer offer appointment".

The Summer Offer will run from Monday 26th July to Friday 3rd September.

Fundraising Update

We would like to say a huge thank you, to Mel, Lisa and Laura for their enthusiasm, creativity, fun, entertainment and dedication to fundraising, as they step down from their roles. Their devotion has supported the school to access playground equipment, new books, Father Christmas Grottos, icecreams, Raising the Roof, while smashing annual records for funds raised via St Mary's fundraising committee.

Thank you for you all your hard work.

An enormous thanks for all your support as parents, with the raffle – for donations of prizes and selling so many tickets. We raised over £1700!

COVID update:

The success we have had as a school in combatting the spread of Covid within the school community, and the fact we have reached the end of the year with only 1 need of a bubble closure (during lockdown) is a testament to the effort by the whole school community. **Thank you.**

Over the holidays, do keep yourselves safe, and if you display symptoms or test positive, Test and trace will deal with it. The school is not required to contact trace.