

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 11th July 2019

NEXT WEEK

Monday

Start of Art and DT
Week
Yr6 Bikeability

Tuesday

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No Pens Wednesday
Year 5 Space Workshop
at Uxbridge Library
**Year 6 Leavers'
Production at 5.30pm**

Thursday

Yr6 Bikeability
Nursery Last Day

Friday

End Year Mass at
Church - 9.30a.m.
Early Finish at 1.30pm



Dear Parent/Carer,

With the summer break fast approaching, there's been a lot going on in school. On Monday, we were once again visited by poet Joshua Siegel who led poetry writing workshops with each class. The children really enjoyed these sessions and the quality of poems they produced was amazing! The following day, our Year 5 class visited Black Park, in Iver, to complete the Go Ape Adventure including the high wire obstacle course, zip wire and 'Nets Adventure'. Yesterday, our Early Years pupils took part in the various events as a part of their Sports Day and Years 1 to 6 are all set for their own Sports Day taking place this morning. Today, the children are also looking forward to their Music Performance, for family members, showcasing some of the pieces they have been practising during their music lessons. Thank you to Mr Pablo (our specialist music teacher) for organising this event. Tomorrow, our Year 6 pupils will perform their production for the whole school (our production for family members is taking place next week - further details below). Annual Pupil Progress Reports are also due to be sent home tomorrow - please take a look in your child's book bag.



Year 4 House Point Winner

Well done to Gracie (Yr4) who earned the most House Points in Year 4, throughout last week, with an amazing 32 points. The class winners for this week (Monday - Friday) will be announced in our next Newsletter.

Year 6 Leavers' Production

Year 6 will perform their Leavers' Production for parents, carers and family members on **Wednesday 17th July (next week) at 5:30 pm**. A member of staff will open the front entrance at 5 pm for Year 6 pupils to make their way to class and for visitors to find their seats in the school hall. We expect all pupils to attend this evening performance (please let Mr Stringer know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend for any reason). We ask that all Year 6 pupils arrive in school by 5:15 pm at the latest.

End Year Mass

We would like to invite all family members to attend our End of Year Mass on Friday 19th July. This is also an opportunity to say goodbye (and good luck) to our Year 6 pupils before they transition to secondary school. This Mass will start at 9:30 am in our Church. If you are able to help walk the children to and from Church, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible (the more helpers the better. We will leave school shortly after 9 am (please wait by the front entrance if you are able to help).

Art and DT Week

Throughout next week we will be holding our termly Art and DT week. The children will be taking part in a range of creative projects. Please take a look at the Curriculum page on our school website for an overview of the topics covered in each class.

Year 6 Bikeability

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will take part in their Bikeability sessions. Bikeability is the current cycling proficiency scheme that enables children to complete Levels 1, 2 and 3 to be safer cyclists on the roads.



It is designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride on our roads today.

Last day to purchase school uniform from PMG

The school uniform 'back to school' purchase deadline (on-line and in-store) is Friday 16th August 2019. To ensure that you get your uniform on time - do not leave it too late to place your order.

Year 5 Space Trip

On Wednesday 17th July (next week), Year 5 will walk to Uxbridge library to take part in a 'Small Steps and Giant Leaps in Space' class workshop. Dr James Collett from the School of Physics, Astronomy and Mathematics at the University of Hertfordshire has devised this session celebrating 50 years since the first moon landing. This is how he describes it:

'It is fifty years since the first people set foot on the Moon. So what does the next fifty years hold. Will you go into space? If so, where are you likely to go next and also your descendants in the not so near future? We'll talk about this and try and answer your questions about space, and becoming astronauts, astronomers, space scientists and space artists. Then we will give each of you the International Space Station card game and explain how to play it. If time allows, we will have a quick game to close the session.'

We still need some more parent helpers - if you are able to help, please let Mr Morris know as soon as possible. The class will leave school shortly after 9:30 am (the session is due to finish at 11:30 am).



School Sun Hats

We have a wide choice of school sun hats available to buy for £3 (a range of colours and designs). If you would like to purchase one, please complete an order form and send this into school via your child's book bag. You can pick up an order form from the box at the front entrance or alternatively from the school office.

Space Chase - Summer Reading Challenge

You can now sign up for this year's reading challenge at your local library. This year's theme is '**Space Chase**', inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The aim of this challenge is to try and encourage children to read over the long summer break. It is free to join and pupils will receive a free space folder and stickers for the more books that they read.

Up-to-date emergency contact details

Please make sure to contact the school office to update your emergency contact details every time these change. These include telephone numbers, addresses, email addresses and people to contact.

Governors Maintenance Fund and Gift Aid - THANK YOU.

Thank you very much to all of you who are able to Gift Aid your donations. This additional funding makes a huge difference. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to consider Gift Aid please collect the information from the rack outside of the Main Entrance. Our Finance Officer, Mrs Law, is always happy to answer any questions you may have.

Please let Mrs Law know if your circumstances have changed and you need to cancel your Gift Aid Declaration.

Last day of this academic year

We close for the summer break on **Friday 19th July** (end of next week) at the earlier time of **1.30pm**.

Please note: The last day for Nursery pupils is on Thursday 18th July.

All pupils are due back to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon 15 th July	Start of Art and DT Week Y1 - Y6 Sports Day back up 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tue 16 th July	EYs Sports Day Back Up 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Wed 17 th July	No Pens Wednesday Y6 Production 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Year 5 Trip a.m. (Library)
Thu 18 th July	LEYs last day at school
Friday 19 th July	End of Year Mass 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Early finish - End of academic year 1:30 p.m.
Mon 2 nd Sep	INSET day - school closed
Tues 3 rd Sep	Pupils' 1st day academic year
Fri 6 th Sep	Start Term Mass 9:30 a.m.