

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Statement To Live By

Our Statement To Live By next week is "I can say one good thing about myself". Please talk to your child about this.

Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and to this, the first newsletter of this school year. We would like to especially welcome any new children and families. We hope you will be very happy here at St. Mary's – we are a very friendly school with an open door policy. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher at the door, however if you need more than a quick chat, please make an appointment to talk in private. Every class has their own email address where you can contact your child's teacher directly (see the class page on the website). Or ring the office to make an appointment. **Please make sure yours and your child's details are all up to date including contact numbers and any medical/allergy information**

Macmillan Coffee Morning and foodbank

On Friday, 27th September, we will be taking part in the Annual Macmillan Coffee morning. Parents and our community are very welcome to join us. Parents are welcome to come into the school hall via the main entrance from 8.30am with your children and families. The children will also join the coffee morning with their class throughout the morning. Please can we ask for cake donations and also if your child can bring in money that day to buy cakes. Most of us have been touched by cancer and so this is a very worthwhile charity event.

Our GIFT Chaplaincy Team are appealing for food donations of non perishable foods for our local foodbanks. But also, just as importantly, if any of our families are really struggling financially, and would benefit directly from any of our food donations, then please talk to Mrs Ruane in the strictest confidence. Please send in any donations by Friday 4th October.

School lunches

Just a gentle reminder that all parents need to have the school gateway app for communications. Please update as directed and turn on notifications. We appreciate parents keeping a close eye on their child lunch accounts and topping up in advance.

Uniform and jewellery

Thankyou to our parents. Your children look so smart in their new uniforms. We still have some spare, good quality used uniform if any parents want any as spares. Just contact the office. Can we please remind parents to **put their child's name in all items of clothing** so they can easily be identified when they get lost or mixed up in another child's bag etc! Only watches (not apple/smart watches) small stud earrings are allowed in school, and **MUST** be removed for PE.

Applications to our school and Nursery

The online application process to apply for Reception places for September 2025 is now open and closes on 15th January 2025. We will hold 2 open evenings for parents to come and have a look around our school on **Tuesday 24th September at 5pm or Thursday 7th November at 4.30pm. Parents can also come on these dates to look at our Nursery.** We still have a few places in our Nursery if you know of anyone who wants to apply. Just tell them to pop into the office for an application form.

Dogs

We had some dog dirt on our playground this week, just near the Duke Street entrance. Please ensure if your dog has an accident, that you clean up after them.

FPTA

Our FPTA raised enough money last year to continue subsidising our school trips. We hope this can continue this year. However, to continue the great work they do, we need parents and friends to offer to help. Helen and Natalie do a fantastic job leading our FPTA but are always appealing for anybody to join them to help in any way that they can. Please come and join us—it is very informal and very friendly! Just contact our office if you can help our FPTA this year. Thank you in advance!

Homework and reading

Can we please remind parents about the importance of homework and that this is a statutory requirement. Please see your child's teacher welcome letter for the days that homework is given and due in. All children are expected to complete their homework at home. We appreciate that children will forget from time to time but if children consistently do not do their homework, they will need to do it at break time on Friday. We really appreciate your support here. Children in Years 3-6 should now have had a letter about our new home reading system, Accelerated Reader/MyOn.



13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

DIARY DATES

Afterschool Clubs - Information of our afterschool clubs have been emailed out and are available to pay for on schoolcomms

Macmillan Coffee Morning - 27th September from 8:30am in the school hall

AWARDS

Headteacher Awards

Nursery - Scarlett
Reception - Aleksander
Year 1 - River - May
Year 2 - Oscar
Year 3 - Rory
Year 4 - Elliot
Year 5 - Maison
Year 6 - Daniel

Winning House this week:

St. Andrew's house
Class of the week:
Reception