

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear families,

We have been back to school now for five weeks and the children and staff are working incredibly hard to move the learning on. We have had some cases of COVID in school and we will keep you informed with this. The updated Risk Assessment is on the school website.

## School site

We are constantly striving to improve our site and Mr Slack, works hard to keep it safe. We have previously identified some equipment to be repaired. If an area is taped off then the children cannot use it- please support us and keep your children off the equipment before and after school.

## Curriculum enrichment offer 2021-2022

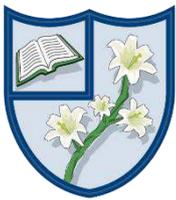
To enhance the school curriculum and enrich the children's learning experiences at St. Mary's, we arrange trips to places of interest during each school term. All trips are organised to link with the subjects studied by the children that term. Typical examples of school trips are: visits to museums and art galleries; visits to a variety of places of worship, visits to the seaside or zoo. Other trips may be arranged to develop a particular skill, for example visits to our secondary feeder schools.

The safety of pupils on school trips is, of course, paramount. The school has a comprehensive Educational Visits Policy and a full risk assessment is carried out prior to any trip. As part of the risk assessment, teachers are expected to visit the location before the visit takes place. If any aspect of the trip presents an unacceptable risk then it will not go ahead. All risk assessments are approved by the leadership team. Qualified first-aid trained staff accompany pupils on school trips.

We rely on voluntary contributions from parents to enable these trips to take place. We do try to keep the cost of trips down and always consider value for money when selecting places of interest/learning to visit. The payments from our after school clubs help to provide enrichment activities, this term we are purchasing annual passes for the Metro and National Trust. The use of our school bus also reduces the costs. At St. Mary's, no child will ever miss out on an enrichment activity due to lack of funds.

Many of our trips are planned in well advance and additional information will be sent out to individual classes.





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## Family learning

Mrs. Walker has arranged family learning sessions for reception parents and KS2 classes. Individual letters have been sent out to individual classes. Family Learning aims to raise the confidence of adult family members, by equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to become more involved in their children's learning and social development.



## Coffee mornings

This week, we started the coffee mornings for families of those identified as a special education need/disability or those who receive additional support. A reminder that they run on the first Thursday of each month. The coffee morning will give you the opportunity to talk to other parents who are in a similar situation to yourself. The sessions are very informal.

The sessions will take place in the school building at 9-10am on the following dates this term are-  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

## School dinners

The school menu has been revamped to suit the needs of the children, however all of the schools in Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust are going to be delivering a new menu in the coming months. We will share that when possible. The kitchen staff work closely with the dinner supervisory staff and classroom staff to make sure that the children do have food that they enjoy.

Week 2 starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

### WEEK 1

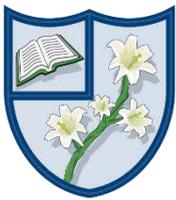
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TOAD IN THE HOLE MASHED POTATO	CHICKEN CURRY AND RICE	ROAST TURKEY, ROAST POTATOES	MINCED BEEF AND DUMPLINGS BOILED POTATOES	FISH AND CHIPS
QUORN SAVOURY MINCE COTTAGE PIE	CHEESE PININI	QUORN SAUSAGE HOTDOG IN A FINGER BUN.	MACARONI CHEESE	PIZZA
FRUIT YOGHURT	JELLY AND FRUIT	ANGEL DELIGHT	SHORTBREAD BISCUITS	ICE CREAM TUB
FLAPIACK	JAM SPONGE	CRISPY CAKE	CHOCOLATE AND ORANGE CAKE	FRESH FRUIT

### WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PASTA BOLOGNAISE	CHICKEN AND FRIED RICE	ROASTED CHICKEN	CHICKEN CURRY & RICE	FISH FINGERS AND CHIPS
CHEESE AND TOMATO QUESADILLA	QUORN AND VEGETABLE CANNELLONI	VEGETABLE STEW AND DUMPLING.	QUORN & VEG CHILLI	QUORN BURGER IN A BUN.
FRUIT YOGHURT	ICE CREAM SPONGE ROLL	CORNFLAKE BISCUIT	JELLY AND FRUIT	PANCAKES
MARBLE SPONGE	APPLE CRUMBLE	HOT CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE, WITH CREAMY CUSTARD.	CORNFLAKE TART	RICE PUDDING AND JAM

All pupils should be offered a cooked lunch, KS2 - sandwiches are a last option which are orange bands and can only be chosen when the pupil comes down to the kitchen.





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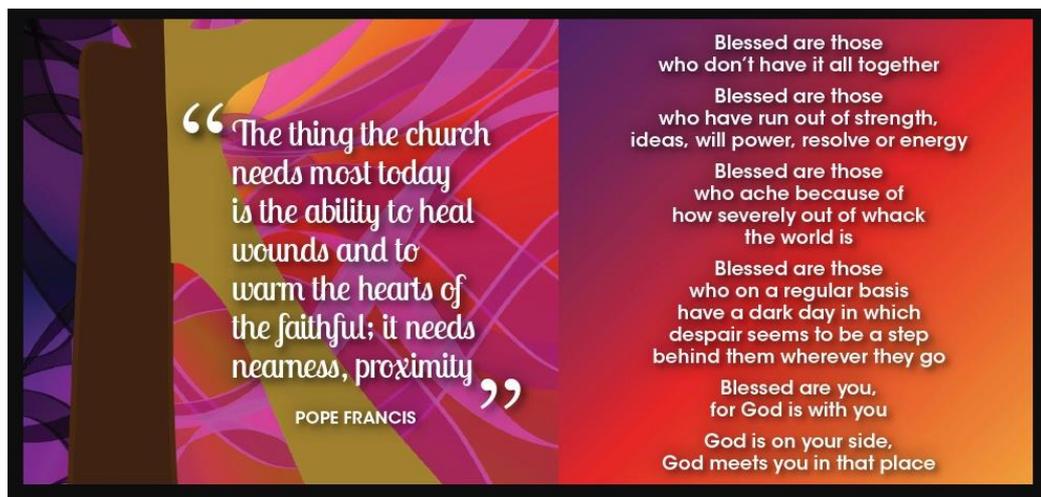
## World Mental Health Day

It has been lovely today to see so many children wearing a yellow item of clothing, hair bobble or badge in school. The children have completed activities in class and phase one discussed it in celebration assembly this morning.



### Upcoming dates 2021

- 11<sup>th</sup> October onwards- Harvest Festival food to be donated.
- 21<sup>st</sup> October- Harvest Festival (school pupils only).
- 21<sup>st</sup> October- Design and Technology Structure Day in school.
- 1<sup>st</sup> November- Spooky writing day- children/staff wear Halloween clothes to school.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November- Whole school photograph Day.
- 4<sup>th</sup> November- Y5 trip to Jarrow Hall
- 11<sup>th</sup> November- Remembrance assemblies in class.
- 12<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need Day- children/staff wear colourful clothes.
- 17<sup>th</sup> November- Flu spray in school.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A Tumelty  
Acting Head of school.

