

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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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

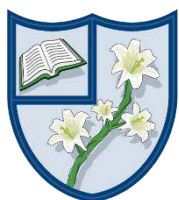
To enhance the school curriculum and enrich the children's learning experiences at St. Mary's, we arrange trips to places of interest during each school term. All trips are organised to link with the subjects studied by the children that term. Typical examples of school trips are: visits to museums and 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-
7th October 2021

4th November 2021

2nd 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 11th October 2021.

WEEK 1

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

WEEK 2

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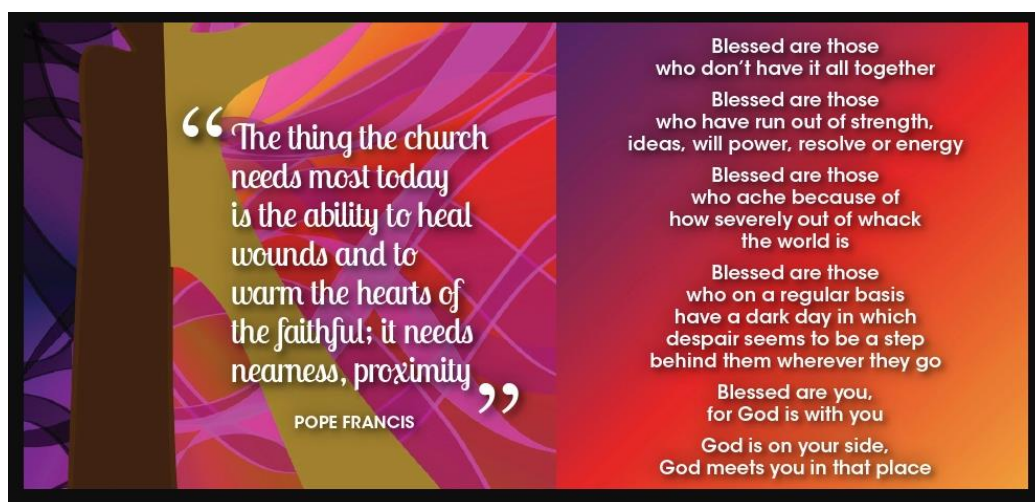
World Mental Health Day

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

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



Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A Tumelty
Acting Head of school.

