



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear families,

Welcome back everyone. The children have settled back well and have all enjoyed seeing their friends after the holiday and have settled back into the work. The attendance this week in school is 97.26%, which is wonderful - please continue to send your children into school so that they can benefit from the academic education that we offer and also the social element of school. We open school at 8:45am, so that your children can attend school on time.



School website

Please remember to look at the school website for important information. School staff send messages out on Class DoJo, but copies of all documents are also added to the website. www.stmarysjarrow.co.uk

Each class has a dedicated page and class newsletters and spellings are added on these pages.

<https://stmarysjarrow.co.uk/pupil-login/>

Full details of the curriculum are included on the webpage; please browse these pages and look at the images connected to each subject. <https://stmarysjarrow.co.uk/parents/curriculum/> Please spend the time reading the RSE curriculum document, so that you have a full understanding of what we are teaching in this area. We have previously shared these documents and held a meeting about the content.

https://stmarysjarrow.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/lttf_progressionofskills_wholeschool-1.pdf

A reminder that school term dates are on the website including our INSET days. The dates for next academic year are also on this page. <https://stmarysjarrow.co.uk/parents/term-dates>

Payments

Please remember to make payments for dinners, wraparound, school trips, nursery fees, after school clubs, etc. on ParentPay. The school office staff have to spend a lot of time chasing up arrears. Any payment arrears may affect your child attending a paid afterschool club. If you need any support in this area then please speak to Mrs. Smith.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk in school, you must sign up for it at www.coolmilk.com This takes one week to process.

Personal Development

During these sessions, we teach the children how to stay safe in many situations. Most recently this has been staying safe near frozen water. We often use resources from www.staywise.co.uk/public please visit the site to access videos, texts and other resources.

We are encouraging pupils to take responsibility for their hygiene, to support this, children in upper KS2 can bring a roll-on deodorant to school on their PE days.





School events

Reading and phonics sessions

We have had wonderful feedback from the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 phonics sessions. Reading sessions have been planned for Wednesday 18th January 2023 from 9-9:30am. It is wonderful having many of you in school joining in with the learning.



Pedestrian training

Year 3 have begun weekly pedestrian training this week and are developing skills on how to keep safe whilst near roads.

Additional Needs/ SEND Meetings

Thank you to all that replied to request a meeting to discuss your child's individual needs. Time slots have now been allocated.

Wellbeing Day

On Thursday 19th January 2023, we are hosting a wellbeing day for the children. Each class will take part in a Commando Joe's sessions and there will be happiness activities throughout the day including a music session taught by Miss Lydon, our music lead. The children can come to school dressed in clothes that make them happy, but the outfit must be school appropriate and suitable for physical activities. The kitchen will be offering a themed American style dinner and the children are very excited about this; we would like as many children as possible to have a hot meal on this day.



Benet Biscop Mass

Year 4 attended Mass yesterday at St. Paul's Church in Jarrow. Father Adrian spoke to children about the history of the church and the reason for attending Mass. At the end of Mass, the children had the opportunity to look at the original structure and stained-glass window which are approximately 1450 years old.



Family Learning

Staff from SAFC will be running Family numeracy sessions this term for parents of year 4 and 5 children. These sessions sound really exciting and will involve the children working out maths problems to solve a mystery. We will hold a short information session on Tuesday 17th January at 3:15pm so that you can come along, chat to staff from SAFC and find out more about how you can become involved.

Curriculum Assemblies/ Events

We will be inviting parents into school to attend our curriculum assemblies or events. The Dates will be sent out by the subject leads via Class DoJo.





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Afterschool clubs

This half term, we are offering a wide range of afterschool clubs including Homework club, Film club, Multisport, Colouring, Times Tables Rock Stars, Lego, Cookery, Commando Joe and Grassroots Sports. The club lists have closed for this half term, but keep an eye out for next half term. The children make suggestions of the clubs that we offer. It was wonderful that the parents and families of the children in the dance clubs were able to come and watch the dance before Christmas.

Liturgical Prayer

Each week in our liturgical prayer whole school gatherings, we read the Gospel and reflect on it. This week we linked Jesus' Baptism to the use of water across the world. The children were tasked with trying to reduce the use of unnecessary water at home and support the environment.



We regularly say the Hail Mary and Our Father prayers in school. Please encourage your child to practice these prayers so that they can confidently join in during this time.

Handwriting books

In the autumn term we sent home individual handwriting books and the teachers regularly send home sentences that can be copied in or the children could choose what goes in them. We would like the children to bring the books into school next Friday to show off their handwriting. We do not want the children to worry about the books as it was an optional extra; we have regular handwriting sessions in school where we teach and practise the skills.

Admissions - Reception place

A reminder that admission places for September's reception class closes on Monday 16th January at 4:30pm. If you or anyone you know has a child of this age then please remind them.

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/1494/Apply-for-a-primary-infant-or-junior-school-place>

After the closing date, we receive a list of applications and we will contact parents that have stated they have had their child baptized/ christened. If this is the case, then please start to look for the certificate. They can be sent via DoJo to me, dropped into the school office or emailed to the school account.

First Holy Communion

Mrs. Colley will contact the parents soon with more information about the children receiving this sacrament. We keep these children in our prayers.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Tumelty
Head of School

Mrs. Graham
Executive Head Teacher



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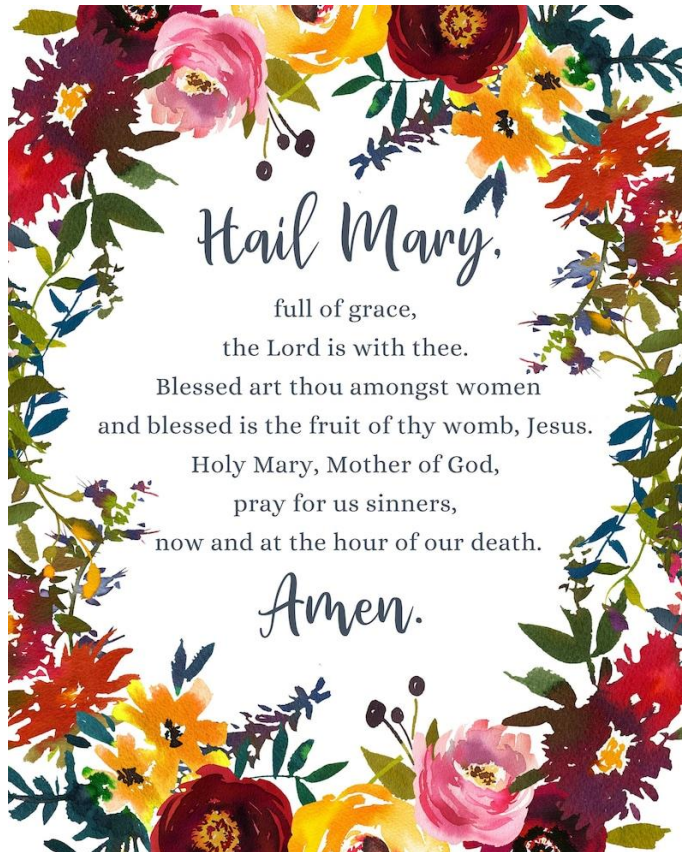
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