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Dear families,

Once again, thank you for your continued support this year. I hope you and your families have a wonderful Summer break. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the new school year on **Tuesday 5th September.**

### Year 6

Well done to all of the children in Year 6. They have been an amazing group of children and we will miss them all dearly. They were fantastic in their performance of Treasure Island and I am sure we have many super stars in the making.

We wish them every success in their new schools and I hope they all go on to achieve their dreams.

### Uniform

Uniform is a very important part of our school. It fosters a sense of identity and helps create and foster in every student a sense of personal pride and pride in the school. Uniform provides practical clothing for the very many different tasks to be done during a busy day. We want every single student to wear the correct uniform properly and to take pride in their appearance both inside and outside of school. All of this helps raise self-esteem and promotes high standards.

Our uniform requirements are very simple as items can easily be purchased at many shops. Please support us in ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform.

Our school uniform policy can be found on the school website. It consists of

- Black school shoes or all black trainers.
- Grey trousers / shorts/ skirt/ dress
- Light blue polo t-shirt
- Navy school jumper which is available from Emblematic and Initial Images.

We have made a change to our uniform policy and from September, we will allow all black trainers; however, the soles must also be black and no other colour should be on the shoe. Other trainers are not to be worn on days other than PE days. PE kits must be worn to school on PE days, but it must be the correct uniform, which is navy bottoms, a white t-shirt and a navy school jumper, PE hoody or plain hoody.

St Mary's examples of acceptable footwear for boys



St Mary's examples of acceptable footwear for girls





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### Personal items

Due to space in school, we have to restrict what is brought in.

#### Items allowed in school

- A small bag
- Daily water bottle with fresh water (all children are given a school water bottle on their return)
- Coat – even if the sun is shining.
- Y6 can bring their phones to school

#### Items not allowed in school

- Personal items
- Pencil cases
- Large bags

### PE

We will inform you of PE days on the return in September.

### After school clubs

We are re-starting a range of clubs the week after we return for years 1-6. Ms Smith will send out a letter when we return regarding this. We will give reception a chance to settle in before we introduce this to them.

### Class DoJo

All letters will continue to be sent out via ClassDojo. Please check that your APP is up to date and that the notifications are turned on. If you have any difficulties then please see a member of school staff and they should be able to help. If you are not signed up to ClassDojo, then please download the APP and the class teacher to give you access in September.

From tomorrow, all staff will remove Dojo from their phones, so they will not be able to access messages across the summer unless they log on to a computer. For safeguarding reasons, myself and Mrs Myhill will continue to access Class Dojo. The staff receive messages at various times across the day, sometimes the messages come through late at night and even though they have out of hours activity on, they have to deal with a lot of messages on a morning. They also receive messages throughout the day when they are teaching and they are unable to answer the messages during this time.

With this in mind, we are going to try and reduce the messages that are sent directly to teachers and staff. On a weekly basis, we will have some teachers present on a morning in the yard so you can speak directly to them. This will be rotated so at some point your child's teacher will be out.

On a morning, all staff outside carry a notebook with them and they will take messages to pass directly to the teachers. Please use this rather than Dojo as you can then guarantee that the message will be passed on rather than sitting in the inbox on Dojo.



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### Conduct

May I please remind you that any communication with school staff should be conducted in a respectful and calm manner. There is no place for aggression or the use of offensive language during such communications. Please note that staff have been instructed to politely terminate any communications which do not meet these basic standards.

### Shaun the Sheep Art Trail

We are pleased to announce that our Green Ewe- Gene is off on his route and he is spending the summer at The Great North Museum known as the Hancock Museum. We would love it if you could go and visit him over the holidays. The easiest way is to travel by Metro and get off at the Haymarket in Newcastle.

I will attach the trail map on Class Dojo or you can download the App and tick off as you visit the sheep; please note that the APP is £1.99.

If you do go and visit Green Ewe- Gene then please take a photo and send it to me via Class Dojo; we will use the photos on our website and to show the children when we return in September.



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Green Ewe-gene and the  
St Mary's Team  
Great North Museum: Hancock

### Trips

We have secured a 2-night residential stay for year 5 and Year 4 pupils to visit the Youth Village. A 3-night trip to Thurston in the Lake District has been booked for the year 6 pupils.

### Thank you

The children and staff have all worked incredibly hard this last year. As always, the staff did not expect any gifts at the end of the year. It is a tradition that has been happening for a long time and we know that the children like to say thank you. The staff are very grateful for gifts that they received, but remember a smile is enough to make them happy.

We would also like to thank companies that have supported us this year. PJ Bounce were helpful in donating the equipment for a charity event, and Hebburn Football Club donated drinks and snacks for MaryFest. If you know of any companies that would like to help us in sponsorship, raffles etc then please let us know.

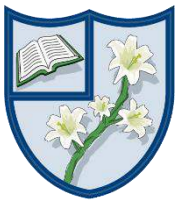
**We hope that you have a lovely summer.**

Yours sincerely,

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Head of school

Mrs. M Graham  
Executive Head Teacher





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### Year 6 leaver's prayer

Dear Lord

We thank you for all the great things  
we have done at this school.

We have learnt so much;  
we have had fun;  
we have grown up.

Look after us as we prepare  
for a future in a new school.

Help us stay true to the faith and values  
that have been so important in this school.

Help us aspire to *be* more.

Amen



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