

St Mary's News 2021 July Issue 2

Dear Parents,

Please find below a summary of events and details, as we move towards the end of the school year.

- Welcome back to our Nursery children it is a real treat to us all to see those smiles back and those happy voices. I am sure you are delighted that they are back too, parents!
- Nursery closure on Tuesday 13th July- Please add this closure to your diary.
- End of term Mass and Assembly- This is scheduled for Tuesday 20th July at 9.15am for Y6 children and their parent(s) - up to 2 people per child, maximum. Parents will have received a letter and we are hoping for good weather to facilitate a lovely outdoor mass and memories, as well as some Goodbyes and Thank yous - fingers crossed for good weather. Our thanks, as always, to Fr Craig for accommodating us as well as a busy Parish schedule.
- Inset days- School will be closed to all pupils on: Thursday 2/9/21; Friday 26/11/21; Tuesday 4/1/22 & Monday
- Y3 Willy Wonka Day- tomorrow promises to be great fun: designing, tasting, preparing and indulging! Wow!
- Showcase afternoons and Sports Day events- I have seen some lovely work in Y3, 4 and 5 with children really trying hard to rekindle some of those performance skills which have been out of action, since Lockdown. Whilst we are still limited across bubbles, currently, it was lovely to witness proud children and some proud staff, too. Sports Days are really well practised; we are just waiting for the opportunity to complete them all, in terms of very reduced staffing and very heavy frequent downpours, which render the field completely out of action for running etc, due to Health and Safety guidelines.
- Communication- There is much going on at the moment, and unfortunately with staff shortages in place, there sometimes needs to be a change of plan. We are really resilient as a community to changes in plans, now Lockdown has taught us all to prioritise. So my thanks to the Nursery parents who have received a couple of contradictory messages, with regard to Nursery Sports afternoon - it is next Thursday, weather permitting. As always, keep a close eye on the class pages, the newsletters and the website, where there is always the most up to date information available to you all.
- Reports and Consultations- Parents, you will receive the children's final reports on Thursday 15th July. There will be an opportunity for you to speak with teachers, if you have concerns as a result of the comments on the report. We anticipate that, as a result of great communication between parents and staff since our return on March 8th via emails and phone calls, there will be nothing on the report that has not already been broached with you, however there is an opportunity to speak, if needed, via appointment through the school office.

July updates, changes and reminders -

Staffing details for next year's classes - My apologies to our very able and adaptable Mrs Williams, for leaving her off the staff details for 2021/22, last week. We are delighted that Mrs Williams will be using her specialisms to really drive necessary interventions across the Lower Key Stage 2 classes (Y3/4). Her success rate is always impressive. (She says I am forgiven... this time! ◎)

The PTA KRISPY KREME DONUT SALE is on Friday 16/7/21 for every child at £1.

Next week is Pyjama Day for YR and Y5 on MONDAY; for Y4 and Y1 on TUESDAY; for Y3 and Y2 on WEDNESDAY and for Nursery and Y6 on THURSDAY. Parents, please watch the weather and send coats as needed as children will be outside as much as possible.



Good luck to our England Lads! And In bocca al lupo to our Italian families, also. Positivity was high today.