



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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As we inch further towards the end of the academic year, I once again thank you for your continuing messages of support which sustain us at this time. We are pleased to be working with you in partnership, as ever, to ensure that we make the best plans we can for your children and our school community.

We have marked time in September to look at revising of our Kids Club plans: in the meantime, Mrs Major has been in touch with families who use the club to touch base.

We intend to have a staggered approach to the start/end of the school day – nothing too far from the standard school day timings, though. We will share this with you next week.

I thought it might be helpful to share some of our plans for the new school year – effectively, this is phase 4! All arrangements are under frequent review.

Year	Teacher/s	information
Nursery	Mrs Finney	EYFS Team: Mrs Finney & Mrs Bradbury
Reception	Mrs Bradbury	
Y1	Mrs Bramhall & Mrs Rourke	KS1 Team: Miss Poole, Mrs Bramhall & Mrs Rourke
Y2	Miss Poole & Mrs Rourke	
Y3	Miss Davies & Mrs Britton	Lower KS2 Team: Mrs Britton, Mrs Frost & Miss Davies
Y4	Mrs Frost & Mrs Britton	
Y5	Mrs Wilde and Mrs Emery	Upper KS2 Team: Mrs Wilde, Mrs Thompson & Mrs Emery
Y6	Mrs Thompson and Mrs Emery	
Inclusion	Mrs Britton	SEND & Inclusion
SEND	Mrs Norburn	Half a day support
Music	Mrs Tennant	One day per week

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We can pray the prayer Mrs Finney found for me this week, which is taken from *A Small Cup of Light* and is a Breton Fisherman's prayer. It will resonate with many, I am sure: Dear God, be good to me: thy sea is so wide and my boat is so small. Amen'

We are thankful for our school community and each other. As we approach the end of term, let us not forget those who have accompanied us through the school year, giving and receiving support, being there for us at different times in different ways.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports are due with parents imminently. Please read the information in the letter attached; you will need this information to hand when your child/ren's report arrives, as it will come directly from the class teacher.



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ST MARY'S LOCKDOWN MARATHON RELAY

The PTA once more surpassed themselves with the slick organisation of Sunday's Lockdown Marathon Relay. This was such a well-supported, feel-good, community event! Huge thanks to all involved – whether an organiser, support vehicle person, runner, cheerer, window decorator, sponsor... all contributors helped to make this a day to enjoy and remember. Medal winners – congratulations! Mrs Ashton stole the show, running all 26.2 miles with a smile, encouraging the children and adults to keep fit and enjoy each other's company. There has already been a rally cry for a St Mary's Marathon relay in 2021! Funds raised currently stand at a staggering £2,815 so far, excluding gift aid! THANK YOU. The video can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/pSsoUglnf7Y> We would like to put this onto our school website, so please let us know ASAP if this would be a problem for anyone.

OUR WEEK IN BUBBLES – and beyond

Following Governmental advice, all children are expected to be in school from September. Bubbles, which have worked well throughout the Covid period, will be expanded so that each class becomes a bubble of its own. Classes will not mix widely: on occasion, year groups may play alongside a neighbouring year group – e.g. Y1 with Y2, Y5 with Y6 etc. Staff will be able to move between bubbles, but we will minimise this as much as possible. In the meantime, we will round off the year in the best way we can.

- Our Y3/4 bubble with Mrs Thompson finished today, Friday 17 July: well done to this successful group who delighted Mrs Thompson with their good humour and hard work.
- Our EYFS, Y1, Y6 and other Key Worker bubbles will FINISH on Thursday 23 July: thank you to the children and staff who have had worked so hard and gelled together so very well, across friendship and year groups.
- Our visits for Y2 and Y3 took place this week, when Miss Poole and Miss Davies were delighted to touch base with their pupils. Smiles all round...
- Y6 will be in school on Monday and Tuesday next week, where we will celebrate their achievements for however long they have been part of the St Mary's family! An era is drawing to a close: there is a lot for which to be grateful and we will explore this together next week.
- Y5 will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday next week: we will take time to reflect back on life in Y5 – and begin to think about what being in Y6 might mean! Exciting times ahead...
- Nursery and reception children have a 1-day class reunion on the first day of term to look forward to – before they transition up into their next year group
- DON'T FORGET that the school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 24 July, as staff will be in school for planning and preparation in readiness for September

SUMMER BREAK ACTIVITIES

We know that the summer break will not feel like the usual holiday period and appreciate that many of us will remain at home throughout this time. We have prepared some optional activities for you: for those who want to continue with some school structure OR for those who wish to have a choice of ideas from which to select, we will upload some activity grids in the home learning section of the website. We will also save for you a 'self-care pack for primary children' resource, which looks really interesting and could be completed by children over a number of sessions. There is also the possibility that we will have access over the summer to a new learning platform for all our KS2 children, so watch this space for more information.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION (RSE)

Please find attached a useful leaflet for parents provided by the Diocese of Nottingham outlining the principles around our RSE curriculum. We look forward to sharing more information with families in the new school year.

Wishing all our children and their families a good weekend break; stay safe! Fionuala Boucher