



ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. What a fantastic first half to the Autumn term we have had at St Mary's! The children and staff have worked extremely hard and your children have made some fantastic progress in their reading, writing and maths.

As always, our school social media streams have been filled with wonderful things, showcasing many of the fantastic learning opportunities in each class; trips and visits linked to our Learning Projects; our Stars of the Week; Attendance Champions and the many other achievements of the wonderful children of St Mary's. I would encourage everyone to have a look at our Facebook page – it is a great source of information and allows us to strengthen the bond between home and school.

The children return to school on Monday 31st October, which is Halloween. To celebrate, we will be hosting a Pumpkin Challenge and the children are invited to come into school wearing an Autumn outfit.

Have a relaxing half term holiday.

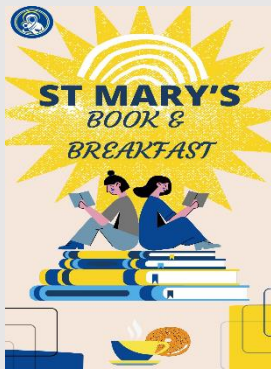
Mrs McClurey

A. McClurey

Reading at St Mary's!

Reading continues to have the highest priority at St Mary's. This term we have hosted book and breakfast sessions for our parents/guardians to enjoy a bagel whilst reading with their child.

We have also held a Phonics information event for the parents of our Reception, year 1 and year 2 children, both events were well attended and we thank you for your support.



School Attendance Matters at St Mary's!

Mrs Jones and Miss Duffy are working hard to improve our attendance across the whole school and make sure that we achieve our Target of 97% this year.



Please see below for class totals:



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| Reception | 95.79% |
| Year 1 | 97.26% |
| Year 2 | 96.99% |
| Year 3 | 96.36% |
| Year 4 | 93.97% |
| Year 5 | 95.97% |
| Year 6 | 95.45% |

As a school we continue to develop our curriculum to make sure your children learn more and remember more. Our curriculum is fully sequenced and interconnected: beginning in Nursery and developing across the school. The curriculum is ambitious in content, designed to help children build and sequence knowledge, without cognitive overload as well as addressing any gaps in their knowledge.



Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, and life to everything... Without music, life would be an error. - Plato

This half term our pupils have had the opportunity to make music with Mrs Bancroft. Music has helped to bind your children into the wider life of the school and we are all proud of their musical achievements so far.



LES FRANCAIS MAGNIFIQUE!

This term Mrs Bowie has led the whole of Key Stage 2 French sessions. The children have been learning lots of new French words and songs.



Thanks to your amazing support and generosity we have been able to do some incredibly fun things this half term in school - from Macmillan to Harvest Festival and everything in between.

Thank you!



"Sport has the power to change the world."

Nelson Mandela



Mr Burke is incredibly proud of your children's sporting achievements this half term. A number of different children have represented our school in various sporting events and tournaments from Football to Hockey. Your school family is proud of each and every one of you! Go team St Mary's!

"Kids deserve the right to think that they can change the world." ~ Lois Lowry

Safeguarding is our absolute priority.

At St Mary's, Miss Phelps is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs McClurey, Mrs Ricceri-O'Neill and Mrs Jones are the Deputy DSLs. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Middlesbrough MACH on 01642 726004. Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern!



Uniform

We expect the children to be looking super smart in their school uniform and wearing black shoes. Please see our website for detailed school uniform information: <https://stmarys.npcat.org.uk/>

Similar to school uniform, it is the expectation that children come into school wearing their PE uniform on the days when they have PE lessons. As the weather becomes more changeable we are allowing the children to wear black joggers/leggings and a plain blue hoodie or sweatshirt.

Staff will contact home should children not be in correct uniform or PE kit. We are very proud of the children at St Mary's and believe that their overall appearance should reflect our high standards of behaviour and conduct.

Thank you for your support with this.





Brilliant Behaviour!



Our positive, consistent approach to behaviour management means that all of the children are clear about the rules and their role to play so that they are rewarded for their efforts in school.



During the month of October, we have dedicated our prayers to the Most Holy Rosary and it was lovely for the children to have the opportunity to say the Rosary with Mrs Millington.

