



Newsletter # 1 - Summer Term

Dear Parents,

This week we have taken time to reflect on the death of Prince Philip and celebrate the positive impact he has had on our nation and the commonwealth. We have continued to pray for the royal family and in particular the Queen, who continues to be in our thoughts.

As we move to next week, we will be celebrating National Gardening Week. We have certainly had some good weather this week and we hope this will continue into next week. Gardening Week has been an annual feature of our school calendar with the children and school family coming together to improve the grounds in school. Sadly, we cannot have the visitors in school as we would like. However, we are going to spend time in the garden next week. Children will be able to look at the garden space outside their classroom and the wider school grounds. Plants, cuttings from the garden or new plants would be welcome. We plan to plant out various plants during the week but additional plants sent into school would be gratefully received.

It has been wonderful to be able to take class photographs again. These photos provide the children with a great sense of their education, friends. I am sure as adults, they will look back with fondness at their time at St Mary's with their friends.

Following the Easter break, I would like to welcome our new children who have joined us both in nursery and throughout the school. I hope all of our families feel connected and supported despite the restrictions we all face.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you to parents and the children who have come back so positively. It has been lovely to see the children getting back to a certain level of normality enabling them to play and learn together.

We hope that the Government's road map for coming out of lockdown will continue as planned to enable us to be able to accomplish the plans we have for the summer term.

Have a lovely week.

Mr Jones



Long Hair in School

Many of our children have beautiful, long hair. Typically, we ask that children with long hair tie this up. Over time this has not happened. We have agreed to now insist that this be the case. Over the past week a few girls have walked into doors or tripped up because they couldn't see properly. It has also been a significant problem in PE. Please can you ensure from today that children have their hair tied up when in school.

Gardening Week

Please feel free to donate plants next week for our garden week. We will be purchasing some plants but all plants, split from the garden etc. are gratefully received any day next week.

Request for help

After school and Breakfast club would love the following items if you have them:

- old/used rollers and paintbrushes
- cars, trucks, tractors for the sand pit
- complete jigsaws or board games
- playmobile, lego etc..

We would really appreciate your support – thank you

Toy found on the school drive



This toy was found on Thursday – if you would like to claim this – please contact the school office.

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Residential Visits

If your child has just started at St Mary's, we have arranged for our children to go on a residential visit in July. Our children have missed so many residential and day visits this year and we feel this will be a memorable and essential time to be together. (Please see the additional letter about Rydal Hall explaining the visit).

Y6 Hawse End



Thank you to everyone who has paid their deposit for Hawse End taking place in July. If you haven't already paid your deposit and still wish your child to attend the trip, please make sure the deposit is paid no later than 30th April. Following this, you can pay in further instalments with the full payment needing to be received by the 25th June.

Please note – could you please return the consent form for the trip so that we can pass this on to the hosts at Hawse End informing them of details and dietary requirements in advance.

Y3-6 Rydal Hall



Please could parents complete the Google Form link below to confirm participation in the residential visit for Year 3-6 children.

Many families have already begun to make whole or part payments for the visit. Please could you begin to make payments for this visit.

Please can you confirm consent as soon as possible – by the end of April.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoNmDcGDLsHJ2gT05SRnZ0Gwxct9wY-QGXRAOUQxk65_B-Qw/viewform?usp=sf_link

On May 10th after school, we will be hosting a live streamed, online meeting for all parents and children. During the meeting will confirm arrangements, the programme of events and discuss the purpose of the visit. We will send a *google meet link* for parents prior to the event. We will also be providing a kit list and additional details so that the children can begin to collate the things they will need.

All payments need to be made online at present as we are unable to handle cheques or cash at the moment. We will make full refunds if the event is cancelled.

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Y1-2 Borwick Hall

The consent forms will be being distributed very soon to enable us to send these to Borwick Hall in advance of the visits taking place. The deadline for payments for this visit is 14th May.

Dates

Dates for your Diary:

- KS2 Parents meeting online - 10th May
- Borwick Hall – 18th/19th May
- Greek Day (Y4) May 21st
- Home Learning Day for KS2 May 21st (details coming soon)
- Reception and Nursery Welcome evening – June 22nd
- Sports Day - June 23rd
- Hawse End - June 30th
- KS1 Play 5th/6th July
- KS2 residential beginning 5th May



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