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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Welcome back to our academic year 22-23 and if you are new to the school, welcome to 22-23!

It is really lovely to see the children back at school, they all look so well and have fantastic smiles.

We have been busy over the summer; our old IT room has now become another breakout wellbeing room and is a great place to have a cut away teaching group. Carpets have been replaced on the stairs, year 4 and in the IT room. We have also given our school office a makeover, lucky Mrs Andrews and Mrs Scott.

It is full steam ahead and we are very focused on closing gaps left from Covid over the last three years. Our main areas for school improvement this year include Mathematics, with the onset of using Power Maths as our core curriculum; Writing and the use of Talk for Writing to support pupils' generation of storytelling and creative writing techniques; and Reading, a key skill for all children. If you can offer your time to hear readers in the school, please do let us know, we would really like to raise the profile of reading for enjoyment so any support with this would be so gratefully received. We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

We have an amazing start to the new academic year and the children and staff have been working so hard. The classrooms look great and there is a positive learning buzz around the school.

Thank you for your continued support as always.



As part of our curriculum enrichment, Year 3 visited the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro to find out about how our ancestors lived in the Stone Age. They were able to handle artefacts and create their own finger and coil pots from clay - bringing history to life!



Well done Leo!

Leo from Yr4 was selected with his team to compete in the NoRa 2022 Motocross Championships. He competed in five races with his team mates and scored points in all races. His team won the overall event.

What an achievement, well done from all at St Marys!



Year Four developing their reading skills by reading in adventurous places!



Headteachers special mention to: All our new pupils who have settled in so well

Parent Support Advisor Update!



It has been so lovely to see all the children and their families after the summer holidays! St Marys' Catholic Primary School is passionate about ensuring our pupils achieve the best possible outcomes and good attendance is key to this. Establishing good attendance patterns from an early age can help children later on in life. Evidence shows that pupils who attend school more regularly achieve better outcomes in their GCSEs than those with poor attendance. In addition to missing academic work, children will also miss out on the social side of school life. This, especially in the first few years of education, can affect children's ability to make and maintain friendships.

As well as good attendance, arriving at school on time is vital. Arriving late at school can be disruptive for your child, the teacher and other children in the class. Arriving after the register closes results in an unauthorised absence being recorded for that session.

If your child is finding it tricky to come to school then please do get in contact with me so that we can support and help. I am on the gates morning and afternoon to speak to, you can send me a message on Dojo or give me a call at school.

Anna Cox
Parent Support Advisor



Autumn Half Term	24 – 28 October 2022
Inset Day	31 October 2022
End of Term	16 December 2022
Start of Spring Term	3 January 2023
Spring Half Term	13-17 February 2023
Inset Day	20 February 2023
End of Term	31 March 2023
Start of Summer Term	17 April 2023
Bank Holiday	1 May 2023
Summer Half Term	29 May – 2 June 2023
Inset Day	5 June 2023
Inset Day	24 July 2023
Inset Day/End of Term	25 July 2023



SEND Updates and Information

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a great start to the year. For those who are new to the school, my name is Mrs Langton and I am the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-Ordinator (SENDCO) at St Mary's.

We have updated some documents on the SEND section of our school website. The 'School Offer for SEND 2022' sets out what SEND provision we have on offer in school. The 'SEN Information Report 2022' shows information for the past school year.

<https://www.st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk/web/send/65126>

As always, if you have any questions about SEND, please contact me through Class Dojo or via the school office and I will get back to you when I am in school on Thursdays and Fridays.



Reminder clubs commence on Monday 26 September. Please ensure you have booked a space through Parentpay. The last week of clubs will be week commencing Monday 28 November



Please do not use North Cornwall Academy's car park when dropping off/collecting pupils this is private property and they require access at all times. Registrations numbers are being logged, thank you for your co-operation