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# Headteacher's News

**Wow - an amazing year! Where did that go so quickly?**

Another year has passed for St Mary's and many changes have occurred including my appointment as the substantive head teacher of such an amazing school! We have had a great deal of highs this year, our latest one is our fantastic Year 6 SAT results. This indicates the superb teaching and learning that has taken place this year; the positive learning attitudes of our wonderful children and of course the support that you, as parents, have given the teachers at every opportunity.

So we look to next year: we will continue on our path to greatness! Forest School will be in place for all children from nursery up to year 6. This kicks off with our new year 3 class in September; letters will be sent out in the first week. We also continue to provide outstanding sport provision through Go Active including our after school clubs. We will continue our work with the '**St Mary's challenge**' ensuring our attendance is at least in line with national expectations of 97%. We also remain focused on the key skills children need to enjoy success; reading, writing and mathematics. But first, before the next stage in our journey, we say a fond farewell to our gorgeous year 6's and their lovely teacher Miss Kite and also Mr Palmer from Year 4. We will miss you all and God bless.

*You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so...get on your way!*

*To you all, have a wonderful summer, keep well and safe and we will see you all in September; from Mrs McDonald and the St Mary's team.*

## School Uniform

**Next year we are tightening up on uniform and our pupils' overall presentation - your help with this would be much appreciated. Here's a few things to be aware of:**

- Only small stud earrings, no other jewellery.
- No coloured hair or cut in patterns to style.
- Long hair to be tied back during school.
- No coloured nail varnish, fake tatoos/transfers
- Correct school uniform with black shoes (no coloured or white bits). Legging are *not* to be worn, girls must either wear skirts or trousers.

## **School Opening & Breakfast Club**

Please can we remind parents that school doesn't open until 8.45am—if you arrive earlier than that please do not leave your children unattended. Please keep your children off the gardens as bark chippings and stones are being kicked onto the path causing a mess potential H & S issue.

Breakfast Club is open from 8am (not before!) It is a free service but please send money for your child to purchase something from the menu. Thank you

## Attendance Update

Whole School from Sept 17 to date: **94.8%**

Class with highest attendance so far in the Summer Term: **Year 3 = 97.9% - well done!**

**Next year we will be having a real drive on attendance—we must raise our school's attendance to at least the national average to move our school from 'Requires Improvement' status with Ofsted. If your child's attendance drops below 95% expect phone calls/letters and possible referral to our EWO. Term time holidays will not be authorised and may incur fines next year.**

## **St Mary's Challenge!**

Extra Golden Time went to:

**Year 4** on Fri 6th July with **97.9%**

**Year 6** on Fri 13th July also **98%**

Well done Years 3 and 4. Keep up the high attendance—it's making a positive difference, we will continue the Challenge next year.



# Year 6 Leavers



The Mexican Fiesta for Year 6 parents was a huge success; well done to pupils for all their planning, cooking and preparation for the evening, it was a great success!

Year 6 children celebrated their achievements at St Mary's with their end of school Graduation.

## Medicine

We can now administer Calpol and other painkillers in school (lunch time only). If your child needs pain relief during the day, please bring your medicine to the office and sign a consent form. Please note: We hold a small amount of Calpol in school which is for emergency purposes only.



Year 4 pupils painting crosses on stones on their retreat day at the Parish Centre last week.



## The Food Heaven

Please see the separate letter outlining a few changes to meals and payments next year. The sandwich option has been removed from the menu in September and will return again next summer term.



Year 3 visited the Tate Gallery St Ives and the Barbara Hepworth museum to finish their topic of



Urban Pioneers. Pupils have created canvas paintings in school inspired by the work they saw by Patrick Heron.

## Headteacher's special mention to:

All our amazing pupils for working so hard and trying their best, to our wonderful staff for all their hard work and to all our parents for supporting us to help achieve the best for your children.