# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter - April 2023



## The Crowning of Mary

May the Virgin Mary, crowned Queen, intercede for us... that we [may] imitate her in faithfully fulfilling God's will on earth, to join her one day in the heavenly Jerusalem. In every situation of our life, let us invoke her with trust: "Queen of all saints, pray for us!"

- Pope John Paul II



#### Why a Crowning?

The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ. It is a Catholic tradition to honour Mary, our Heavenly Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers to signify her honour as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

#### Virtues -

Acknowledge Mary's pre-eminence in virtue, to seek her motherly strength and protection, and to ask for the grace to imitate her love and her desire for peace and harmony on earth.

#### Holy Week -

The Crowning of Mary will be held on Tuesday 16th May. The school will begin at 11 in the hall; the Chaplaincy team will welcome us and we will sing 'Mary Our Mother.'



Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May

Year 6 SATS week.

All children must be in school every day this week.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

The Crowning of Mary.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5 Trip to Gander Farm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Scholastic Book Fair in school

Thursday 18th May

Ascension of the Lord Mass at Corpus Christi Church (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 Briars Trip

Friday 26th May

School closes for half-term break.

Monday 5th June

Back to school.

Thursday 20th July

Last day of term.

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#### Year 6 SATS

A reminder that Year 6 SATS take place on 9th, 10th, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12th May 2023. All year 6 children MUST be in school every day this week. Thank you to all our parents for your support to your child at this time.



If your child isn't going to be in school, it is your responsibility to inform school on each day of absence.

Please do this by calling the school office on 01472 357982 before 9am. You can also email the school office at <a href="mailto:office@smp.nelcmail.co.uk">office@smp.nelcmail.co.uk</a> or send a message on the Scholarpack app. (If you do not have the app and would like details on how to get it then please let the office know).

### Please do not message on dojo.

If you do not inform school, you may receive a visit from The Education Welfare Officer.



Admissions to Reception: All offers have been made to our new reception class for September 2023. We look forward to all pupils accepting their places and welcome any new families who will be joining our wonderful school community. A date will be scheduled for a Reception Parents Information Meeting. A letter will be sent separately with further details about this event.

Our safeguarding team comprises of Mr O'Connor, Ms Queen and Mrs Steeper. We are here to support, if you have any safeguarding concerns.



### **Breakfast Club**

We are delighted to inform you that we have a new provider for our Breakfast Club. This will run from 7:45am until 8:40am still costing £1 per session. Please follow the link to see *begreatfitness* website who will be providing a range of different physical activities each morning, and to learn about this fantastic local company. You still book via *ParentPay* and for now there are places of 20.

https://www.begreatfitness.org/



LUNCH PRE-ORDER

Reminder to all parents/carers to please pre-order lunches by the 21<sup>st</sup> May for children returning to school Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Please follow link - https://nel.mealselector.co.uk/