



Dear Parents/ Carers

It seems no time at all since I wrote my first welcome in the September newsletter and now we are at the end of the academic year 22-23. This has been a wonderful year and one filled with exciting changes. We have implemented a new curriculum, benefitted so much from the support of Our Lady of Lourdes Multi Academy Trust and continued to develop a teaching staff for the children in our care which is second to none. We have gone through one HMI Inspection and look forward to our second one next year as well as our Section 48 Inspection in Religious Education and Catholic Life. What has always remained constant is the focus of everything we do, and that is the children, whom you place so lovingly into our care. As a team, we will never relent from giving them the best educational experiences of their lives and above all, ensure that all our children are happy and safe. From September, I am inviting all parents/carers to the Friday Assembly every fortnight, commencing September 22. I am also inviting parents/carers to read with their child every morning from 8:45-9. We will start this Monday September 18th and more details will go out at the start of The academic year. The school Facebook page will also recommence from September. I hope you all have a safe and well-earned rest. To everyone in the school community, I would like to say thanks you.

Every Good wish, Joseph O'Connor

Catholic Life

First Holy Communion:

*Application forms for First Holy Communion in June 2024 are available from the porch of each of our churches; parents of children who will be in Key Stage 2 or above in school year 2023-2024 who would like their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Blessed Eucharist next year should complete an application form and hand it directly to me personally at the end of Sunday Mass as soon as possible and no later than **Sunday 10th***

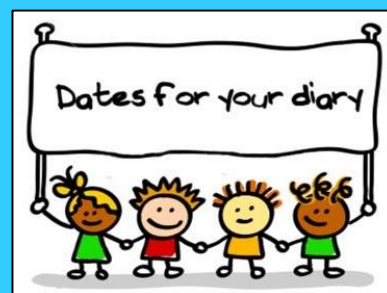
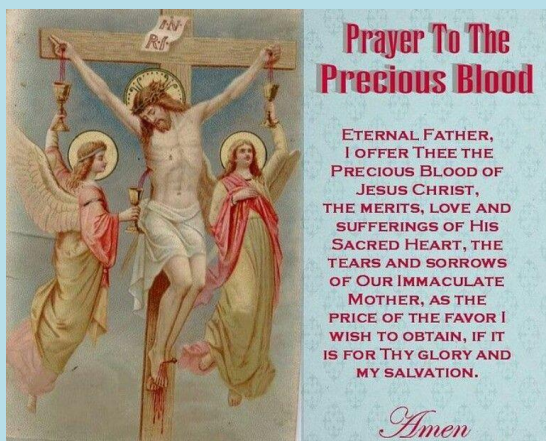
September. Fr Andrew

Key points:

The forms can only be collected from the churches and are not made available through the schools.

The forms must be given to Fr Andrew in person after Sunday Mass.

Finally, the deadline is the deadline; only very extreme extenuating circumstances are taken into account if the form comes in late and being away for the summer is not one of them!



Sunday 20th August

Final date for ordering meals on Meal selector

Wednesday 6th September

Back to school

Friday 20th October

Break up

Tuesday 31st October

Back to school

Thursday 21st December

Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 3rd January 2024

Back to school



Some of our Year 2 children attended the Quad Kids Athletic Event at King George Stadium on 6th July. The competition included activities in running, long jump and throwing. They had a great time and represented our school very well. Thank you to Mrs Solomou, Mrs Szlapanska and Mrs Ballard for taking the children to the event. *(QuadKids has been a major part of the school's athletics in Primary & Secondary schools across the country for the last 15 years. Hundreds of thousands of children have competed either in intra-school / inter-school competitions or much larger events at the School Games).*

Sports Day

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank all of our St Mary's families for a fantastic turn out for the first Sports Day in 4 years. The children really enjoyed it and we will be sending out a pupil voice form to receive feedback and suggestions for next year. The overall winning house was Soubouris; Well done! The sportsmanship award went to Lisieux.

Thank you once again for all your continued support towards our physical and sporting achievements.



Joint and Leavers Mass July 2023





Information you will need to know for September 2023

- We are back to school Wednesday 6th September.
- New finishing time of 3.20pm for Year 1 – 6
- Nursery and Reception still finish at 3.10pm
- Reminder to order Free school meals by 20th August on Meal Selector for meals commencing 6th



Teachers and Teaching Assistant September 2023

Classes	Teachers	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	Miss K. Hughes	Mrs. S Sadler
Reception	Miss D. Souter	Mrs. E Lawrence
Year 1	Mrs. K. Tuff	Miss J Boyd and Miss L Greaves
Year 2	Mrs. S. Solomou	Miss R. Walton
Year 3	Miss G. Baker	Miss C Hadley and Mrs. K Davis
Year 4	Miss L. Campbell	Mrs. B Szlapanska
Year 5	Miss M. Willis	Miss B Cullum, Mrs. J Dodson and Miss B Barnes
Year 6	Mrs. L. Ballard	Mrs. G Hallam, Miss N South, Miss K Gittens, Miss Magalhaes and Mrs. R Shaw

Please give a warm welcome to both Mrs. K. Tuff who will be our new Year 1 teacher and Miss K. Hughes who will be joining us as our new Nursery Teacher.





Attendance Matters

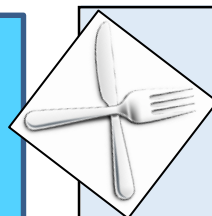


Every Day Counts....

If you are planning to take your child out of school for any reason other than a medical appointment that cannot be arranged out of school time, please contact the school office to fill in a request for leave form. Upon completion, the decision is then made whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

If you fail to complete a form in the notice required, the absence will be unauthorised. Unauthorised absences are reported to the Education Welfare Officer and a fine could be issued. No holidays during term time are permitted.

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 **office@smp.nelcmail.co.uk** or send a message on the **Scholarpack app**.



Reminder to all parents/carers. Please, pre-order lunches. Meal selector run 2 weeks ahead and deadlines are every Sunday.

Please order by 20th August for meals commencing 6th September.

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



Staff Car Park

Due to health and safety concerns, please can parents/carers and children **stop** walking through the staff car park. It is a busy area with staff going in and out all day and deliveries.

Thank you

Breakfast Club

What a fantastic month the children have had who attend breakfast club. Our sports provider, Be Great Fitness, offers fun, entertaining and diverse range of activities to help your pupils stay active. Breakfast clubs caters to all fitness levels and interests. It starts every morning from 7.45am and is £1 per session and we would like to encourage more children to attend. Please book via ParentPay.

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium give schools extra funding per year from the government for each child from families on low income. The school uses it to plan and support learning opportunities for those children. Children from Reception to Year 6 can benefit from this. In order to receive this additional funding, we are required to provide information to the Department for Education confirming which children meet the government criteria.

What are the benefits of Pupil Premium?

- Free school meals
- Free milk
- Holiday food vouchers. (If local council offers these)
- Holiday activates vouchers. (if local council offers these)
- Provides additional funding for the school to cover costs of school trips and other educational activates.

If you think your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, please pop to the office for a form.





Farewell to Miss Jones

We will be sad to see Miss Jones, our current FS1 teacher, leave us. She has been a brilliant and supportive member of our team here at St. Mary's, and she has built a great relationship with children, and has helped the children as they begin their time in school.
We all wish her well with her career as she moves to her new school.