

Dear Parents / Carers,

This half term has certainly flown by and autumn is here. It has been a pleasure to see how well the children have settled into school life this term, and have so many children and staff show how proud they are in their learning and progress. There have been queues at mine and Mrs Steeper's doors with staff and children wanting to celebrate their learning. It has been a great start to the new school year.

Our new Early Years unit is finally complete and parents will be invited to look around after half term.

It was lovely to see so many parents at our celebration assembly – these will be held every two weeks to join us to celebrate and take joy in everyone's learning. We will also be inviting you to join us for other events next half term. This information will appear on Dojo and in another newsletter after half term.

Bonfire Night is approaching so please take care. Have a lovely October half term and enjoy every moment together as a family.

Mr J O'Connor



Dates for the Diary

Friday 20th October
School Closes

Tuesday 31st October
Back to School

Thursday 9th November
School Photographer

Thursday 23rd November
Wreath making with Parents

Friday 24th November
Blessings of the wreath

Thursday 30th November
School Pantomime – Sleeping
Beauty

Wednesday 15th December
Christmas Lunch

Monday 18th December
Early Years Nativity

Tuesday 19th December
9.30am KS1 Nativity
2pm KS2 Nativity

Wednesday 20th December
Christmas Jumper day and the
school closes for Christmas

Wednesday 3rd January
Back to School



School Pantomime

We are happy to announce Sleeping Beauty will be at our school Thursday 30th November at 1.30pm. For all the school to enjoy.

Catholic Life at St Mary's

Every 2 weeks, we hold our Parent Prayer Drop-In where parents are invited to stay for the school assembly. The dates will be on Dojo.

Our Academy Prayers



Academy Prayer

This is our Academy
 Let peace dwell here
 Let the rooms be full of contentment
 Let love abide here
 Love of one another
 Love of mankind
 Love of life itself
 And love of God
 Let us remember
 That as many hands build a house
 So many hearts make an Academy
 Amen.

Morning Prayer

Oh my God, you love me,
 You are with me night and day.
 I want to love you always,
 In all I do and say,
 I'll try to please you, Father.
 Bless me through the day.
 Amen.

Night Prayer

God our Father, I come to say,
 Thank you for your love today.
 Thank you for my family,
 And all the friends you give to me.
 Guard me in the dark of night,
 And in the morning send your light.
 Amen.

Grace before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, as we sit together.
 Bless the food we eat today.
 Bless the hands that made the food.
 Bless us, O Lord.
 Amen.

Grace after Meals

Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten.
 Thank you, God, for all of our friends.
 Thank you, God, for everything.
 Thank you, God.
 Amen.





Attendance - Absences

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. If you fill one of these forms in, then the decision can be made whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

If you fail to fill a form in with enough notice, then the absence will be unauthorised. Unauthorised absences are reported to the Education Welfare Officer and a fine could be issued.

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**.

School Forms

We have a medical, photography and a permission form to take home form that need to be kept updated. If you haven't received one of these or if any need updating, please pop to the office. Thank you



Benefit Free School Meals and School Milk

If you believe your child is entitled to benefit free school meals and free milk, please pop to the office for a form. Universal school meals are free for children from Reception to Year 2.



When your child turns 5 years old and isn't on benefit school meals you will have to order the milk from our new milk provider – Cool Milk – please follow link below to order milk for your child.

www.coolmilk.com

End of day Routine



Gates will open at 3.15 p.m. for the end of the school learning day at 3.20 p.m. Parents must line up behind the cones on the playground. Staff will lead out classes and line up on the playground to dismiss children individually. No child will be dismissed to anybody who is not on the nominated list. They will not be dismissed to a minor (if a sibling is collecting them, then they must be at secondary school and be on the nominated list).

No adult will be allowed to call a child to come to them or take a child from the line. The teacher must dismiss.

St Mary's Primary Academy - Safeguarding Team



Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Mr J O'Connor



Safeguarding Officer - Ms C Queen



Mrs M Steeper



Miss D Souter

Deputy Safeguarding Leads (DSL)



KS1 – Miss R Walton



KS2 - Miss B Cullum

Level 3 Safeguarding Trained

Well-being and Personal Development and RE Lead

Mrs K Tuff





Breakfast club

ST. MARY'S
Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy

Every morning 7:45
Sports, fitness and games.

Only £1 a day!



Activities

We play a wide variety of sports and games every morning ensuring your children have access to as much as possible when it comes to quality sporting provisions



"I like that you get to have a lot of fun and play sports that we like"

"I like that we play loads of different games"

Book through reception
or visit
saintmarysprimarygrimsby.co.uk

Afterschool Clubs – Book Via ParentPay

Monday - Girls Football x1 week left of 6-week course - 6th November
Monday - Multisport Y1 to Y3 with Grimsby Town - 13th November x 5 weeks
Monday - Math's with Miss Willis Y4 to Y6 - 6th November x 6 weeks
Monday - Gardening with Mrs. Steeper Y3 to Y6 - 6th November x 6 weeks
Tuesday - Dance with Mrs. Ballard Y1 to Y6- 31st October x 7 weeks
Tuesday - Hama and Lego bead with Miss Hadley Y1 to Y3 – 31st October x 7 weeks
Wednesday - Basketball with Grimsby Town Y4 to Y6 – 1st November x 7 weeks
Thursday - Hama and Lego bead with Miss Hadley Y4 to Y6 – 2nd November x 7 weeks
£1 per session we do ask for the whole term to be paid for via ParentPay

- **No afterschool clubs last week of term w/c 18th December**
- **If the Afterschool club doesn't have many bookings it will have to be cancelled and Parents or Carers will be notified and a refund will be given.**
- **Every club starts at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm.**
- **Parent to please collect from Hall door.**
- **Permissions to take home need to be updated for the PE teacher / teacher leading the club.**



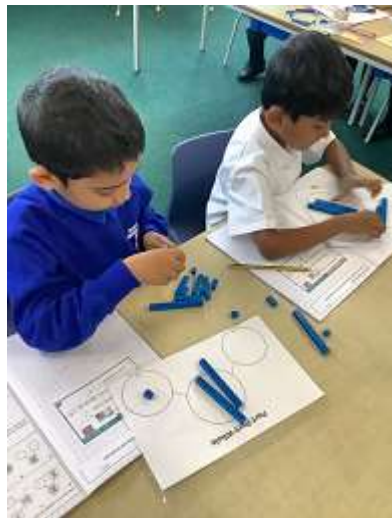
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Celebration of the children's work.

Year 6 - have deliberated all their learning from the R.E topic 'Loving'. We have researched, discussed, role-played and reported on how forgiveness and unconditional love are linked together. We have understood God's love and how we can follow and guide others in his ways. We have produced posters to spread the good news around school.



Year 2 - Using concrete resources to help understand different ways to partition numbers.



Year 3 - Learning about cardinal and intercardinal points on a compass.





Ms Fox

Ms Fox has been an incredible asset to our school, in supporting the children in Early Years with their start in education. Working in education is a vocation, but working in Early Years is also a passion.

Her passion in supporting the Early Years team in driving forward the Early Years curriculum, her warmth towards everyone and her work in helping to nurture our children here at St Mary's has been invaluable.

We wish Ms Fox all the best as she moves to work elsewhere – our great loss is an amazing gain for many other children. Thank you from all of us and we will miss you.



Miss South

Miss South has worked in the school tirelessly and without reproach as a 1-1 for a boy in Year 6. The role of a 1-1 or LSA, is never an easy one and it takes a special kind of person with unique skills and qualities to undertake such a role; Miss South has shown to have these in abundance.

Miss South has been a very popular and energetic member of the staff here at St Mary's. We have seen tremendous change, particularly in the past 12 months and you have developed your own expertise and professionalism with integrity and an almost stealth like determination. You have done the school proud and we shall miss you.