



the children are at the heart of everything we do



Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year! As always it is a really busy half term - all key dates are on the second page of the newsletter. Any important dates (trips etc) which are specific to your child's class will be on the class information letters.

**Staffing:** Last half term we appointed our new deputy headteacher, Mr Sam Rotchell. Mr Rotchell will be starting with us in September. Mrs Callow has decided to step down as deputy but remain at the school as a class teacher. Jo has been deputy at the school after an incredible 13 years of dedicated service to our school community. In her role she has shown unwavering commitment, passion for education, and genuine care for our children at St. Mary's R.C. On behalf of the entire St. Mary's R.C. community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her contribution in her deputy role.

We also appointed two new teachers, Miss Patience and Miss Kelly (who will be covering Mrs Quilliam's maternity leave from September). Sadly, Miss Kinrade and Mrs Brearley will be leaving us this half term.

**Reports:** Your child(ren) will be bringing home their end of year report on Wednesday 3rd July. They will bring home a coloured copy, for you to keep and a black and white copy, which will need signing and returning to school, by Monday 15th July. Details of your child's new class and their teacher will also be in the envelope.

**Consents:** Consents are all on the Arbor parent portal. Please ensure these are up to date and checked. If consents are not in place your child may be prevented from going on school trips etc in September. Parents also need to change their address, contact details etc so they remain up to date at all times.

**New Book-bags/P.E Bags/Ties:** If you would like to purchase any new bags or ties please pay via Parent Pay and collect from the school office. Book-bags and P.E. bags are £6.00. Ties are £5.10. **Children moving into Year 3 require a tie for September.**

**Parent Volunteers:** Many parents over the year have given up so much of their own time to help in school, on sporting events and on trips etc. A big thank you from myself and all the staff, we really do appreciate you helping. Trips etc would not be able to go ahead without this support or help with taking the children to the events.

**FOSMs:** Once again the FOSMs have done a huge amount for the school, organising events, contributing to trips, giving up time and lots more. Again, a huge thank you from myself and staff for all you do to help the children at the school.

**Reading Books:** Please can we ask that at the end of the year all individual, guided reading and library books are returned to school. Please, please have a good look at home. Each year we

have to spend about £500 - £1000 replacing missing books from sets. **Any books you have please bring back!**

**Lost Property:** There is a vast amount of lost property at the bottom of the stairs on the way up to the Y6 classrooms. Any clothing left at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

**Class Letters:** By Friday you will have received your child's project letter containing all the details of trips and exciting learning planned for the half term. Also, don't forget to check your child's class page on the school website for photos of the children's learning and trips etc.

**Suncream:** Please ensure that suncream is applied to your child before school each day. Staff are unable to reapply throughout the day. A hat is advisable, that can stay in school each day and a refillable water bottle. We have filtered water taps that can be used to top up bottles throughout the day.

**Sporting Success:** Last half term was a busy, busy time for sports. We entered teams into various sporting competitions. Many thanks to staff who give up their own time to run the clubs.

**News Team:** The news team continue to broadcast a weekly report about what's going on in school. These are posted on the school's website each week. Please take a look!

**Trips:** These will continue during the final half term. Each class has either a visitor to school or go on a trip every half term.

**Chicken Pox/Measles:** Thank you to parents for being so vigilant and informing school of any cases. Please continue to let the office know if your child has suspected or confirmed cases of chicken pox or measles.

**Front Entrance:** Lots of children are coming through the front entrance in the mornings. The children can come into school from the yard from 8.45am until 9.00am. After 9am the children can come through the front entrance, they will receive a late mark in the register as teachers will have closed their registers by this time.

**Sports Day:** Getting a track painted to run Sports Day is proving to be quite difficult! I am waiting for confirmation when it can be done on the lower field. As soon as I have a date, I will email parents.

A final thank you from myself and all of the staff for your support this year. The children have been amazing and they really do make our job so rewarding.



## Summer 2 - Dates for your Diary

DATE:	EVENT:
Tuesday 11th June  <b>NO KS2 CRICKET</b>	<b>NO MSR Club</b> From Tuesday 18th June - Year 3 and 4 Football 3.30pm - 4.15pm - every Tuesday MSR
Thursday 13th June	Hockey 3.30pm - 4.30pm Year 2 and Year 3
Monday 17th June	Open the book Assembly
Tuesday 18th June	Netball Tournament - details TBC
Friday 21st June	Tennis Finals Year 3/4
Saturday 29th June	Millennium Football Competition
Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd July	Ballakermeen transition days. Year 6 go to Ballakermeen - not St Mary's. SNHS Y6 come to school as normal.
Tuesday 2nd July	Kwik Cricket Competition - details TBC
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament - details TBC
Wednesday 3rd July	Reports home and new class letters
Thursday 4th July	SNHS transition day. Year 6 go to SNHS, do not come to school. Y6 Ballakermeen children come to school as normal.
Friday 5th July	<b>TYNWALD DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th July	Transition mornings in new classes with new teacher
Monday 15th July	Black and white copy of reports to be returned please
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 leavers assembly at 2.30pm
Friday 21st July	<b>LAST DAY</b>
Wednesday 4th September	<b>SCHOOL OPENS FOR PUPILS</b>

