

# Summer Term Newsletter 2011

## *St Mary's Newsletter*



Tues. 3rd May	Welcome back to Summer Term and to Mrs Broomhall
Wed 4th May	Tennis challenge Heworth Grange (Year 4) 1:00 - 3:30pm
Thurs. 5th May	School closed <b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> school is a Polling Station
Fri. 6th May	Key Stage 2 Swimming begins
Mon. 9th May	Year 6 Key Stage 2 SAT's Assessment week
Wed 11th May	Friends of St Mary's Meeting at The Gibside Hotel 7pm, we welcome new ideas so please come along.
Thurs. 12th May	Bishop's Cup at St. Mark's Westerhope Years 5 & 6
Sun 15th May	<b>FAMILY PICNIC DAY</b> school field—come along and join in the fun
Wed 18th May	Striking and fielding -St Thomas More Yr 4 3:45 - 6:00pm
Sat 21st May	Chase Park Whickham, May Fair
Tues 24th May	Year 5 leave for Residential visit to Blaithwaite 3 nights Reciprocal Comenius Visit to Turkey
Wed 25th May	Mini Soccer Year 6 girls 3:45 - 6:00pm
Thurs 26th May	Tennis Year 6 1:00 - 3:30pm
<b>Monday 30th May —Friday 3rd June HALF TERM BREAK</b>	
Mon 6th June	Year 1, Year 5 FIRE SAFETY awareness session
Wed 8th June	More Than Dance Year 3 Kwik Cricket Yr 6 all day at Whickham Cricket Club
Mon 13th June	Year 6 leave for Residential visit to Blaithwaite 5 days
Tues 14th June	Reception visit to CLC a.m.—Pirates Theme—Come Dressed!
Wed 15th June	Orienteering - St Thomas More Year 4
Wed 22nd June	Boys 7 a-side football - Highfield
Thurs 23rd June	Music Workshop KS1
Sat 25th June	Year 3 First Holy Communion Day St Mary's at 10.00a.m.
Tues 28th June	Welcome meeting for parents of Reception who will start Sept. 2011, 6:00pm
Thurs 30th June	Non Uniform Day £1 per child/family Year 2 visit to Hall Hill Farm
Fri 1st July	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Thurs 7th July	<b>FRENCH CLUSTER DAY</b> Year 5 9:00am
Fri 8th July	School Sports Day <b>Yr 3,4,5,6, am and Yr Rec, 1,2, pm</b> depending on weather
Wed 13th July	Kwik Cricket Yr 5 all day at Whickham Cricket Club
Thurs 14th July	Yr 6 to St Thomas More transition. All classes move on to their next teacher am
Fri 15th July	Alternate Sports Day if 8 <sup>th</sup> if cancelled
Tues 19th July	Reception and Yr 5 Buddies Day - Clasper Towers
Fri 23rd July	Last day of school year - Happy holidays to everyone

Return to school after summer break - 5th September 2011

## **FAMILY PICNIC DAY**

The Friends of St. Mary's are organising a Family Picnic Day on Sunday 15th May. Please keep the date free in your diaries and come along and enjoy the day.

The next meeting of the Friends of St Mary's is Wednesday 11th May at 7pm in The Gidside Hotel. The meeting is informal and we welcome new faces who would like to become more involved in the fundraising and organising of social activities to continue to develop our GREAT home/school community. (I know that other Head Teachers envy the PTA support received at St Mary's).



## **Governor/Parent Survey**

The Governing Body would like to thank everyone who returned their survey, which has enabled them to analyse the responses. They found that the majority of parents feel their child is progressing well and enjoying school. Most parents are happy with the amount of communication that the school provides them with about their child, particularly the newsletters and the website. Many believe that the school provides and encourages them to be able to communicate about their child with the teacher and the school in general knowing that their views will be taken into account.

The very few negative responses have been noted and responded to where possible.

The majority of parents felt that information given regarding the curriculum taught in school is useful and interesting.

The wide range of clubs and activities provided by the school outside the classroom greatly benefit a lot of children.

There was an overwhelming supportive response to the level and scope of Religious Education for Catholic and Non-Catholic families.

## **Better Reading Programme**

We are focussing on a BETTER READING programme with groups of children in upper Key Stage 2. This involves a regular session of time for a block of six weeks with a named adult and which is also supported at home.

This will operate on a rolling programme, with different children being involved in each six week block.



## **Key Stage 2 Swimming**

At long last Dunston Swimming Pool is to re-open. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will begin swimming on Friday 6th May. Pupils need their swimming kit, which should be a swimming costume, goggles (optional) hat and towel for girls and for boys proper swimming trunks not Bermuda type shorts, goggles (optional) and towel.



## **Reminders**

School dinner money should be paid weekly each Monday in a marked envelope (available from the school office) £9.50 per week. Payment can also be made in advance monthly, termly etc if you wish to take advantage of this facility.

## **THANK YOU**

The response to our Lent collection was FANTASTIC as usual!!! The total raised was an amazing £1600.00. All the events were very well supported, particularly the sponsored Hoop Hop in Key Stage 1 and the sponsored walk in Key Stage 2, where many adults joined in.



