IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- Mass on the Feast of St Matthew – Years 1 to 6 in attendance; 9:30am at St Mary's RC Church on Thursday 21.9.23.
- The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 19.9.23. All St Mary's pupils will have an individual photo taken and siblings within the school will also have a group photo. Proof shots and information explaining how to order the photos will come home with your child.
- Please read the important notice regarding our school uniform supplier below.
- Please ensure emails intended for the school office are sent to info@stmw.bwcet.com (*not stmarysrcprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk*).
- If you haven't yet done so, sign your child up for their flu vaccination here: https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu using the school code NB149053.
- Gymnastics starts on Friday 22.9.23.

SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER:
Our current school uniform supplier, Mick Martin Promotions Ltd, will cease trading in the near future. The team at Mick Martin have served the school community of St Mary's for well over a decade, and we are thankful for their service kitting out our pupils year on year. A small number of outstanding orders for new uniform have been refunded and we would ask that parents reorder with our new supplier, Salto UK Ltd. We anticipate that the transition to our new supplier will be fairly seamless (no pun intended). Parents can contact Salto and make orders at:

Salto UK Limited
Unit 3D Princess Court
Princess Way,
Prudhoe,
Northumberland
NE42 6PL

Website: www.saltouk.com
Contact Telephone: 01661 835240
Email: **enquiries@saltouk.com**

Opening Times:
Monday-Friday 9:00am–5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm
Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays

TIMES OF SCHOOL DAY:
Please be reminded that school registration is now 8:50am, so school gates will close promptly at this time. Pupils arriving after this time should enter school via the Main Entrance and will be regarded as 'late'. Please endeavour for your child to be through the gates before 8:50am daily.

Pupils in Reception Class will now be dismissed at 3:15pm in advance of the rest of the school at 3:20pm. Pupils in Reception Class may also be dropped off at either gate (Duckpool Lane or Dockendale Lane) in the morning.

HOMEWORK:
Parents will receive a weekly email via *Arbor* with their child's homework tasks. Homework tasks will be set on a Friday and should be completed by Wednesday. Teachers will explain the expectations for the children in their class. Homework should only be 'returned' if requested.

If you ever have any queries or difficulties with the homework or accessing the *Arbor* communications, please email the school office on info@stmw.bwcet.com.

Staff will not respond to emails sent directly to their work emails, so please direct all contact through the office to avoid confusion. Anything for a specific member of staff can be marked for their attention and will be forwarded as appropriate internally.

Thank you.

PARENTS' APPOINTMENTS:
The dates for the Autumn Term Parents' Appointments will be as follows:

DATE	CLASS
Tuesday 26th September	Year 6
Wednesday 27th September	Year 2
Thursday 28th September	Year 5
Monday 2nd October	Year 4
Tuesday 3rd October	Year 1
Wednesday 4th October	Reception
Thursday 5th October	Year 3

In the Autumn Term, the focus of the appointment will be:
- How your child has settled pastorally into their new class.
- Review of attainment and targets from Summer Term 2023 and any particular transition considerations.
- How you can help your child's ongoing learning at home at the start of the new year.

Bookings for our Autumn Term Parents Consultations will go live at 9am on Tuesday 19th September and will close at 12pm on Friday 22nd September. Bookings can be made via Arbor.