



## SCHOOL UPDATES

### WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN:

A reminder that all pupils in Years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be taking part in the Gateshead Fun Run, at Saltwell Park, tomorrow (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May).

### Pupils in YR, 1, 2, 3, 5:

- Pupils must be in school for 8:15am (as we will be leaving promptly at 8:30am).
- Pupils must come in their full school PE kit; the weather is supposed to be glorious so please ensure that the children have had been doused in sun cream before coming to school. Pupils may wear a tracksuit (if needed), and a cap will be provided by school for the children to wear.
- All pupils taking part must bring a packed lunch; school will provide a bottle water for each child, so that water bottles etc are not lost/left behind on the day.
- In the afternoon, the pupils will be taking part in various sporting activities set-up and managed by the members of the Y5 Sports Crew. All in all, it promises to be a wonderful day of sporting activity and fun!

### Pupils in Year 4:

- Pupils in Y4 will also be taking part in the sporting activities in the afternoon, so can come to school in their school PE kit for the day as well.
- Swimming lessons will be going ahead as usual, so pupils must bring their swimming kit.
- Pupils in Y4 will have school dinners/packed lunches as normal.

### KNOCK:

This week, our Year 6 pupils have been enjoying a fantastic week of outwards bounds activities on their end of year residential visit. The group have enjoyed some amazing activities, including rock climbing, abseiling, gorge walking, canoeing and more, and have been blessed with some incredible weather! We look forward to their safe return tomorrow, and will share more with you about the trip in the coming weeks.

### C2C 2017:

Our Coast to Coast riders (12 pupils, 10 family members and Mr Colling!) are entering the final stages of their training for the four-day feat which will begin on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The group has decided that they would like to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust (<https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/>). We have already almost hit our original target of £500, which is incredible – so thank you to all those who've already made the time to log on to our Just Giving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whickhamstmarys>)! You can still donate money for the cause following the link above (we'd love to smash our original target, and raise as much money as possible), so please log on, be as generous as you can, and spread the word!

## MUSIC SHOWCASES 2017 – ANOTHER DATE FOR THE DIARY:

As you will be aware from the termly dates, we will be holding our annual creative arts week in the last week of term, in which we celebrate a range of artistic and musical events showcasing the amazing talents and work of our pupils. We will once again be holding the events in a marquee on the school field, so as to share the celebrations with as many people in our wider community as possible.

The plan for the week will be as follows (more details and information will be sent out next half term):

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Friends of St Mary's family picnic; after school – all welcome.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Music Showcase 1; all pupils involved (2-4pm).

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Music Showcase 2; all pupils involved (4-6pm).

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Instrumental showcase (Y4 String Orchestra, Y3 Djembe, Guitarists, Violinists); 2pm.

Information regarding tickets for the events will be also be sent out after half term, but we envisage operating ticket sales in the same manner as last year – so every family will be guaranteed a certain number of tickets for the show of their choice.

## FILM NIGHTS:

Thank you to all those who attended our Film Nights this week. Over the two evenings, we raised a total of £250 which will go to support the School Fund.

## POLLING DAY:

A reminder that school will be closed on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June as we are to be used as a polling station for the General Election. *Please note, school is open as normal on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.*

## CHOIR:

A quick note to say that Choir will not be on the first week back after half term (June 7<sup>th</sup>). The pupils will be beginning to prepare for the Music Showcases at the end of term from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## REMINDERS

### NEW INTAKE:

Parents of pupils who will be starting in Reception class in September 2017 have now been informed if they have received a place at school. If there are any prospective parents, new to the area or seeking alternative school provision for their child, who would like to visit the school, or discuss places at St Mary's with Mr Wheatley (especially for Reception 2017), please contact the school office to make an appointment. Please spread the word to family or friends who may be interested in this.

### SUMMER TERM CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS:

The Curriculum Overviews for each class will be available to download and view on the curriculum page of the school website (<http://www.whickhamstmarys.org.uk/curriculum.html>). On the overviews, you will see the curriculum content and extended learning opportunities that your child will cover/have this term.

### ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

As a school we are currently collecting Active Kids vouchers (available from Sainsbury's) in order to purchase sporting resources for school. If you – or someone you know – shops at Sainsbury's, we would be very grateful if you could collect and send the vouchers in to school; they will be greatly received, and will go towards continuing to provide excellent sporting opportunities for all at St Mary's. Thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S:

The next meeting for the Friends of St Mary's will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 9am at school. All welcome!

### SMALL SAINTS:

Small Saints are open during the May half term from 7:45am through till 6pm at a cost of £20 per day per child. If you would like to secure a place please contact Leanne on 07882421973

We are also open June 8<sup>th</sup> while school is closed for those parents who may need.

## THE WEEK AHEAD W/C : 5/06/17

MONDAY – 1<sup>st</sup> day back after Half Term.

TUESDAY – C2C ride begins.

Y4 trip to the Centre for Life (packed lunch needed).

WEDNESDAY – Y4 and 6 Athletics Coaching (every Wednesday; full PE kit and trainers needed in school each week).

**No Choir.**

THURSDAY – **School closed for General Election.**