



SCHOOL UPDATES

TRANSITION MORNING:

On Wednesday, our pupils spent the morning with their new class teachers. It was lovely to see how much they've all grown and developed over the past year, and we look forward to them all making a smooth transition in to their new year groups in September.

HI-5 NETBALL:

Massive congratulations to our Hi-5 Netball teams who competed in a tournament at St Thomas More on Tuesday. Both teams played some lovely netball, with our A squad being crowned overall winners on the night!

Y5 BOARDROOM CHALLENGE:

A massive well done to the 'PJ Partyers' who will go on to represent the school in the Gateshead Finals of the Newcastle Building Society 'Boardroom Challenge' in which pupils have been asked to come up with an idea to raise money for a local charity. The winning team will stand to win £500 to organise and lead a fundraising event for their chosen charity – FACT Cancer Support, in the case of our pupils – as well as £500 for school. We wish the team the best of luck for the final and look forward to seeing how they get on.

TERM DATES 2019/20:

	START	END	HALF-TERM
AUTUMN	3.9.19	20.12.19	21.10.19 – 25.10.19
<i>INSET</i>	2.9.19		
SPRING	7.1.20	3.4.20	17.2.20 – 21.2.20
<i>INSET</i>	6.1.20		
SUMMER	20.4.20	16.7.20	25.5.20 – 29.5.20
<i>INSET</i>	1.6.20, 17.7.20		

3 Inset Days + 1 Occasional Day

All pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Please can all parents/carers ensure that pupils continue to wear full school uniform throughout the final few weeks of the term. In particular, black trainers should not be worn as school shoes. If – due to particular circumstance – a child is unable to wear school shoes on a certain day, a parent/carer must get in contact with school to explain the reasons why. It is not acceptable for this to continue for a number of days without explanation.

Y6 LEAVERS CAKE STALL:

Y6 pupils and parents will continue to hold a cake and sweet stall each Friday after school to raise funds for their end of school year book.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSIC SHOWCASE:

As a way to celebrate the progress of all our pupils who have been learning an instrument this year, we will be holding a Music Showcase in the school hall at 2pm on Monday 8th July – all welcome (no tickets necessary)! Performing at the show, we will have:

- Y3 djembe (whole class)
- Y4 string orchestra (whole class)
- Small group violinists
- Small group guitarists

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC:

As a way of coming together to celebrate the end of another successful year at St Mary's, we will once again be holding our Friends Summer Family Picnic on Wednesday 10th July (3:15-5:15pm). Please come along and join us for a fun-filled afternoon of music, games, penalty shoot-out competition, tug-of-war, the infamous stocks (which *unlucky* teacher will we be throwing sponges at this year!?) and many more fun activities.

Y6 FIVER CHALLENGE 2019:

This year, our Y6 pupils will be once again taking part in the Young Enterprise 'Fiver Challenge' through which pupils each loan £5 to set up their own business – with the aim of making their investment 'grow' as much as possible. This year, the pupils will be raising money for St Oswald's Hospice – as part of the 'Elmer Parade' that the school is taking part in. Y6 will be running a 'Marketplace' event at the end of the school day on Wednesday 10th July (to coincide with the Friends Family Picnic); at the event, there will be a number of stalls selling various wares – so please bring along some cash to support both our pupils and an amazing local charity. Thank you!

FRENCH DAY:

Pupils across school will be enjoying a languages day on Thursday 11th July. Pupils in Y6 will be running a 'Café' for the rest of the school, showcasing their spoken language, and there will be a range of activities celebrating French language and culture going on throughout the day. On the day, pupils may come in their own clothes – preferably on a 'French theme' (eg. red, white and blue); please don't go and buy anything new – it's just an opportunity to enter in to the spirit of things on the day.

Nb. Y6 will have some special 'costume' requirements (Mrs Innerdale will share this with the pupils in class).

THE WEEK AHEAD (8.7.19 – 12.7.19)

- MONDAY – Music Showcase in school hall (2pm start).
- TUESDAY – KS2 SATs results.
- WEDNESDAY – Y6 to attend Leavers' Mass with Gateshead Catholic Primaries (pupils and teachers only).
- Y6 Fiver Challenge marketplace 2:30pm in the school hall; all proceeds for St Oswald's Hospice.
- Friends of St Mary's Family Picnic (3:15pm – 5:15pm) – all welcome!
- THURSDAY – Languages Day for all pupils (own clothes – French themed where possible).
- FRIDAY – Y5 Boardroom Challenge Final (pupils involved have received a letter).

LAST WEEK OF TERM (15.7.19 – 19.7.19)

NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS ALL WEEK

- THURSDAY – School to be used as polling station for Police Crime Commissioner Elections (all pupils – packed lunch).
- NO SWIMMING.
- FRIDAY – Y6 Leavers' Liturgy 9:30am at St Mary's RC Church; whole school to attend – all welcome!