



SCHOOL UPDATES

SPORTS DAY:

I am sorry to inform you that I have taken the decision to cancel our re-arranged Sports Day due to take place on Monday 24th June. There are persistent, heavy showers forecast for the day, which would make the event unpleasant and potentially unsafe for the pupils.

I am sorry for the disappointment that this will undoubtedly cause. Rest assured, we will make sure that pupils have the experience of the intra-school competition before the end of term, but we will not re-arrange the date for parents as this could cause further disruption and inconvenience.

Thank you in anticipation of your understanding with this matter.

Kind Regards,

Mr J Wheatley
Headteacher

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

We enjoyed a beautiful celebration of First Holy Communion last Saturday on which 29 of our Y4 pupils received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. It was a special occasion for all involved, and we pray that these members of our St Mary's family continue to take up the invitation to be fully involved in the sacramental life of the Church by attending Mass regularly and sharing in the Eucharist.

C2C CHALLENGE 2019:

Last week saw the completion of the 2019 C2C ride during which 12 pupils, 12 parents and our very own Mr Colling took on four days of grueling cycling in some of the worst conditions imaginable! The group demonstrated the determination, resilience and camaraderie required to make it through the week in one piece, and the pupils were exemplary in every way over the four days of the expedition. We will be holding a special assembly in the Autumn Term during which the group will share their experiences of the ride alongside the ride leader 'Biking' Ben. As you will be aware, the group have been raising money for Meningitis Now – a charity close to their hearts. Astonishingly, the total raised stands at over £4500 – with even more due to come! We would like to thank the group for all their efforts and to congratulate them for a truly monumental effort.

SPORTS UPDATE:

A huge well done to our Y5 Hi-5 netball team who came home with medals following two nights of fierce competition at Kingsmeadow School. The team demonstrated amazing skills and teamwork in bringing home the title and were a credit to themselves and the school in how they went about each game they played.

Y4 STRING ORCHESTRA AT THE 'BIG GIG':

Our Y4 string orchestra had an amazing experience at Northumbria University this week by taking part in the 'Big Gig'. The pupils, who have been learning violin, viola or cello since September, took their places in a makeshift orchestra of around 1300 pupils, performing a selection of modern numbers with great aplomb. It is astonishing to see how far the group have come over the past three terms, and they look forward to sharing their skills with you at our own upcoming music showcase!

REMINDERS

Y6 LEAVERS CAKE STALL:

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

WANTED – UNWANTED NEWSPAPERS:

A plea from Mrs Innerdale: we're on the lookout for old newspapers for an activity taking place in school in a couple of weeks' time. Please just send in to school with your child. Many thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLASS LITURGIES:

Next week, we have two class liturgies – for Years 1 (Tuesday) and 2 (Wednesday). Please come along and join in with these special moments of prayer lead by our pupils – it's always a great way to end the day.

Please note, Y6 will not be leading Tuesday's Liturgy as previously advertised – they will be putting their time and energy in to leading our end of year Mass in a few weeks' time.

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 (more to follow in the upcoming weeks).

THE WEEK AHEAD (24.6.19 – 28.6.19)

MONDAY – Sports Day - CANCELLED.

TUESDAY – Y6 Bus Induction.

Y1 Class Liturgy (2:45pm in the school hall; all welcome).

WEDNESDAY –

Y2 Class Liturgy (2:45pm in the school hall; all welcome).

Y5 and 6 NSPCC workshops (re-arranged).

Hi-5 Netball (pupils involved will receive a letter).

FRIDAY –

Gateshead Athletics Festival (pupils involved will receive a letter).

NO GYMNASTICS.

