



### IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS FOR NEXT WEEK:

- Activity week (part 2) – please check the below diary of events for your child and ensure that they come into school with the correct uniform for each day.
- Please read the below update about our upcoming school Sports Day.
- There will be a meeting of the *Friends of St Mary's* in school at **9am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** to discuss the school Sports Day and family picnic. There is an open invitation for new members to attend the meeting to find out more about the group and to revitalise its work.
- Change of day for violinists/strings this week – pupils having small group lessons will have their session with Mrs Cuggy on Monday 22.5.23 and our Y4 String Orchestra will be on Thursday 25.5.23.

### SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

#### TERM DATES:

Please be reminded that school is closed to all pupils from 29.5.23 – 2.6.23 for our Summer half-term break.

School will also be closed to all pupils on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June for a planned staff Inset.

#### ACTIVITIES WEEKS:

Thank you for your efforts this week readying pupils with the appropriate uniform/kit for each day's activities. It has been a fantastic week, with pupils taking part in a range of activities including tennis, golf and skipping.

This week, pupils will need to wear their PE kits on the following days only (ie. Not on their usual PE days):

DATE	ACTIVITY	PE KIT REQUIREMENTS
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	-	Normal school uniform for all.
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Y5 whole class cricket festival</b></li><li>• Reception and KS1 Happy Feet Dance</li></ul>	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y5 PE kit
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reception and KS1 bikes and scooters (pupils may bring in a scooter, balance bike, or bicycle for a free ride session in school. <u>Pupils must bring their own helmet</u>).</li><li>• Y4 games</li><li>• Y5 Bikeability</li></ul>	Whole school PE kit
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whole school run (Daily Mile)</li><li>• Y5 Bikeability</li></ul>	Whole school PE kit
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fun Run at Saltwell Park – Year 5</b></li><li>• KS1 mini-Fun Run</li><li>• Outdoor and adventurous activities for Year 3 and 4</li></ul>	Whole school PE kit <u>All pupils will also need a packed lunch on this day.</u>

*Note about PE kit: We understand that these activities will add a bit of pressure on parents/carers to get PE kit clean and ready throughout the week. Please do your best to send your child in to school in their full PE kit. If this is not possible, please feel free to substitute items with suitable alternatives (school polo t-shirts, plain sports wear).*

*Year 5 parents, please do ensure, however, that your child is wearing their full PE kit for any external events (highlighted in bold).*

#### SPORTS UPDATE:

A huge well done to our girls' football team who represented the school brilliantly on the final evening of action in their Blaydon and District League competition. The team displayed admirable teamwork and effort, thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to compete with other local teams, and have managed to qualify for the finals evening to be held after half term. We wish them lots of luck in this final stage of their season.

#### SPORTS DAY:

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents/carers, friends and family to our upcoming school Sports day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Arrangements for the day will be as follows:

- This year, the Gateshead School Sports Partnership will be helping to lead our Sports Day. The event aims to be a positive, inclusive event in which all pupils will enjoyment by taking part in a friendly competition.
- For the day, pupils across school will be split into four 'houses' and will earn points for their team by taking part in a range of track and field events.
- On the day, pupils are asked to come in to school as normal in their full PE kit. Pupils must have a filled water bottle in school.
- In the event of sunny weather, parents should apply suncream in advance of the school day and pupils should have a cap/sun hat as they will remain outside for the duration of the morning/afternoon session.
- KS2 events will be held in the morning – starting at approximately 9:15am and ending at around 11:45am.
- KS1 events will be held in the afternoon – starting at approximately 1pm and finishing at around 2pm.
- Friends and family are welcome to come and spectate the events and help to provide a positive and supportive environment for all our competitors. We would like to invite parents/carers, friends and family to join us for a picnic on the school field following the KS2 morning events.
- KS2 pupils may be taken home following their event or remain in school as normal until the end of the school day – if required.
- KS2 pupils remaining on the school site will be kept in school under supervision of school staff throughout the KS1 events (even if they have a parent/family member in attendance) so as to not disrupt the KS1 events.
- KS1 pupils (and any remaining siblings in school) may be taken at the end of the KS1 events.
- There will be some refreshments for sale on the morning with the proceeds going to support the school. There will be a meeting for parents/carers who are interested in helping out on the morning at **9am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

#### SMALL SAINTS OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB – UPDATE:

Just a quick note to reassure parents/carers relying upon use of Small Saints Out of School Club that work to maintain this provision is ongoing and it looks highly likely that a suitable replacement has been found

to take over from Leanne Sanderson at the end of the academic year. We will update you all with more details over the coming weeks.

