

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



21st May 2021



Dear Parents,

As always we celebrated our Branches of Love pupils and St Mary's Citizens this week.

Our Bike it Bear winner this week was Imogen B. Well done Imogen.



Next Friday we are looking forward to the children taking part in our May procession for the Blessed Virgin Mary which will be led outside by Father Barry.

Next Monday, the photography company will be taking our **class photos**. They will also be taking individual photos of the Reception children (their first school photo) & Year 4 children (their leaver's photos) as these were missed last Autumn.

The photos will be taken outdoors so it will be weather dependent. If the weather is too bad we will rearrange the date.



Also next Monday the school nurse will be carrying out hearing checks with our Reception children.

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Governors at St Mary's

St Mary's School currently has a vacancy for two Governors on the school's Local Governing Board and welcome any applications for this role.

Please see the attached advert plus details of the role & responsibilities.

The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Friday 28th May 2021**.

Please see this message from DASP Music:

DASP Music are keen to encourage more young people to start having lessons on an instrument or voice from September.

Learning an instrument can be a hugely enjoyable and rewarding experience for a young person. It can not only help them to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, but can also improve their self-esteem, self-confidence and ability to work as part of a team.

This video highlights some of the key benefits that learning an instrument can have on the brain:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng>

We can offer in-school tuition on a whole range of instruments, individually or in small groups, with a variety of lesson length options. Lessons cost between £4.25-

£17 depending on group size and lesson length. Those interested in learning violin, cello, recorder, piano or ukulele can start having lessons from Year 2 onwards. Most other instruments (e.g. flute, clarinet, oboe, trumpet, French Horn, trombone, guitar, voice) can be started from Year 3 or 4 depending on the individual child. Lessons are usually billed termly, directly from the teacher. Not all instruments will be available to learn at all schools, but we will do our very best to accommodate all applications. All information (including the online application form) can be found

at www.daspmusic.co.uk. For lessons to start in September, applications will need to be received by **25th June**.

Please don't hesitate to contact DASP Music (daspmusic@thomas-hardye.net) if you have any queries about how to go about arranging lessons on an instrument or voice for your child.

For more inspiration about the musical opportunities that are available to the young people in DASP schools, please browse our website and look at the [gallery](#) and [audio/video](#) page.

Parking for drop off/pick up

We have been asked by a local resident to ask parents not to use the private car park which is accessed by turning into the driveway half way along Lucetta Lane when dropping and picking up their children.

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Brigade Uniform

Please note that the Brigade online uniform website will be down for scheduled maintenance from 5pm today until Monday morning (24th May).

After School Clubs

In our newsletter email, we will be input a link for signing up for our summer term after school clubs for Year 1 to 4, if your child would like to take part in them.

For information, the clubs that will be running from 8th June until week 12th July and are:

Year 1 pupils – Performing Arts Club – **Thursday**

Year 2 pupils– Laudato Si Club (painting, gardening, upcycling) – **Wednesday**

Year 3 pupils – Cricket Club – **Wednesday**

Year 3 pupils – Forest School – **Tuesday**

Year 4 pupils – Coding – **Tuesday**

The cricket club for Year 3 will be run by Mr Mason, our PE specialist from Premier Sport & you will be able to book & pay online directly with them. We will send Year 3 parents the link when we have it from Premier Sport.

The other clubs will be £18 for the half term (£3 per week) and will run 3.15-4.15pm. The funds from the clubs will go towards new equipment for the children at St Mary's.

We know during Covid, that families financial situations have changed, so if your child would like to join an after school club but you would benefit from some financial support, please speak to the school office in confidence.

Uniform Sale

Don't forget the PTA's uniform sale next week at 2.30pm each afternoon.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher