



# St Marie's School Newsletter

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## *Our School Vision Statement*

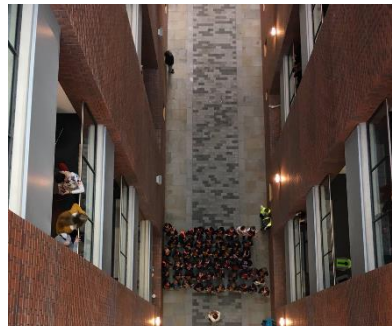
Through working together, loving each other, and always doing our best, at St Marie's we will all become the amazing, unique individuals God wants us to be.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

Welcome back to the new school term. We look forward to an exciting, hard-working, fulfilling and holy 2018. We thank you for all of your support last year. With your help, we can and will achieve great things once more this year!

## CONGRATULATIONS

- To all our **60 & 80 pointer children** from last term. On Thursday afternoon more than 150 children enjoyed a hot chocolate and biscuit with Mr Fernandes. Today, our 80 pointer children received their prize from book club. Well done to everyone.
- To all our Year 5 children who had the experience of playing their ukuleles to the delegates at Sheffield Hallam University on Wednesday during a Primary and Early Years Conference. They were fantastic, and great ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of them!
- To the school for celebrating our Epiphany mass on Tuesday with Fr. Paddy. It was a wonderful service. Below is a picture of Fr. Paddy with our Liturgy Leaders.



## YOUNG VOICES TUE 16th JAN

Good luck to all the children taking part in the Young Voices concert next Tuesday. It promises to be another wonderful event combining the power of singing together as one to create an amazing performance. A letter, tickets and t-shirts are being sent home today. The letter from the Arena will also be emailed. Please ensure the school office has your pick-up information for after the event and please don't forget your packed evening meal and t-shirt on the day.

## SCHOOL MAINTENANCE FUND

We have had a magnificent response to this with 26% of our families contributing last term. Please keep your donations coming in. We invite our parents to make an annual voluntary contribution towards our Governors' Maintenance Fund. The fund is used for any building improvements made in school during the

academic year. This is available on the online payment system. Thank you to all the families that have already made a contribution.

## **SMALL STEPS FOR PEACE**

Today, the children in Y5BT were the first class in KS2 to take part in a project to teach children how to resolve conflict peacefully. The 'Small Steps to Peace' programme was delivered by projector facilitators from the Peace Foundation, who had also carried out staff training on the on Thursday evening to KS2 staff. This morning, the Y5s played some lively games followed by discussions about the feelings associated with being included, excluded, excited, frustrated and angry. The programme will be rolled out to all the KS2 classes and Mr Fernandes will take a representation from St Marie's to graduate as 'Peacebuilders' in a ceremony at Warrington's Peace Centre after Easter.

## **CLASS NEWSLETTERS**

The spring class newsletters have been posted on the website. Please check your own class page for details.

## **ST VINCENT'S**

St Marie's School will be playing an active role during 10am mass at St Vincent's next Sunday, 21st January. If your child is in St Vincent's parish and they would like to sit with Mrs Twomey and other children and staff from school for this mass, please let the school office know.

## **LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH**

Our St Marie's language of the month is back. This month we will be learning some simple Italian. We welcome any family members and carers who can speak Italian to come into school to teach some phrases, read an Italian story or perhaps talk to the children about Italy. We are asking our school community to bring in any Italian objects or photographs to add to our whole school display in the dining room, grazie!

## **BOOKS IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES**

We are currently in the process of creating a 'Books from around the world' section in the library. This section will allow children to read books in various different languages, some with the English translation too. If you are able to donate any bilingual books or books written in another language, it would be much appreciated. Please give any book donations to Miss Scriven, Mrs Shaw or the school office.

## **ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION**

In response to statutory guidance received from the Catholic Education Service and the Diocese of Hallam, the Governors have determined that changes must be made to the admissions criteria for 2019-20.

This means that the school must publicly consult on its proposed admissions arrangements for a period of six weeks. **The consultation period for the 2019-2020 Admissions Policies is open until 4pm on 31st January 2018.**

*The proposed arrangements, together with the proposed new Supplementary Information form have now been placed on the school's website and your comments on the changes would be welcomed.*

The principal changes from the policy of 2018-19 include:

- there are no sub categories, but children with certified medical/social needs receive priority in each category
- children with siblings already in the school receive second priority in each category
- there is a separate category for catechumens and members of Eastern Orthodox churches

The prioritisation of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (or with a Statement of Special Educational Needs), Catholic children who are siblings of Catholic children attending the school, Catholic children of staff, the tie-break arrangements, the maintenance of the waiting list and the procedures for in-year applications remain unchanged, therefore comments are not requested on these aspects of the proposed policy.

If you have any comment to make, please contact the school via email [lgraham@st-maries.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:lgraham@st-maries.sheffield.sch.uk) or in writing and mark your correspondence for the attention of Lindsay Holmes, Clerk to Governors.

Yours sincerely  
**Mr J Fernandes**  
Headteacher

## **CHRISTMAS WRITING CHALLENGE**

Reminder that completed stories must be named and handed in by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at the latest. £10 Amazon vouchers will be awarded to the winners and all entrants will receive a chocolate bar for their efforts.

## **RECEPTION PARENT WORKSHOP**

Mrs Grant is holding a Read Write Inc. workshop for Reception parents this Thursday 18th January 9am in the Green room. Please come and find out how you can support your child when reading at home.

## **Y2 PARENT WORKSHOPS**

We are going to be holding some parent workshops. The main aim of these is to provide you with more information about the expectations for the end of Y2 and to support you in helping your child at home. We would love to see you there!

Reading workshop Tuesday 23rd January 4.45 - 6pm or Thursday 25th January 2.15 – 3.15pm

This workshop will be just for adults. We will look at how we can develop your child's reading further, and what sort of questions should we be asking to help them develop as a reader.

Maths Workshop Thursday 8th February 9- 11am

In this workshop you will be working with your child to find out more about the methods we teach for the 4 operations. The idea of this workshop is that each child has an adult working with them. The children will get extra practise with their maths and the adults will learn more about how we teach the maths methods. If parents or carers are not free, please do encourage a relative or another adult known to the child to come and work with your child.

Writing Workshop Thursday 8th March 9- 11am

In this workshop you will be working with your child to find out more about how children can produce a good piece of writing. The idea of this workshop is that each child has an adult working with them. The children will get extra practise with their writing and the adults will find out more about what we are looking for in a good piece of writing. If parents or carers are not free, please do encourage a relative or another adult known to the child to come and work with your child.

## **CLASS ASSEMBLIES NEXT TERM**

*Class assemblies take place on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm. Parents and Carers welcome!*

19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 (Miss Scriven)
26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Year 4SB assembly moved to Friday 9th March</b>

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Presentation Mass 2pm – all welcome
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception

## THEATRE CLUB

Theatre club will begin on Thursday 18th January 12-12:30pm. Anyone from years 3-6 are welcome to join. **Come along and find out about this year's production at the Montgomery Theatre on Friday 8th June.**

## PE DAYS SPRING TERM

Please note the following NEW schedule for Spring Term.

Class Day(s) to come to school in PE kit.

Please can we remind everyone that PE kit needs to be the school colours:

- navy blue tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts
- navy blue hoody/school jumper/school cardigan
- appropriate colour house team t-shirt

For the colder weather children can wear “plain” navy blue tracksuit bottoms (**No logos please**) and our PE hoodies as previously. We won't allow the use of alternative kit, such as football shirts, other coloured hoodies.

Class	Day(s) to come to school in PE kit
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3 (Miss Scriven)	Wednesday
Year 3 (Mrs Furniss)	Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5 (both classes)	Monday and Wednesday
Year 6KW	Wednesday
Year 6AF	Wednesday and Thursday

## WEEK BEGINNING JAN 15<sup>th</sup>

Remember: you can visit our **school website/ 'Parents' section for full calendar** showing important dates! Follow this link <http://www.st-maries.sheffield.sch.uk/index.php/parents/school-calendar>

Day	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After-School
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Violin lessons (Mrs Robertson)	Lego club	Violin lessons (Mrs Robertson); Guitar lessons (Mr Nash) Premier Stars -both Year 5 classes	Premier All Stars Football 3.30-4.30pm Y3 Y4 girls (confirmed attendees only)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am Read Write Inc workshop for Reception parents; Brass lessons (Mr Page)		Young Voices leave after lunch (remember to bring 'packed tea')	Cross country club for KS2 3.20pm- <u>4.20pm</u> ; Young Voices at the Arena 7pm-9pm

Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Woodwind/Piano lessons (Mr Martin);	Book club		Ukulele Club with Chris Mayall (KS2 only) 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Piano Lessons (Mr Lazell)	Theatre Club starts 12 to 12:30pm	Piano Lessons (Mr Lazell)	Sheffield United's football club 3.30-4.30pm; Orchestra Club 3.30 to-4.30pm.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming Y3AF class Y1 Toy Workshop in class			Martial Arts (confirmed attendees only).

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## BOOK CLUB

Book Club re-opens next Wednesday lunchtime for KS1 in the Green room and KS2 in the library. Book Club thanks Mrs Bellamy for volunteering her time and commitment in running this in KS1 and we wish her well with her new job! Therefore, CALLING ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS or CARERS is there anyone who would be willing to give their time 11.45-1pm (approx.) every Wednesday to help Mrs Kirkbride and Mrs Beare continue to deliver this fantastic Club to our young readers in KS1 and keep St Marie's reading in 2018!

Please contact Mrs Beare (in the Playground), Mrs Kirkbride (in school) or inform the office if you are interested in supporting Book Club.

**Are you a parent of primary school aged children?**

**Do you live in the S7, S8 or S10 postcode area?**

Firecracker Films is making a new observational documentary series for Channel 4 about 'playdates'.

The series will follow three kids and their parents, all from the area, as they open their doors to their unknown neighbours' children and invite them over for a playdate for the first time.

If you are interested in taking part please contact **020 7478 7494** or email [playdates@firecrackerfilms.com](mailto:playdates@firecrackerfilms.com)

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, as amended, you agree and give your consent to the holding and processing of personal data relating to you in any form, (whether obtained or held in writing, electronically or otherwise) by Firecracker Films in connection with the programme.



## **Quiz & Chips Night (Adults only)** **Saturday 27th January 2018**

We will be hosting the hugely popular Quiz & Chips Night (Adults only) on Saturday 27th January 2018 at 7.15 pm (quiz starts at 7.30pm) until 10pm at St Marie's School.

Entrance is £10 per person, which includes a fish & chips supper (please bring your own drinks – including alcohol) and must be ordered by Wednesday 24th January 3.20pm at the latest. Due to high demand, we are limiting tickets to the first 90 sold.

Teams of 4-8 people are allowed and there will be great prizes on the night.

Tickets are on sale now. The best way to order tickets is via our on-line payment service 'payyourschool.co.uk' (under 'events' tab). If you prefer, you can return the form and payment via school, or speak to Clare Monaghan or Basia Beara after school. Tickets will NOT be available on the door.

Please join us for what promises to be a great night and to see who will be crowned:

**St Marie's Quiz Team of the Year 2018**

### **Save the Date:**

**HSA Committee Meeting**, the next HSA Committee meeting will take place on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018** at 7.30pm at the Sportman, Crosspool. Please come and join us to see what the HSA Committee is about.

**School Disco**-We will be holding a disco for the children in the school hall on **Friday 9th February 2018** from 6.30 to 8.00 pm further details to follow.