



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.

YOUNG VOICES TUES 16th JANUARY

Well done to the 44 children and all the adults who represented the school so well at the Young Voices Concert on Tuesday evening at Sheffield Arena. Mrs Grant and Mrs Borland were very pleased at the way the children conducted themselves, and the way they joined in all of the songs. A big thank you, once again to our volunteers and parents helpers, who were superstars on the day. Congratulations to all! Check out the website for some photos from the show.



'BIZKIDS' YEAR 5 SUPPORT FOR ST LUKE'S HOSPICE

As you will be aware, this year, we are supporting St Luke's Hospice Charity and have already raised £1,420 in the autumn term with the help of Mrs Draper's running (£1,020) and your donations (£390). In the spring term, together with others schools from Sheffield, our Year 5 are taking part in an enterprise called 'Bizkids'. This is designed to help children understand more about managing money while raising as much as they can for a good cause. Mr Parks' Year 5 will be given £100, and are challenged to turn it into as much as they can in a defined few weeks. They will also be paired up with a 'business partner' to work with. Exciting fundraising activities coming soon!

Does any parent work for a large organisation, such as a bank or multi-national company, which offers matched funding for charity ventures for employees? Mr Park and Year 5 would be very keen to hear from you.

ST VINCENT'S

Don't forget that St Marie's School will be playing an active role during 10am mass at St Vincent's this Sunday, 21st January. Please come and sit with school staff at the front and bring cakes/biscuits to share with the parish.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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!

POPPY APPEAL

A huge thank you to everyone in our school community who bought poppies or simply donated to our poppy appeal this year. We raised £69.20 in school. Thank you.

FIITBIT AND SMART WATCHES

A number of our children have received Fitbit watches or similar for Christmas. Whilst we encourage and endorse fitness, during PE lessons Fitbits should not be worn in line with our safety policy - like jewellery and watches. Additionally, some of these devices have smartwatch attributes and as such are not appropriate to wear to school as outlined in our e-safety policy. **For the time being, we are not banning them.** However, we are aware that they are a distraction, with some children checking in on them regularly. At present, we will tackle this on an individual basis and with children who find them too much of a distraction, we will have to enforce a ban with them.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL

Would you like to help the HSA organise an international social/ fundraiser? In order to celebrate the international nature of our school, the HSA would like to know if any parents are interested in helping the HSA organise an international- themed social/ fundraiser. Please contact the HSA, or speak to the school office if you are interested and would like to get involved.

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 or in writing and mark your correspondence for the attention of Lindsay Holmes, Clerk to Governors.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Fernandes

Headteacher

PADLEY OWN CLOTHES DAY

Congratulations to all the children in Padley House who managed to win the beads for a third time this week. They will have a non-uniform day on Friday 26th January.

ORIENTEERING

The next schools orienteering event will be held at Whirlow Brook Hall on 20th January, with courses available from 1-3pm. At the last event, St Marie's had a team of 3 - can we make a team of 4 this time? For more details and to check your results after your run, please go to:

www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk

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!

26 th January	Year 4SB assembly moved to Friday 9th March
Friday 2 nd February	Presentation Mass 2pm – all welcome
9 th February	Year 1
16 th February	Reception

THEATRE CLUB

Theatre club started this week and will continue every Thursday from 12-12:30pm. Anyone from years 3-6 are welcome to join. **This year's production is at the Montgomery Theatre on Friday 8th June.**

LOST PROPERTY / NAMED ITEMS

Plea for parents to check uniform and other items (especially lunch boxes!) and make sure they are labelled up with their child's name.

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 and 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 22nd

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 22 nd 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 23 rd Jan	Brass lessons (Mr Page) Y4 Town Hall visit, leaving 11.55am (need packed lunch)			Cross country club for KS2 3.20pm-4.20pm; Y2 Reading workshop 4.45 - 6pm
Wed 24 th Jan	Woodwind/Piano lessons (Mr Martin); 11.55am to 4pm - EFL Kids Cup Football (need packed lunch)	Book club		Ukulele Club with Chris Mayall (KS2 only) 3.30pm-4.30pm

Thurs 25 th Jan	Piano Lessons (Mr Lazell)	Theatre Club 12 to 12:30pm	Piano Lessons (Mr Lazell) 2.15 – 3.15pm Y2 Reading workshop	Sheffield United's football club 3.30-4.30pm; Orchestra Club 3.30 to-4.30pm.
Fri 26 th Jan	Swimming Y3AF class PADLEY children non-uniform day		No class assembly today	Martial Arts (confirmed attendees only).
Sat 27th Jan	7pm – 10pm Quiz and Chips for parents			

BOOK CLUB

Unfortunately, Mrs Beare is unavailable next Wednesday so there will **not be any Book Club in KS1**. Mrs Kirkbride will run it for KS2 in the library as usual.

If you would like to support this fantastic service, are you available to volunteer most Wednesdays from 11.45/12-1pm so we can keep St Marie's reading in 2018? Anyone interested please contact Mrs Beare (in the Playground), Mrs Kirkbride (in school) or inform the office if you are interested in supporting Book Club.



HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA) NEWS

Parents, carers, teachers & staff working together for the benefit of the children at St Marie's. St Marie's HSA organises social events and raises funds during the school year to improve the school experience of our children. We always need extra organisers & helpers!

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 Beare 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

The HSA is looking for any donations for raffles prizes for this year's up and coming events. If you own a company or business and would be happy to contribute any gifts they would be gratefully received. All funds raised go towards school. Please let a member of the HSA know or via email siobhan.bellamy@gmail.com. Thank you

Save the Date:

HSA Committee Meeting, the next HSA Committee meeting will take place on **Monday 19th March 2018** at 7.30pm at the Sportsman, 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.