



St Mary's News

Friday 25th May 2023

Summer 3

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had some time to enjoy the sunshine this week and manage to get some time together in the upcoming half-term.

Today's May Procession was a wonderful celebration of Our Lady. Thank you to everyone who sent in flowers – the church looked amazing and the children sang and read beautifully. St Mary's and Our Lady of Sorrows are both dedicated to the mother of Jesus and our Rosary Prayer Group has been busy praying for our community throughout the month of May. The procession and crowning of the statue are ancient traditions that remind us that we are linked with Catholic across Europe and the world going back generations. With over twenty languages in our school it felt very special to celebrate something together that unites us.

The results of the election for new House Saints were announced in assembly on Monday by the House Captains. From September the Houses will be renamed as follows:

Colours	Old patron saint	New patron saint
Green	St Francis	St Oscar Romero
Yellow	St John Bosco	St Kateri Tekakwitha
Red	St Catharine	St Maximillian Kolbe
Blue	St Bernadette	St Mother Teresa

The new saints are from the four corners of the world and each has a fascinating life story that the children will be taught. If you would like to find out more about the new saints during the half-term holiday, please visit www.catholic.org/saints

Planning for the Summer Fair on Friday 16th June is in full swing but volunteers are always needed by the FSA. If you can spare some time on that day or in the week leading up to the fair, please let the School Office know. The FSA are asking for bottle donations on Friday the 9th of June. This will tie in with a dress down day for the children. The children can wear bright colours to school and bring any bottles including bubble bath, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages (drinks must be sealed and unopened also within date). On the day of the fair, the FSA are asking for people to bring in one chocolate item to add to their chocolate tombola, and the children will be able to wear footwear of their choice, including trainers, as a thank you.

First Holy Communion is approaching for some of our children. More information is included in this newsletter. Please pray for these children and their families. Mrs Flaxbeard is organising a special party for them in school to celebrate the occasion.

We return to school on Monday 5th June after the half-term, but please remember that there is a training day for teachers on **Monday 19th June** when the school will be closed for the day. In the final half-term we have some amazing events to look forward to including the Year 5/6 Production, Sports Days, Passport to the World and, of course, our Leavers' assembly for Year 6. Please remember to return your child's creative homework after the break.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mr Edgington
Headteacher.

First Holy Communion

We are very proud of the 33 children from St Mary's who will make their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Sorrows church on 27th May and 10th June. They have journeyed with their families to this special point when they will receive the body and blood of Jesus. Please join us in praying for these children and their families at this special time.

They are:

Edward, Natan, Adomas, Brian, Isabella, Ola, Gintare, Matty, Tabatha, Asterios, Belles, Mason, Cienna, Iva, Emilia, Evie, Anghel, Martin, Rachel, Morgan, Hannah, Evelyn, Jan, Daisy, Nicola, Gabriela, Twyla, Lucy, Freddie, Alan, Sofia, Zsolt & Anna.

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School Uniform

Please do remember to send your child to school in the correct uniform with black school shoes.

Information about the correct school uniform, PE kits and jewelry can be found on our website:

<https://st-marys-bognor.co.uk/school-uniform/>

With the weather getting warmer, it is also important to remember sun cream, hats, and water bottles.

We thank you for your cooperation



Reminder

Children should not be bringing toys to school as they may end up getting lost, broken, causing arguments or distracting them in class.



Trading cards should only be brought to school on a Friday ready for trading card club.

Housepoints

St Catherine – 7894

St Francis - 6907

St John Bosco – 7997

St Bernadette - 7970

Quad Kids

“10 of our pupils went to the Arena to take part in a Quad Kids sports event. It put them through pain and sweat, conquering 4 events. The 600m run (man did that burn!) We had an amazing second place for the boys in it and an astonishing first for the girls.

We took on the 70m sprint with a first place from the boys and a second place for the girls. After these events, we were dying but we found the determination cheering each other on. We came up against the Vortex Howler, which was amazing how far our students threw. We had a first place for the boys.

Last of all we used our momentum and legs to fly through the Standing Long Jump.

Our students represented our school brilliantly.”

Written by George, Year 6

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th May – School closed for half term

Wednesday 7th June – RE Council to SPH for Child Led Liturgy Day

Friday 9th June – Bring a bottle and dress down day

Hotham Class Mass at OLOS – 10am

Monday 12th June – Yr 5/6 Deanery Enrichment Day at SPH

Tuesday 13th June – Seagull Class Assembly

Wednesday 14th June – New Starters Parents Evening
5.30pm

Thursday 15th June – Regis Class Assembly



Thank you so much to you all for your tremendous generosity in sponsoring the children for sponsored event day and myself personally for the marathon fundraising for JDRF. Now that the school contribution has been added I have raised a total of £2307 for JDRF, which is wonderful news. It will go towards funding research for cures, treatment and prevention of Type 1 diabetes. As you know this is a cause very close to my heart and I am enormously grateful to you all for your support.

Mrs Beaven

KS1 Carnival Day

Here is KS1 parading along beach playing our hand-made instruments and head dresses on our carnival day on Wednesday afternoon, 24th May. We also danced our Samba dance altogether in The park.

This is Sienna's account of the day:



Yesterday it was key stage one 1 carnival day. First we paraded down the street to Longbrook park. Next we danced to Samba in our headaddresses. Later we had breacktime and played with our friends. After we sat on the grass and ate delicious marshmallows, lollies, grapes and oranges. The lollies turned into slushy puppies!

