



Friday 24th June 2016

PTA Street Party

A couple of downpours didn't dampen spirits at our Street party last Friday, it was great to see such a good turnout of families to support this PTA event. The highlight of the afternoon was our School Choir singing a medley of songs through the decades. Many, many thanks to the members of the PTA committee, parents, grandparents and friends of St Mary's who worked tirelessly to put the event together. The event raised £740 for PTA funds.

National School Sport Week

This week has been National School Sport Week across the country. We are passionate about sport at St Mary's so linked this week with a number of events.

KS2 House Swimming Gala

The week started with our annual KS2 House Swimming Gala. It was fantastic to see the children swimming so confidently with great stroke development. It is always a joy to behold the support the children give to each other on these occasions. The overall competition was won by Clitherow. Thank you to the school staff, parents and staff from Denton pool who made this event possible.

Sports Days

Thankfully, the sun shone on our Sports Days this week (Early Years, KS1 and KS2) and everyone was able to enjoy mornings of track and field events with a couple of traditional favourites – the egg and spoon and sack race! Once again, it was great to see the support and encouragement that the children gave to each other. Congratulations to Clitherow house who won the KS2 House Sports Competition.

Induction Meetings

Thank you to the parents who attended our Induction meetings this week. The meetings take place to support children's entry to our Nursery and Reception classes in September. Please return your completed paperwork by 1st July.

St. Mary's RC Primary and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

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Sacramental programme: The Celebration of First Holy Communion

The children enrolled on the Sacramental programme will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 25th June at 11am at St. Mary's Church. The children are to meet Sr Dolores, members of staff and catechists in the Parish Centre from 10.15am. The children will have the opportunity to have an individual photograph taken before the start of Mass. Parents are asked to take their seats in church as soon as they have dropped their child at the Parish centre. The children will then process into church together.

At the end of the Mass, the PTA invite the children to a 'Communion Breakfast' in the Parish Centre. There will also be refreshments for family and friends. The breakfast takes around 30 minutes. There is no obligation for children to attend the breakfast, but it is a lovely way for the children to celebrate this special occasion together.

Please see Sr Dolores, Ms Reeves or Mrs Farrell if you have any questions about the arrangements for First Holy Communion.

Whole School Masses for June and July

The following Masses have been arranged with Fr Peter for the final half term of the school year.

29th June – Feast of SS Peter and Paul (please note – this is also a parish mass)

6th July

12th July – End of Year / Y6 Leavers' Mass

All masses will start at 9.30am and will be attended by children in Reception to Y6. Parents are welcome..

Defibrillator

Thank you to Mrs Linda McGowan, a local resident, who has donated a defibrillator to school. The full story can be found on the Manchester Evening News website at the following link

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/denton-woman-who-cardiac-arrest-11503642e>

Sports News

Rounders

Congratulations to our Rounders team who are through to the Finals of the competition next week. The finals will take place at New Charter Academy next week.

Tennis

Well done to the children who took part in the tennis tournament this week. We were awarded with a bronze medal.

Mini Triathlon

Thank you to everyone who has returned their sponsorship money to school. Please ask that outstanding monies are paid into school as soon as possible.

PTA Bags2school Collection – 24th June

Thank you to everyone who returned a Blue Bag to school.

School Meals price increase

We have been notified by TMBC that there will be an increase in the cost of a school meal. From 1st September 2016, it will cost £2.13 for a school meal (£10.65 per week). The entitlement to a free meal school for Early Years and KS1 children remains unchanged.

Diary Dates (*all dates can be found on the school website www.stmarysdenton.com*)

25th June – Sacramental programme – First Holy Communion – St Mary's Church (11am)

29th June – Whole School Mass – Feast of SS Peter and Paul (9.30am)

30th June / 1st July – Y6 to visit their new High School

1st July – Transition morning - Children to meet their new Class teacher

4th July – Reports to go out to parents

6th July – Whole School Mass (9.30am)

6th July – Netball Team (A) to the School Games

6th / 7th July – Years 5 and 6 Production

8th July – House Winners Trip to Hollywood Bowl

12th July – End of Year / Leavers' Mass (9.30am)

15th July – Presentation Assembly – St Mary's Church (2pm)

15th July – School closes for the Summer Holidays

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'