



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 1 2 September 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back! It was so lovely to see the children yesterday and to hear about their adventures away from school. Our new Reception children are having school visits and will start with us on Wednesday.

Accompanying the Friday Flyer you will find a copy of our Parent Handbook. This was written based on your feedback and is helpful information on all aspects of school life.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk

Thank you

On behalf of the staff, I wish to thank you for all of the wonderful messages, cards and gifts you gave to us at the end of the year. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.



Westgate Road School Street- a request from St Mary's Governors

Before the end of the summer term, the council approved the continuation of the school street on Westgate Road. We are sure you'll all agree that the school street has been a hugely positive thing, making school drop offs and pick ups much safer, healthier and more pleasant for everyone. We are delighted that the council approved its continuation.

However, much like the crossing patrol, the Council will not provide any funding to run it. This means the barriers at the two ends of Westgate Road will have to continue to be manned by volunteers at least in the short term, thus our appeal to you.

We need as many parents as possible to volunteer to do shift on the barrier. The shifts are 30 minutes long and run from 8.25am to 8.55am and 3.05pm to 3.35pm. *If enough parents volunteer then each parent would only have to do one shift per term.* A perk of volunteering is that you are able to park on Westgate Road for the duration of your shift.

The sign-up website sends you an email the day before your shift to remind you. To volunteer please sign up for a shift at <https://signup.com/go/KwimsZQ>

Thank you for your support.
St Mary's Governors



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Medication

Please ensure that if your child needs medication in school (asthma pumps etc) that it is sent into school as soon as possible, and that it is in date.

Contacting the office

Please could we ask that if you need to email the office, you do so using the school email address:

admin@stmaryscp.co.uk

Unfortunately if you use any other address - including the one from which you have received the Friday Flyer, your message could be missed. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Twitter

Our Twitter feed will be updated from next week. Follow us @StMarysBeck.

Date list

The date list accompanies the Friday Flyer.

Dinner money

Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are funded via the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals grant and are at no charge to parents.

Payment for school meals for children in Years 3 to 6 should be made via ParentPay. Meals are £2.40 per day.

Please ensure that your child's account stays in credit. If you need help with your ParentPay account, please contact Mrs Bernadette Smith.

Snacks

Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils are provided with free fruit at morning break. KS2 children may bring fresh fruit **only** to eat at playtimes. We have 'Healthy School' status and children do not bring sweets or fizzy drinks to school.

We have a number of children with severe nut allergies so food containing nuts cannot come in for snack or lunch.



Mobile phones in school

If your child walks to or from school unaccompanied by an adult, they may bring a mobile phone to school. All phones must be switched off and handed in at the office first thing in the morning and they can be collected at the end of the day. They should remain switched off until the child leaves school grounds.

Teachers cannot keep pupils' phones in classrooms. If your child attends a club, the phone should be given to the club provider for safekeeping.

Change of details?

It is important that we have at least two up-to-date contacts for your child in case of emergencies. If your details have changed, please let Mrs Noon know at admin@stmaryscp.co.uk. Thank you.

CLUBS STARTING NEXT WEEK -w/c 5th September

- Premier Sports - Football and Netball (Monday); Gymnastics and Multi-Sports (Tuesday)
- Irish Dancing (Wednesday)
- Lovegrove Hockey (Wednesday)
- Kaigaishii Karate (Friday)

PLEASE NOTE - Taekwondo and Spotlights will start w/c 12th September 2022

All policies are available from the school on request.



