



# St Mary's Catholic School

Growing together in Knowledge, Faith and Love

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## Important Items in this newsletter:

- ◆ Diary Dates
- ◆ First Holy Communion
- ◆ Sport

## Star of the Week

Our first awards were given out in Celebration Assembly this week. Well done to the following children:

★ Reception: Elsa  
★ Year 1: Jesse  
★ Year 2: Archie  
★ Year 3: Chyanne  
★ Year 4: Megan  
★ Year 5: Michaela  
★ Year 6: Tazeena



## Happy News!

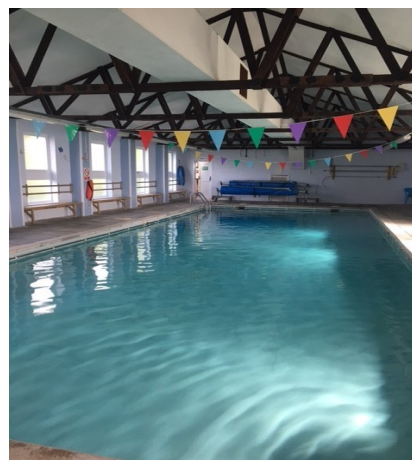
We are happy to announce that Mrs Keitch gave birth over the weekend to a bouncing baby boy named Oliver. Both Mum and baby are well and we are looking forward to them visiting us soon.



Dear All



What a busy couple of weeks we have had. We are delighted that the school swimming pool is finally open and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson. Please could I remind you to label your children's school clothes so that they do not get lost or swapped! Please could you also ensure that if you have not yet paid for your child's swimming lesson that you do so asap. Unfortunately the school is not in a position to fund swimming and will only be kept open with parental contributions.



I am very sad to say that at the end of this half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Field and Mrs Szlichta. Mrs Field has been connected with the school for 23 years as a parent and 12 years as a TA. Mrs Szlichta has been a TA at the school for 15 years. Those of you who have been fortunate enough to have your children in their classes will know how much they will be missed and I know you will join me in wishing them all the best for the future.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,  
Best wishes  
Demelza Bolton

## Dinner Money

A polite reminder, please could you pay for dinner money at the beginning of the week or in the office daily. Universal free school meals is only provided to children up to year 2 or for children in receipt of pupil premium funding. If you think you may be entitled to this then please see the school office in confidence. The school cannot fund school dinners and you will need to provide a packed lunch if payment is not received. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

## Class Attendance



Each week classes have the opportunity to win attendance prizes and a trophy for the best attendance and least number of recorded lates. The successful classes will appear in the Newsletter.

At St Mary's we believe that success at school starts by being present and punctual if children are to obtain maximum benefit from the many opportunities the school provides. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. Absences can also affect a child's relationship with other children and his or her ability to form lasting friendships. It can affect a child's confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.

We will work with parents to ensure that all pupils achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that impede full attendance are identified and acted on as soon as possible.

### w/ending 22nd September 2017

1st place Y5 with 98.7%,

2nd place Y4 with 97.8%

3rd place Y6 with 97.6%

### First Holy Communion

Mrs Curnow and Mrs Smith will be starting classes in November. If your child is in year 3 or above and wishes to make their First Holy Communion, please contact Mrs Ala Mace- Butler before half term.

### **Gardening Club**

Gardening Club are busy weeding and planting daffodils, ready for the spring. We found worms, spiders, beetles and even carrots!



### **Taster Days Year 6**

Mounts Bay Academy- Tuesday 3rd October

Humphry Davy School- Thursday 5th October

**Tempest** are coming in on Wednesday 11th October to take individual and family photos.

### **Did you know?**

There's a children's Liturgy during the 11.00 am Sunday Mass in our Parish Church.



All children are welcome – please feel free to accompany your child, and stay as long as you wish.



Sessions are held in the hall below the church, returning at the Offertory.



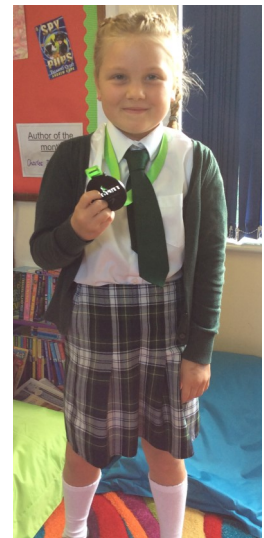
## Sport

Congratulations to Lyra in Year 4 who completed the Tuff Enuff challenge at the weekend.

Harry Friggens and Fletcher Marr (Year 4) competed in two mini Triathlons over the Summer holidays.

A group of children competed against other local schools in a Basketball Competition this week. In their heat, they drew two matches and lost one. They worked fabulously as a team and we are very proud of them.

Tennis Club has met twice and the sun has shone both times. Hand / eye co-ordination and racket and ball control were focussed on. There were lots of smiles, giggles and happy children, and even Miss Correnti is showing great improvement.



## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd October	Y6	Mounts Bay Taster Day
Thursday 5th October	Y6	Humphry Davy Taster Day
Wednesday 11th October	Whole school	Tempest photos
Thursday 12th October	Whole School	Harvest Festival
Friday 20th October	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Mon 23rd October to Fri 27th October	All	Half Term holiday
Monday 30th October	All	Return for second half Autumn Term
Friday 3rd November	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January		Christmas Break

### Spring Term 2017

Thursday 4th January	All	Return for Spring Term
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		Half term holiday
Monday 19th February	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 20th February	All	Return for second half Spring Term
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April		Easter Break

### Summer Term 2017

Monday 16th April	All	Return for Summer Term
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June		Half term holiday
Monday 4th June	All	Return for second half Summer Term
Monday 23rd July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 24th July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Wednesday 25th July	All	Break up for the Summer Holidays

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