July 2023 Newsletter



I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. (John 10:10)





It is the time of year,











when we say goodbye to our amazing Y6 children. You have been brilliant through some very difficult years. You will look back on your primary school in many years' time and realise what you all coped with. You all did your SATs and did amazingly well

considering the tests were particularly hard this year. We as a school are so proud of each and every one of you! Tests do not show all you have achieved. The tests do not show what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create the tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the



way your families do.











There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! I hope that over the last 7 years of your schooling and all the challenges you have faced "What do you want to be has helped you gain an appreciation of education and more "When you grow up?" importantly an appreciation of your family. I hope it has helped you recognise the values of love, friendship, learning, empathy, resilience and kindness. The Greek philosopher Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind

without educating the heart is no education at all" and you all have heart! Love Mrs Scott x





A Final Goodbye and Thank You to....

Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Morris, Miss Gordon, Mrs. De La Morena and Miss Devers.

They have been teachers, assistant heads, support staff and dinner ladies. St Mary's are

extremely grateful for the dedication, care, support and love all these women have shown. All will be hugely missed! We wish them all luck in their new ventures.







Term starts – Tuesday 5th Sept ¹/₂ term ends – Friday 20th Oct 2.30pm Half Term – Monday 23rd Oct -Friday 27th Oct Term re-starts – Monday 30th Oct Term ends – Thursday 21st Dec 1:15pm

Spring 2024

Term starts – Monday 8th Jan ¹/₂ term ends – Friday 9th Feb 2:30pm Half Term – Monday 12th Feb – Friday 16th Feb Term re-starts – Monday 19th Feb Term ends– Thursday 28th Mar 1:15pm

Summer 2024

Term starts – Monday 15th Apr ½ term ends – Friday 24th May 2:30pm Half Term – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May Monday 3rd Jun Term re-starts – Tuesday 4th Jun Term ends – Friday 19th Jul 1:15pm



Teachers and Support Staff September 2023 – 2024 Reception – Teacher Miss Powell / Support Staff – Miss Higgs Year 1 & 2 – Teacher Miss Byrne & Mrs. Dunleavy / Support Staff – Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Davidson Year 3 & 4 – Miss Lloyd / Support Staff – Miss Flanagan & Mrs. Trainor Year 5 & 6 – Teacher Mr. Trussell / Support Staff – Mrs. Byrne Support teacher – Mrs. Hooper Head teacher – Mrs. Scott Assistant Head & SENDCO - Mrs. Hooper Secretary – Mrs. Skitt Sports Coach – Mr. McLaughlin Cleaner – Miss Doyle & Mrs. Walker Maintenance – Mr. Lloyd

Summer Work

The teachers do not set work over the summer, as we want the children to have a good break. We would ask you to continue to read with your child over the summer break as 6 weeks of non-reading can really have a negative effect before they return to school. Any handwriting and sentence practise would be beneficial too. See you in September!

Wednesday Word-Wednesday Word is summer booklet. Please use family time to read it & do some activities by visiting: https://www.stmaryscatholicps.co.uk/c atholiclife Attachments - Please read the attachments

about Mental Health Support Teams Summer



SMARTIES CHALLENGE Well done to everyone that donated a Smarties tube. We raised £72.44 for St Joseph's Jospice. Thank you!