

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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with Christ at its centre"

Spring 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

Happy new year and welcome back to school. The young leaders met this week and have already begun planning the new terms activities, these will include: Sunflower growing competition, Easter Egg hunt, Movies and Munchies night and a Cake Sale. The children will be running a weekly book club at lunch times where all can share a favorite book and make use of our Swap area.

We are all very much looking forward to the booked Everdon Forest school days. The school will be off setting the cost as part of our commitment to a fun and enriching curriculum. I have detailed the trip further below.

Mrs Morgan as our Mental Health Lead has asked that both staff and parents complete the Online survey about the support provided by the school. I have detailed this further below and attached the link to the email.

The teachers will be sending home paper copies this week of the termly overviews and electronic copies can be found attached to this email and on the school website.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Laura Concannon

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday 18th January- Year 5 and 6 Young Sports Leaders Training. FHC talk in church at 3:15pm.**
- **Friday 19th January- 10am Mass in church Years 3-4 to lead.**
- **Sunday 21st January- 10:45am Induction Mass for the First Holy Communion children.**
- **Thursday 25th January- Year R, 1 and 2 Multi skills event with the young sports leaders in Year 5 and 6 also attending.**
- **Wednesday 31st January- Year 6 SATS information session.**
- **Friday 2nd February- Mass Presentation of the Lord 10am Years 5 and 6 to lead.**
- **Tuesday 6th February- Everdon trip for Years R, 1 and 2. 9-6pm.**
- **Friday 9th February- Movies and Munchies night 6-8pm.**
- **Monday 12th February- Cake sale 3:00pm**
- **Tuesday 13th February- Everdon trip for Years 3-6. 9-6pm.**
- **Wednesday 14th February- Ash Wednesday Mass 10am**
- **Friday 16th February- School closes for Half term**
- **Monday 26th February- School reopens to all pupils.**
- **Tuesday 27th February- FHC sessions start in school.**

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale

### Mental Health Awareness

Mrs Morgan has completed training which enables her to lead our school in supporting our children's mental health.

- As a staff we have attended training through relax kids, offered this training to parents and ran workshops in school for each class. Relaxation breaks on the timetable.
- Zones of Regulation training and implementation through out the school
- Worry boxes
- Interventions for select pupils
- Referrals
- Well being Literacy units
- Well being week 2023
- Wear Yellow for mental health day
- Active learning breaks
- Blue Butterfly Assembly
- ODD SOCK day.



### Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre and Forest School

The children in Fishermen Class will be attending a fun packed team building day at the Everdon Centre on Tuesday 6th February 9-6pm. The children will need a pack lunch and be dressed for Forest school. The Centre will provide a hot dinner at 4:30pm and the children will then return for 6pm. The children in Carpenters and Shepherds classes will have a day at the Centre on Tuesday 13th February. Letters will be sent out next week. Forest School for Fishermen class restarts Wednesday 17th April.

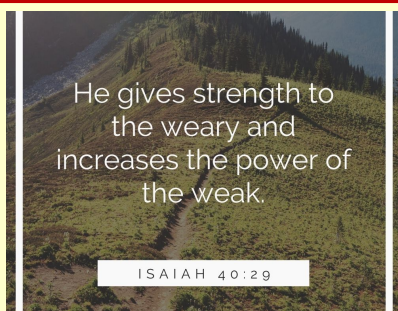
### Swimming

Swimming for Years 3-6 begins on Monday 26th February and ends on Monday 25th March. If your child can confidently swim 25 metres they can remain in school and take part in a sport session. The sessions will be 1hr long to ensure that the children make good progress.

### First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion Celebration will take place on Saturday 8th June 2024 at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church here, in Aston le Walls. The Catholic children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will start their preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Tuesday afternoons from Tuesday 27th February 2024. It is vital that parents take an active part in preparing their child to receive these sacraments. Fr Jose cordially invites you to attend an Induction Talk in church on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 3.20pm followed by an Induction Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in ALW on Sunday 21st January at 10:45am. Important information will be given out at the Induction talk about your child's preparation and a programme of events for applicants and their families. It is essential that each family is represented at the meeting where there will be ample opportunity for parents to ask questions.

## Value focus: Commitment and Perseverance



### SATS Information Session Year 6

Due to training being rescheduled the SATS information session has now been rescheduled to Wednesday 31st January straight after school. Please complete and return the slip with the incorrect date on so that we can ensure we have enough resources printed.

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Please check our website for regular updates

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