



St Mary's Matters

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A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school.

I'm slightly in shock that we have reached the summer term already. By now you will have received our 'Good' Section 48 report and I hope it gives you confidence that the school is moving forwards and heading in the right direction.

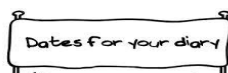
As always there are lots of exciting things happening in the school this term. The children are excited by their new topics and are keen to share facts and new learning with each other (and anyone who will listen). We are thrilled with the number of children who expressed an interest in joining one of our wide range of after-school clubs. We were very sad when PLAY decide to withdraw from St Mary's due to the distance Mr Brotherton had to travel, as PLAY is based mainly in Eastbourne and the surrounding area, but we feel that we have offered a good range of new clubs for children to try out. We are looking into what other clubs could be offered and will be surveying the children in the next few weeks to find out what they would like to see.

As always my door is open. If you have any queries, concerns or something that is niggling at you please make an appointment to meet with me to discuss it further.

Here's hoping the sunshine returns for the weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Irvine



Summer Term Events

Deanery Children's Council : Thursday 7th June

Year 5/6 Visit to Harry Potter Studios : Thursday 14th June

Year 6 Residential : Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd June

Good Shepherd Celebration : Wednesday 20th June

Invited children only

Year 3/4 Visit to Tilgate Park : Friday 22nd June

Whole School Mass : Friday 29th June (**Pupils only**)

St Clare Feast Day celebration : Wednesday 11th July

Year 5 Deanery Children's Conference : Thursday 12th July

St Kateri Feast Day celebration : Friday 13th July

End of Year Mass : Monday 16th July, 1:15 p.m. at St Mary of the Angels Church (**Parents/Carers welcome**)

Year 6 Leavers' Mass : Thursday 19th July, 6:00 p.m. at the school
(**Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers only**)

A few REMINDERS for the Summer Term

The **school uniform** during the summer term is the same as throughout the year **for boys and girls**. The children may, of course, take off their sweatshirt when it is hot.

Please do not send your child to school in coloured or patterned socks. **Socks** should be plain grey or white, and worn with **black school shoes** not trainers.

Sandals may be worn, with socks, provided toes are covered and the sandal is not backless/strapless.

Water bottles must be in school every day; we will continue to encourage the children to keep drinking throughout the day.

Sun cream should be applied before children come to school. They may also bring a *named* bottle of sun cream which will be looked after by their class teacher, and which they can apply themselves before going out in the afternoon.



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Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Leticia Martin to St Mary's as a learning assistant within our Inclusion team. Leticia will be supporting children across the school with their learning.

Mrs Humphries, who married last Summer, is delighted to be expecting her first baby in the Autumn. She will be with us throughout this school year and into the Autumn term.

St Clare Class Blog

St Clare class would like to invite you all to visit their class blog at
<http://stclareclassblog.edublogs.org/>

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Term Dates

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July*

Half Term Break :

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

Inset Days:

*Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th July 2018

For parents/carers who like to book their holidays well in advance, these are the school holidays for 2018-2019:

Autumn 2018 Half Term Break

Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October

Christmas 2018 Break

Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January

Spring 2019 Half Term Break

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Easter 2019 Break

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April (Bank Holiday)

Summer 2019 Half Term Break

Monday 27th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 31st May

Summer Term Ends Friday 19th July 2019

Parish Update

ROSARY ON THE COAST : This national initiative, to promote the sanctity of human life throughout the UK, is taking place up and down England & Wales. Our parish will be taking part with Rosary, Litany and Benediction on Sunday 29th April, 3.00pm, in the church. All welcome.
More information: www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

PARISH MEMBERSHIP OF WORTHING DEMENTIA ACTION:
Our parish is joining the WDAA as a 'Group Friend'. Our membership of WDAA is part of our drive to become an AMAZING Parish. For more information about WDAA please look online: www.dementiafriendlyworthing.org

COFFEE MORNING : The next Coffee Morning and bring and buy will be after the 10.00am Mass on Friday May 11th. This is towards fundraising for the Church repairs.