

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th May 2022



Upcoming Events...

Monday 16 th May	Y2 SATs Begin
Wednesday 18 th May	Y2 Visit St Marie's Cathedral for The Good Shepherd Appeal
Thursday 19 th May	Queen's Jubilee Lunch and Celebration
Tuesday 24 th May (8:50am)	SAFFA Meeting – everyone welcome
Monday 23 rd – 27 th May	Donate a Plant Week
Wednesday 25 th – 27 th May	Y5/6 Kingswood Residential
Friday 27 th May (3:00pm)	Break up for Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th June	Return to School
Tuesday 7 th June (8:50am)	Pentecost Liturgy and Parade

Proud to be Me: *Love: "Love is the only language everyone understands." St Joseph Frienademetz*

"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Perhaps you can: as a family, visit someone who may be sick or lonely; be extra helpful by putting others' needs first; show and tell family members how much you love them through unexpected acts of kindness; include someone in your games who may be feeling left out.

Reception	Harry	For being a helping hand around the classroom and being kind and thoughtful friend
Year 1	Niamh	For offering her support to others during our maths lessons this week
Year 2	Nancy	For helping Miss Mee and Mrs Marshall in the classroom and coming to school with a giant, infectious smile.
Year 3	Joshua C	For showing kindness to other and for giving lots of effort into his writing ideas this week.
Year 4	Violet	For always showing love through being a dependable, caring friend.
Year 6	All of Year 6	For their effort and perseverance this week during SATs.

Spanish: **Kaidan** for trying really hard to remember how to say the Spanish sea animals. **Imogen** for being really brave to go first in our Spanish speaking game. **Charlie** for trying really hard with his Spanish sentences. **Harvey** for fantastic extended sentences in Spanish.

P.E: **Thea** for following instruction and demonstrating good team work. **Laylah** for showing great enthusiasm and team work. **Zahra** for trying her best to be in the ready position and looking at her partner during ball skills. **Bailey** for fantastic accuracy. **Fontaine** for really good agility across the tennis court! **Amelia** for fabulous attitude and effort. **Zara** for consistent application of skills she has learned

Swimmer of the week: James L

Music: **Theodora** for her super music sequencing work and playing of instruments this week. **Laylah** worked really hard in our recorder lesson this week. **Jensen W** super Samba drumming this week. **Jenson F** great Samba rhythm work this week.

Bronze Awards: Well done **Jack, Sophie, Oscar F, Eva, Edna** and **Lottie** for earning 100 *Monster Effort Points*.

Silver Awards: Well done **Maisie, Marshall** and **Laylah** for earning 200 *Monster Effort Points*.

Gold Award: Well done **Juno** for earning 300 *Monster Effort Points*.

House of the Week: St Benedict's with 107 points

Best Attendance: Reception/Y1 with 100%

Plugs for Parents...

Y2 SATs: Y2 SATs will take place over two weeks starting on week beginning 16th May.

Y2 Visit St Marie's Cathedral for The Good Shepherd Appeal 18.05.22: A letter with consent form link has been sent out this week. Please complete the consent and make payment before Friday 13th May, thank you.

Queen's Jubilee Lunch and Celebration 19.05.22: Dolce are preparing an extra special picnic lunch to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This picnic lunch will be paid for by SAFFA. The hall will be decorated in flags, table cloths, balloons and bunting, and we are having a non-uniform day where children are asked to come to school wearing red/white and/or blue. **Please pre-order** if you haven't done so already, as this will help the kitchen gauge demand on the day.

Plugs for Parents...

Donate a Plant Week 23.05.22 – 27.05.22: Help us make our little school look beautiful! Please donate a bedding plant, perennial or low growing shrub so that we can improve our flower beds.

Y5/6 Kingswood: Quick reminder, there are a couple of outstanding payments still to be made. Also, if you haven't already done so, please **fill in the Kingswood 2022 form** that was sent out on yesterday's reminder email.

Pentecost Liturgy and Parade 07.06.22: Family and friends are invited to join us for the liturgy at 8:50am in the school Hall, followed by the annual parade down to Fox Valley and back.

Morning Drop Off: St Ann's staff are not responsible for looking after children until doors open at 8.30am. Children should not be left unattended before this time or brought to school early with the expectation that they will be allowed into school early. Parents have parental responsibility for their child up to 8:30am. We are concerned because some children are arriving in the KS2 playground between 8:15am and 8:30am and are unsupervised.

Plastic Bottle Tops: Reception/Y1 class need plastic pop bottle or milk bottle tops for their class project. Please bring any you have into school over the next two weeks, thank you.

National Online Safety: According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is essential that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers going online. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey. In the attached guide, you'll find tips such as managing screen time, block in-app purchases and using devices together

The Good Shepherd Appeal: Y2 are visiting St Marie's Cathedral and they would like to make a donation from our school community towards [The Good Shepherd Appeal](#). If you would like to support this cause, please send your donations in to school in a marked envelope.

Gardening Volunteers 30.05.2022: SAFFA are asking for volunteers to help to tidy and weed our flower beds on the Monday of the half term holiday between 9am and 2pm. Children are welcome to join their parents and have a go. If you would like to join in, just turn up on the day... preferably with a trowel/spade/gloves etc!

St Ann's Multilingual Community: We are very proud of all of our children in St Ann's and we are amazed that some of our community are multilingual. To help St Ann's celebrate our multilingual community, we would like **all families** to complete a [simple survey](#). Even if you do not consider your family to be multilingual, please complete the survey so we are able to gain a clear picture of our school community – thank you in advance.

Wednesday Word: Please see here for this week's [Wednesday Word](#)

Summer Gala 25.06.22: We are thrilled to announce that the Summer Gala is back! Please save the date and join us as we come together as a community to have a bit of fun... hopefully in the sun!

Operation Christmas Child: Many thanks to Liz from Operation Christmas Child who came into school today to talk about her mission to give the gift of joy to less fortunate children around the world. The charity has secured plans to take many boxes to Ukraine before Christmas to support children who are going through so much at this time.

We invite the children and families to support Operation Christmas Child by donating any items from the **attached shopping list** or by making cash donations to support the delivery of the shoe boxes. It costs £5 to deliver a shoe box to a child so any donations you can afford will be muchly appreciated.

Please bring all donations and shopping items into school by Friday 10th June. We will then put the donations together and work out how many boxes we can afford to build and send off around the world.

News...

Rec/Y1 Giant Wiggle Yoga: Reception/Y1 class have signed up to Giant Wiggle Yoga with The Hungry Caterpillar. Over the course of May, the children will be regularly participating in Giant Wiggle yoga in the hope that you will sponsor them to raise money for Action for Children. If you would like to sponsor our Reception/Y1 class, please visit our [Give Penny fundraising page](#). A big thank you to everyone who has donated. So far, we have raised an amazing £80 – thank you!

Instrument Donations: If anyone has a clarinet or trumpet/cornet that they would be happy to donate to Mrs Fitzpatrick, she would be happy to receive them in any condition ready for starting lessons with these instruments.

Attached with this Newsletter...

- Operation Christmas Child – Shopping List
- St Ann's School Summer Gala Poster
- National Online Safety – Online Safety Tips for Under 5s
- St Ann's Church and St Mary's Church Bulletin – 4th Sunday of Easter
- Dolce – The Queen's Jubilee Picnic Menu
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre - Holiday Camps Spring Bank Holidays
- Picture News – Should you always be allowed to choose your own breakfast?