

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome to a new academic year and greetings to our St Ann's families both old and new. We are looking forward to sharing all that this year has in store! Despite the fresh start, we are already having a number of latecomers each morning through the door and would like to urge parents to make sure that they are here on time – thank you.



Upcoming Events...

A full timetable of 2024-25 year's events will be emailed out to parents shortly. Please note: the events on the 2024-25 timetable are subject to change. Please reference this Newsletter for up to date information.

Friday 13 th September (8:50am)	Proud to be Me Assembly
Monday 9 th September (2:00pm)	Mass – Blessing of the New School Year
Friday 4 th October	Sponsored Walk (Information to follow)

Plugs for Parents...

Proud to be Me Assemblies: Family and Friends are welcome to join us every Friday at 8:50am in the school hall for our *Proud to be Me* assembly. This is a time when we all get together as a school community and celebrate each other's achievements and share what has been happening at school. If for any reason the *Proud to be Me* assembly has to be cancelled we will let you know on this Newsletter.

Mass – Blessing of the New School Year 09.09.24: Family and friends are warmly invited to join us in the School Hall for this Mass at 2pm.

Sponsored Walk 04.10.24: A hardcopy of the sponsor form and cover letter will be sent out next week. Please keep an eye out for it in your child's bag.

National Online Safety: For many children and young people, change can be hard to process – and this is no different when the time comes for them to return to school. After such a long stretch of time away, they may begin to feel creeping doubts over their lessons, their teachers, their routines, or even any friends they haven't seen over the summer. Parents, educators, and other trusted adults play a vital role for these children, and it is extremely important to know how to effectively support young people through this potentially difficult time. This free guide offers you expert advice on how to lend a hand to youngsters returning to education, and details what you can do to make this transition as easy as possible.

Polite Reminder: As you will all know, McIntyre Road is extremely busy at 8:30am and 3:00pm and parking is difficult. Despite this, please could we quickly remind parents not to park across our neighbours' driveways; to leave room on the footpaths for a pram to get past and to refrain from using the school car park unless otherwise arranged. We thank everyone for their ongoing patience and support with this.

Other Items...

A Message from the Diocese: Education Sunday 2024: Draft message for School Newsletters. This weekend we celebrate Education Sunday, an opportunity to reflect on and be thankful for all of our diocesan schools and academies, alongside all of Catholic Education across the country. Our schools are blessed with many dedicated members of staff, but also many committed governors who generously give of their time to help our schools provide the best. However, several schools struggle to recruit Foundation Governors to help them be of service to our Bishop. If you feel that you could give some time to this role, or are interested in finding out more, please contact the diocesan schools' department at schools@hallam-diocese.com or on 0114 256 6440.

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Supporting Children Going Back to School
- Penistone Show
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#)

Picture News...

This is the question that we will be deliberating next week:



How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



In the news this week

Over the summer, many protests took place in England and Northern Ireland. Some of these became violent and turned into riots, which caused a great deal of damage to cars and buildings. It is thought that a lot of the protesters involved were encouraged by misinformation spread online. Following the protests, communities in many towns, including Middlesbrough, organised clean-up efforts that united people from all faiths and races.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What does community mean to you? How would you describe your local community?
- > Can you think of a time when you have either helped or been helped by your local community?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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