



Newsletter

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

September 2024

What a wonderful start to the new school year! I'd like to say a huge thank you to you for ensuring your children have the correct uniform and our standards remain high! Please remember no trainers, no extreme hairstyles and no other bags except a navy blue book bag and a red drawstring PE bag are allowed in school.

I have spoken to the whole school in assembly to remind them of our high standards of behaviour so children have the opportunity to learn and play in a calm environment. We have discussed our rewards and sanctions ladders, for example; what prohibited items are and what the word 'persistent' means.



Rewards Ladder



If I make the right choice...



Please refer to the school's policy for further advice.



Sanctions Ladder



If I make the wrong choice...



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Harvest

To support our local community, we would like to make up food hampers to donate to our ECO Edlington food bank and help those in need of our support.

We are asking for donations of:

- tinned or jars of food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, jam)
- long-life milk, juice and drinks
- dried pasta and rice
- cooking sauces
- condiments
- tea and coffee
- cereal
- toiletries



Please send into school by Tuesday 15th October, ready for our donations to be blessed in our Harvest mass and donated. Thank you.

Safeguarding is always our priority and you can help keep your children safe online by reading our monthly safety cards attached to our Newsletter. This month is focussing on keeping your children safe using TikTok.

Important Reminder

It is important that your child's pick-up list is updated throughout the year if you would like someone new to collect your child from school. Please contact the office to inform them of any changes.

Please be aware that nobody under the age of 16 can collect a child from our school.



School photo!
Monday 14th
October

Thank you for attending our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week, it was lovely to see so many of you!

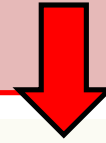
Baby news!



Miss Taylor is expecting a baby and she will be going on maternity leave at Christmas! I'm sure you will all join us in congratulating her on such lovely news.

IMPORTANT

Reminder of the Department for Education changes to the School Attendance Guidance, in particular the National Framework for Penalty Notices that was sent out a few weeks ago.



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

FIRST OFFENCE

1

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance



Postcards Home go to...

Well done to the following children who have been nominated for 'Star of the Month' for their consistent hard work and positivity towards their learning.

Ezra (Nursery), Uyioghosa (Reception), Mia Z (Year 1) Tanya (Year 2), Kamsi (Year 3), Anuoluwa (Year 4), Sophia (Year 5), Seye (Year 6)