

Friday 6th September 2024

# Newsletter



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Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back! It has been a delight to welcome back pupils in Years 1-6, and to meet our new Nursery and Reception pupils. The children are settling to new routines and to their learning - well done! We celebrated the Birthday of Our Lady today with Mass (and cake!), our visitors from the Parish commented on the children's wonderful behaviour and singing. What a great start to our school year.

Together with Christ everyone achieves more

## Our value for September is 'Respect'

We start the term and the month of September focussing on the value of **Respect**. This value is at the core of everything we do in school. We are extremely lucky that our school community is a very positive, supportive and respectful one, and our rules underpin this:

At SMSB we are ready, respectful and safe.



Keep in mind what Jesus taught us;

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

This half term at St Mary and St Benedict pupils are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.



## After School Clubs...begin next week

- After School Clubs: 3 - 4pm £2
- \*\*Please note that clubs are now £2 per day per child\*\*
- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.45am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Y6 Maths IT - Boys' Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts (KS2) - Netball (KS2)	- Activities - Computers - Tennis (Y2+) - Girls' Football (Y5/6) - Eritrean Club <i>4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)</i>	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) - Gymnastics / acro dance

## Home Reading

When your child starts school they will soon begin to bring books home - firstly books for you to read to them, and then books for them to read to you. We ask all parents to read with their child daily **whatever their ability**. Pupils benefit immensely from the opportunity to read to adults, and discuss what they have been reading. Please find the time to do this daily, and to fill in your child's diary so that we know you have read together.

Reading is the key to success across the curriculum! It doesn't matter what you read - just that you practise every day and talk about the book every time.



## Our Birthday Gift to You

We want to celebrate special days with our children in our school community. On their birthday, or the nearest school day to their birthday, children can come to school in **non-uniform**; this way everybody within the school community who sees them will know that it is their special day!



## Drop Off and Collection

Remember school starts at **half past eight!** The gates will close at 8.40am so that registers can be taken at 8.45am. Please try to be on time.



**Drop Off:** Gates are open 8.30am - 8.40am

**Collection:** Gates open 2.50pm, collection from the classroom door at 3pm. If we are informed by letter, then pupils in Y5/6 may walk home alone.

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**Respect**



**Please note:**

- Children may wear our **Summer Uniform** until October half term: purple gingham dresses for girls, purple or white polo shirts and grey shorts for boys.
- All school uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- All pupils in Year 1-6 should wear a **PE kit** to school on days they have PE: black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps or trainers. When the weather cools, children are invited to wear a tracksuit or jogging bottoms/ sweatshirt.
- Children **MUST NOT** bring mobile phones to school without prior agreement, and arranging for them to be kept in the School Office securely during the day.
- Children should be wearing sensible black **school shoes**, not trainers or boots as they are not healthy for growing feet and therefore not part of our uniform. *Families on low incomes may apply for help to buy school shoes.*

**PE Days - Pupils to come to school in kits. Please ensure kits are plain and unbranded.**

Year 1 and 2	Monday: Miss Doherty's Class Tuesday: Mrs Collins' and Mr Leybourne's Classes
Year 3 and 4	Wednesday (Year 4 also need to bring a swimming kit on Wednesdays)
Year 5 and 6	Wednesday and Friday



**Looking forward...**

Sunday 8th September <b>Education Sunday</b>	School Mass 9.30am: Confirmandi presented to the Parish
Monday 9th September <b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b>	After School Clubs begin <b>**Please note that clubs are now £2 per day per child**</b>
Wednesday 11th September	3pm Class Meetings for Years 1-6
Monday 16th September	9am/2.30pm Phonics Workshops for Parents of KSI - School Hall
Friday 25th October	Final day of the half term

**Please remember to cut grapes safely to avoid choking.**

Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher



**A busy first week at SMSB!**



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