



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

"You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky."

**SEPTEMBER 2024**



It is lovely to have everyone back for a new school year.

The staff have been delighted to see everyone and it has been a great start to the academic year. The children have settled into the routines of their new classes very well. We have an exciting and busy term ahead and we are already seeing some great work from the children.

The children look very smart. Thank you all for your support on our return to school and we look forward to working with you all this year.

#### SCHOOL OFFICE free school meals

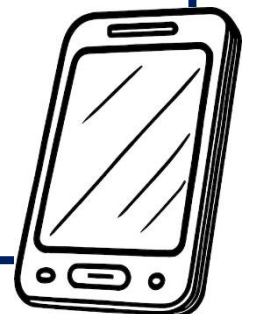
All schools receive extra funding for those families on a low income and who are entitled to free school meals. In addition to free school meals, school also provides free milk for these children and we can offer support in other ways too.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please call at the office with your name, date of birth and NI number. Thank you

#### SCHOOL OFFICE change of number

If you have a new mobile number or you have changes such as addresses, home numbers etc, please let the school office know.

It is important that school has 2 sets of contact details for families in case of emergencies.



**EARRINGS** – As part of our uniform policy – children should not wear earrings for school.

Although we have sent clear guidance regarding this requirement, children are still coming to school wearing their earrings. Please support our policy.

We will be reaching out to parents directly moving forward, when children are still wearing their earrings to school, to see how we can support.



### DO YOU SHOP IN ASDA?

Please join the Asda Cashpot for schools scheme. Every time you scan your Asda rewards app, a percentage of what you spend is donated to school. The scheme ends at the end of November and you can join the cashpot on your Asda Rewards app.

Thank you!

**ATTENDANCE UPDATE** – our new and amended attendance policy will be sent out separately. The changes reflect the Department for Education’s guidance.

In line with our policy, parents will be receiving updates later this week, if their child’s attendance falls below 92%.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Daisy Chain meeting for parents	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 1:15pm
MacMillan cake sale for children	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September am
KS1 trip to the theatre – Tiger Who Came to Tea	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October - Morning
Flu immunisations	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
Parents Evening	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 3pm-5:30pm
Welcome Mass for new starters	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2pm
PD Day – school closed to pupils	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term week	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need Day – wear something spotty	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
KS2 Carol Service	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
End of term – 1pm finish	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December