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What an amazing first week we have had at St. Mary's!

The children have settled back into school life and although a little tired after their first few days in school, are rising to the challenges that have been set by the staff. We have an exciting year ahead of us all.

It has been really enjoyable for me to get into the classes this week and meet some of the children. They have excitedly shared with me aspects of their learning including their favourite toys, knowledge on the Egyptians, portrait work, categorising materials in science, observations of the rainforest floor as well as exploring the 'Kingdom of God'.

I look forward to getting to know the children and engaging with them in their learning.
Ms. Hamilton-Hall

Upcoming Events

Date	September
13/09/19	Mass with Year 6
17/09/19	Italian Club starts – info to follow
18/09/19	Maths Workshop (1) for Year 5 & 6 Parents
20/09/19	Mass with Year 5
24/09/19	Individual and Family Group Photographs
25/09/19	Maths Workshop (2) for Year 5 & 6 Parents
27/09/19	Mass with Year 4 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (from 2pm) Please come and join us all

School Animals – Can you help?

After careful consideration we have made the difficult decision to re-home our wonderful school animals. They have brought us much happiness and joy over the years, but we feel the time has come to retire them from the 'school life', to enjoy being part of a loving family and be just pets.

We would love our furry friends to have a caring home where they will receive all the attention, love and affection that they deserve.

We have two un-neutered female rabbits, which we need to find a home for as soon as possible. They **will need** to stay as a pair. They enjoy being handled and love lots of cuddles! We have already been successful in finding a forever home for the guinea pigs. Thank you to their new family.

Ideally, we will be looking for someone who has a garden where they can roam and eat grass (cheaper than a lawn mower) with **no** dogs.

Please consider this carefully as, although it is very enjoyable, it is a long – term commitment. If you are interested, have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Mrs. Proffitt via the school office, or in person.



More Important News

Football Club

Football practice will start on **Friday 13th September**. This will start straight after school and run **until 4.30pm** for both **boys and girls in Y4-Y6**.

We are really keen and excited to put together a girls' football team this year, which will run alongside the mixed team. We are in the process of arranging matches and tournaments for both teams.

If your child would like to attend football practice and they haven't already brought a permission slip home then they can pick up a letter from Miss McNulty who will be leading this fantastic club.



Swimming will begin for **Year 3** on **Monday**. A letter asking for parent/carers consent will be sent out today. Please ensure you return the slip by Monday before the lessons commence. Thank you.

Year 6 – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Save the date notice written by the pupils of Year 6

Are you craving coffee?

Are you crazy over cakes?

Do you want to help to support people with cancer?

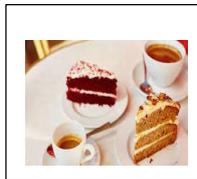
If so, then Year 6's wonderful coffee afternoon is the right place for you!

Come join us on **Friday 27th September**, in the school hall, from **2pm**.

Why not bring along other family members and friends to join the fun, spend your loose change and help us to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support?

We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 6.



Finally

We aim to be a listening school and should you have any concerns, in the first instance, speak to the class teacher and any further concerns can be made to Ms Hamilton-Hall and myself. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks.

Safeguarding

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

To support us in keeping your child safe, we will be sending home, a blank Emergency Contact Form. Please can you **complete** this and **return** it to school, as soon as possible. This happens every year, to ensure that our records are up to date with your details, in case of an emergency.

2018 – 2019 Whole School Attendance

Last academic year

Reception	96.3%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97.2%

Whole School Total	97.1%
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Congratulations to Years 1 to 5 for achieving at or above the whole school target of 97%.

I know that everyone will work hard to continue to improve on last year's figures, aiming to reach above **97.5%+**.