

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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St. Mary's Bible Message this week is 'One body, many members.' 'Corinthians 12: 12 – 27.
Please take a few minutes to discuss this with your child at home. We have focused on it in school this week.

WELCOME

Welcome back to a new school year and indeed an exciting new chapter in the life of St Mary's! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and the school now feels 'alive'!

Although some things are a little different at the moment, one thing that has not changed, is that we are a family here at St Mary's. We are delighted with the way that the children have settled in to their 'new normal' and they have come to school happy, ready to learn and looking very smart indeed!

I personally have loved getting to know the children and families and will continue to do this over the coming months. Thank you making me feel so welcome!

Birthdays

We would love, as a school community to celebrate each child's birthday! As such, we have decided that when someone is celebrating their birthday, they are allowed to come to school in non-uniform. That way, our whole school will know it is their birthday and can wish them 'Happy Birthday!'

If your child has celebrated their birthday since September 1st, they can come to school in their own clothes on Monday next week, if they wish. If your child has a birthday during a holiday, they can either come to school in their own clothes the day school breaks up, or the day we return.

If your child celebrates their birthday during the summer holidays, they can come to school in their own clothes during the last week of the summer term.

Upcoming Events

Date	October
1st	School Photograph Day
5 th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
31 st	Deadline for Year 6 High School Applications (letters sent out today)

Prayers and Special

We remember with love Mrs Karen Braddock, who was a huge part of the St Mary's family for many years. May she rest in peace.

We send our love to Karen's family and continue to remember them in our prayers.

Newest additions to our family...

We welcome our new Reception class to St Mary's! You looked so smart in your new uniforms and we can't wait to get to know you all! You have all been assigned a Year 6 'buddy' and whilst you can't meet them in person at the moment, they are going to be looking after you from afar!

COVID-19

I will continue to update you in line with new Government and local guidance. Please remember that all measures we put in place are to keep our whole school community safe:

- Where possible, only one parent must come on to the school grounds to collect your child.
- If older siblings are collecting children, please can they come on to the playground alone (not with their high school friends).
- Please remember to maintain social distancing whilst on the school grounds. If you feel that you are unable to maintain social distancing, then please wear a face mask.
- Please ensure that no children use the outdoor play equipment at home time.

PLEA

In our school community, we have a number of families who hold a 'Blue Badge' entitling them to disabled parking facilities. We have allocated disabled parking bays at the front of school. Please DO NOT park in the disabled bays, if you do not hold a Blue Badge. Some families hold the Blue Badge as the children are unable to walk for long distances. We must give priority to these families. As a school community, we must look after one another.

Sporting Activities

Our after school clubs have resumed, but at present we are unable to take part in any sport's competitions. Mr Furness will once again support us in delivering PE and after school clubs.

Swimming will begin for **Year 4** on Monday 14th September.

A letter asking for parent/carers consent has been sent out. Please ensure you return the slip by Monday before the lessons commence. Thank you.



Thank you so much ...

We have had our next instalment from 'easyfundraising'. We have received a payment of £41.45. This covers purchases that you have made during the last 3-month period

Please visit our **easyfundraising** page at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarycpsdukinfield/>

and click the 'support us' button. You can also add a really helpful 'Remind Me' button so that you won't forget when purchasing online – we really do need your support and this way we get a little back from the retail store at no cost to you.

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.

PHOTO CONSENT

We will also be requesting consent for your child's photo to be used in school, on Twitter etc. Once again, please can these be completed and returned to school.

E-SAFETY

Please remember that social media platforms such as TikTok have age restrictions. These restrictions are there to help to safeguard our children. Primary school children SHOULD NOT be on these platforms as often the content is often not appropriate.

Class Dojo

Years 1-6 will be continuing to use Class Dojo as a means of communication with parents. Please note however, that teachers may not be able to respond that day to messages sent in. Therefore, if your message is urgent or if you wish to raise a complaint, please contact school directly on 0161 368 4824 or email on admin@st-marys-dukinfield.tameside.sch.uk

Reception will continue to use Tapestry as a means of communication with parents.