



St Mary's Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2020



'In striving for academic excellence, you have also focused on creating an atmosphere that is described as 'giving a heart' to the school. This ensures that pupils not only achieve well in reading, writing and mathematics, but also that they learn to respect and understand each other.' Ofsted September 2017



Celebrating St Mary's School Vision in action

We believe that everyone is precious and loved by God.

We aspire to let our light shine in all that we do.

We nurture and empower one another to flourish.

Together we shine in our world by showing compassion and by serving others.

Let God's light shine through us.



Year 5 with Year 6 school leaders, staff and our school governor Ronnie together attended the LDBS church schools' service which was held at St Paul's Cathedral. The theme was 'Let your light shine'.

Here's a report from our school governor about the visit: *On 31 January I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 5 and 2 of representatives of Year 6 to a special service for LDBS church schools at St Paul's Cathedral giving thanks for our schools. The theme was **Let There be Light**, which is very close to our School's new vision theme. It was a wonderful service with some excellent singing by all and moving presentations from various school children across the Diocese.*

I was really impressed with the excellent behaviour of our St Mary's pupils. They were very well behaved throughout including on the bus journeys to and fro. The trip had been so well organised that we arrived a good 40 minutes early. I was impressed to see how thoughtful and reflective our pupils were whilst we all waited patiently for the service to begin. I think everyone was enthralled at the majesty of the cathedral and the excitement of all the students present. It was good to sit near the steel band from a secondary school who performed in the service.

We all sang with great gusto and our pupils joined in with enthusiasm. It was wonderful to join the school team, along with Mrs Mayende, Mrs Rocque and Miss Michelle, who enjoyed the service as much as I did. Well done to our pupils and staff team. I was really proud and privileged to be a part of this event as a School Governor. Ronnie Coulson

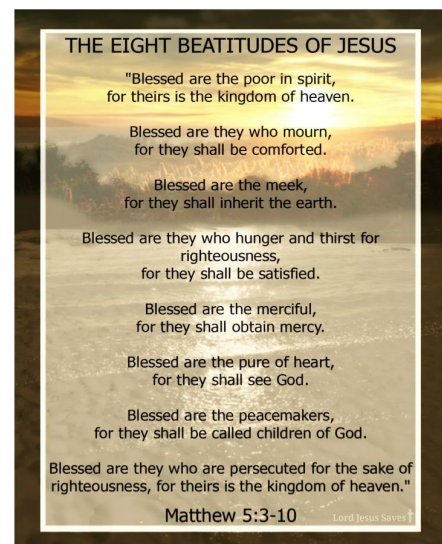
Beatitudes Curriculum Day

On **Friday 6th March** all children will experience an RE day. The aim is to help teach our children the context in which the school bible verse, (Matthew 5:16) has been set. The Beatitudes are eight blessings recounted by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew.

Friday 6th March at 9.05am: Parents, you are invited to our Coffee morning where you can find out more about our school vision.

In the afternoon, each class will have an art focus, please let the office know if you are able to come in and help (we only have limited spaces).

Monday 9th March at 9.05am: Parents, you are invited to our whole school assembly where some children from each class will share their learning about the Beatitudes. Best wishes, Mrs Mayende ~ RE Leader



"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13



NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

We are pleased to share with you that we have set up a new parent email account to improve communication between home and school.

From Monday 2nd March 2020, please do not send emails to the current school@ email.

We would like to stress that this is a confidential email address for parents only. It means that the office team would be able to read and reply to your emails more swiftly.

The new email address for parents wishing to contact the school is:

Best wishes, the Office Team

Diary Dates

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Monday 2nd March - Secondary School Offer Day
Thursday 5th March- World Book Day—Fairy Tale Character dress up
Friday 6th March- 9.05am Parent coffee morning to find out about our school vision
Friday 6th March- 9.05am Parent Workshop Year 1 PHONICS
Monday 9th March- 9.05am Parents welcome to Beatitudes school assembly
Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th March- Parent Consultations (please remember to sign up)
Friday 13th March- 9.05am Parent Workshop Y2 and Y6 SATS
Thursday 19th March- 9.05am Parent Workshop Year 3 READING & Y6 to visit Little Angel Puppet Theatre
Friday 20th March- 9.05am Parent Workshop Year 4 READING & Y5 to visit King's Place for an Orchestra w'shop
Monday 23rd March- LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
Tuesday 24th March—Y4 trip to 3 DISCOVERY CENTRE
Friday 27th March- 9.05am Parent Workshop Year 5 READING & Road Safety puppet show for keystage 1
Wednesday 1st April- LAST SWIMMING for Y5
Thursday 2nd April: 9.45am Easter service at St Stephen's Church
Friday 3rd April- **LAST DAY OF TERM ~ SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2pm**

Attendance & Punctuality



For last Week our Punctual Polly goes to Y6 & Attending Alfie goes to Y5.

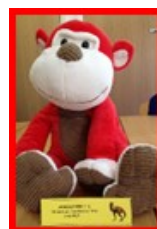
Keep it up the good work!

Good school attendance is one of the main factors in determining a child's future and opportunities in life.

Good attendance is **96%** and above.

Please ensure your child is in school on time (**08.55am**) everyday.

Thank you.



Term Dates

Easter Holidays
Mon 06.04.2020-
Fri 17.04.2020

May Bank Holiday
Fri 08.05.2020

May Half Term
Mon 25.05.2020-
Fri 29.05.2020

Summer Holidays
Wed 22.07.2020



"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" **Matthew 5:16**

