



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- Please keep our Year 6 pupils in your thoughts and prayers as they undertake their end of KS2 SATs assessments on Monday to Thursday next week.
  - We kindly remind parents and carers that the parish car park is private and **should not be used at any time** for St Mary's drop-off and pick-ups (only for breakfast and after-school club). This area needs to remain clear to ensure the safety of our pupils and other pedestrians accessing the site. We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us keep everyone safe. Thank you.
  - Year 1 and 2 trip to Northumberland Zoo/Year 3 trip to Great North Museum – please could outstanding trip payments be made over the weekend (reminders have been sent via Arbor).
  - Running club will be on this week but we would suggest that Year 6 pupils do not attend as they will be preparing to undertake their first Maths SATs.
  - We would be hugely grateful for volunteers to help our participation in the Gateshead schools' fun run at Saltwell Park (Years 3, 4 and 5 participating) on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (8.30am – 12pm).
  - 13/5/26 School meal theme day – please see details below
  - There are currently spaces in Gymnastics after school club on Fridays after school for Key Stage One (Reception and Year 1 / 2). Please contact Georgia on 07896 577832 to enquire about spaces.
  - Please see attached a flyer for the Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Gift for Life Summer Social which will be held at St Mary's Church Hall from 2-4:30pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. The Gift for Life group are involved with charitable causes both locally and across the world, and the event aims to celebrate the efforts of the Parish – including our schools – in supporting this work.
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### **CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN:**

There is still time to sign up for the Children's Cancer run via [this link](#) - remember to join the St Mary's team when you do so!

We have already raised over £1,000 thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community. If you would like to sponsor us, you can do so [here](#).

#### Information for those participating:

**All participants - both adults and children - need to be registered for the event.** Although there are St Mary's staff members taking part, we can't supervise all children during the run so each child participating needs a responsible adult to supervise them on the course. This could be, for example, one adult running with two children.

**THE IMPORTANT BIT: We have noted that some pupils are not linked to an adult. If your child is running the 3 or 5 mile races, they must have an accompanying adult who is also registered to run the race. Please could we ask that all adults check their sign-up confirmation to ensure no confusion on the day.**

#### Event details for the day.

- Our start time is 10:55am - we would advise trying to arrive for 10:30am to allow for any congestion in the car park and to find our starting place etc.
- Our designated car park is **Car Park A**. If you are planning to park at the racecourse, Event Parking Stewards will help to direct you to the correct car park.

## **SCHOOL MEALS 'EUROPE' THEME DAY – WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY:**

To celebrate 'Europe Day' on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May a themed meal will be served. The menu will be as follows:

- Swedish meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta and salad
- Italian cheese and tomato pizza with Italian pasta and salad
- Croque monsieur with parmentier potatoes
- French bread
- Greek salad
- Spanish magdalenas

Jacket potatoes will still be available.

## **SPORTS UPDATES:**

### **Y3/4 Mini Tennis at Whickham School**

Our Year 3 and 4 tennis team took part in a competition against five other schools in Gateshead. After some great match play with long rallies, they finished in second place. They had a great afternoon and were very proud to receive silver badges for their efforts.

If any pupils are interested in taking up tennis, there are spaces in our after-school tennis club which is held every Monday night. Contact [admin@wedotennis.co.uk](mailto:admin@wedotennis.co.uk) for further details.

### **Blaydon and District League Finals**

Our St Mary's footballers also delivered an excellent performance on Thursday evening, narrowly missing out on finals night after finishing third overall. The team once again demonstrated superb sportsmanship, commitment and teamwork, working tirelessly from start to finish. They created numerous attacking opportunities, showed real resilience and organisation in defence, and were rewarded with some excellent goals.

This performance was a fitting reflection of what has been a highly successful season for the team, with consistent effort, improvement and positive attitudes shown at every fixture. The players should be extremely proud of their achievements and the way they have represented St Mary's throughout the competition. Thank you to Fellside Primary for hosting such enjoyable and well-organised evenings all season, and of course to our very own Mr Colling who is instrumental in organizing and overseeing the league.

### **Y5/6 Orienteering at Gibside**

Well done to the Year 5 Orienteering team who represented the school at the GSSP event held at Gibside National Trust. The pupils showed excellent teamwork, determination and problem-solving skills as they navigated the course, tackling each challenge with enthusiasm and resilience. They were a credit to the school, demonstrating great behaviour and a positive attitude throughout the day, while enjoying the opportunity to take part in such a well-organised outdoor sporting event.