St. Mary's Kindergarten
Summer Term 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

A very busy term lies ahead, and we hope the weather continues to improve and that it will be kind to us over the next few months.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY – PEDAL PUSH
All Kindergarten children are invited to bring in bicycles/scooters for our annual charity pedal push which will take place on the school tennis courts, 11.00am-12 noon. This event is always very well supported by children and parents and we hope this year will be no exception. This and other events will be raising money to develop our new outdoor area.

FRIDAY 24th MAY – WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH
The School will be photographed as a whole at approximately 11.00am. All Kindergarten children are invited to be in this photograph. If your child does not usually attend Kindergarten on Friday mornings, can you please ensure that they arrive at Kindergarten by 10.45am at the latest. We would very much appreciate it if you could remain on campus until after the photograph has been taken. We hope it will be completed by 11.30am.

THURSDAY 6th JUNE – PARENTS' OPEN EVENING

Our annual Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 9th June from 7.00 - 9.00pm. This is an opportunity for you to view your child's work in an informal setting where staff will be available to discuss any questions you may have.

FRIDAY 7th JUNE – KITH 'N' KIN AFTERNOON

Relatives are invited by the children to visit Kindergarten and the School between 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Kindergarten children will be able to show their relatives their classroom and relatives are then welcome to join in with the activities around the school.

TUESDAY 18th JUNE– CHARITY PYJAMA PARTY MORNING

As part of our fundraising efforts, we would like to hold a pyjama party morning. Please allow your child to come to Kindergarten on this morning wearing their favourite pyjamas and we will enjoy breakfast food.

FRIDAY 21st JUNE – NEW PUPIL IN DAY

On this day, all children moving to the Reception class in September will attend a full day at school. Children joining Upper Kindergarten in September will spend the day with Miss Anne-Marie and myself. The Lower Kindergarten will operate as normal on this day.

THURSDAY 27th JUNE – TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

The Kindergarten invites your family to participate in our Teddy bear's picnic and fun afternoon held by the tree next to the tennis courts at 12.30pm. Mr Sinclair, our school Chef, will be cooking a BBQ lunch for us all to enjoy.

MONDAY 1st JULY – KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-PREP SPORTS AFTERNOON
ALL Kindergarten children have been invited by Mrs Bell, our Head of PE and Deputy Head, to take part in the Kindergarten/Pre-Prep Sports Afternoon which will commence at 1.30pm on the back field. Kindergarten children taking part will have the opportunity to run races, have fun in the egg and spoon race, "friends" race and cuddly toy race.

CHILDRENS INTERESTS
Having observed the children's interests, Upper Kindergarten children are currently looking at 'gardening' with Miss Anne-Marie and myself. We will then look at minibeasts which is always very popular!

The children in Lower Kindergarten have an interest in numbers. With Miss Gillian, Miss Lauren and Miss Linda, the children will be counting by using everyday objects such as toys, food, or buttons on their clothing thereby introducing the concept of counting in a fun and engaging way.

If anyone has any items, ideas or suggestions that will enhance any of your children's interests, please let staff know.

TRANSITION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO RECEPTION

The children in Upper Kindergarten will have regular visits throughout the Summer Term to familiarise the children with the Reception learning environment prior to the New Pupil In-day on **Friday 21st June**.

FOREST KINDERGARTEN

Our regular visits to Wooplaw Community Woodland are underway. Forest Kindergarten is exciting, fun and a real adventure, giving each child at Kindergarten an opportunity to experience the outdoors in a Woodland Environment. Remember you can visit the Wooplaw Community Woodlands Website at www.wooplaw.org.uk. I will continue to notify you in advance of your child/ren's visit to the forest.

SPARE CLOTHES

In anticipation of good summer weather, please make sure your child/ren has a complete set of everyday summer clothes in their green/white draw string bags, including a named sunhat and sun protection cream that can be kept at Kindergarten. Please fill in and sign the attached sun cream consent form.

WATER BOTTLES

Please allow your child to bring a bottle of water to Kindergarten to keep in the classroom where they can access it when necessary. Please label bottles clearly with your child's name.

TERM DATES
Half Term starts on Friday 7th June at 3pm until Monday 17th June at 8.30am.
Long weekend Friday 10th - Monday 13th May (inclusive)
Please note that Kindergarten will close on Tuesday 2nd July at 3.00pm.

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please let me know and I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Berni
Head of Kindergarten

Sun Cream Consent Form

Staff at St Mary's Kindergarten are committed to the wellbeing of your child/ren in our care and we would like permission to apply sun cream on your child/ren. Can you also provide a high factor sun cream no less than 30 and a named sun hat.

Please circle below:

I/We give permission for a member of staff to apply sun cream when my child needs it. Yes/No

I/We understand that I will supply and clearly label my child's sun cream with name and date; this must be replaced on an annual basis. Yes/No

If I/We forget to bring sun cream in, it runs out or is misplaced; I do/do not give permission for Kindergarten to use any spare lotion. Yes/No

Does your child have any known allergies in association with sun cream?
Yes/No

If yes, please give details:

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Name of Child……

Parent signature……

Date……

Many thanks

Louise Berni
Head of Kindergarten