



# The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

*Philippians 4: 13*

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Here is this week's news.....

## **Secret Agents**

This week, I could not be prouder of our Year 2s. They have worked extremely hard with their secret agent's tasks! They have been tested in both English and maths to shown off what they know and how they apply their knowledge. They have worked so hard throughout the year not only in class, but before and after school and at home too. Thank you parents and carers for supporting us.

A big well done must also go to all the staff who have worked really hard preparing the children and making sure that this week went smoothly.

Thanks to our governors, who have supported us over the week and to the whole school community.

## **PTFA Family Fun Night**

A wonderful evening was had by all with Adamcadabra and families last Friday night. Thank you to all who bought tickets and a special thanks to the PTFA who organised the event. Money raised will be split between the two schools and will be put towards curriculum enhancement experiences.

## **School Council**

Our School Council met this week to discuss how they felt the behaviour ladder is working. The children were very positive about restorative conversations; they felt that it helps them to make the right choices and sort out any disagreements. There are a few additions to the ladder that the children felt needed to be included so they will be introduced next week (eg answering back). We will continue to work with all our stakeholders to make sure that this new policy is right for our school.

## **Rewards**

You will notice in this week's newsletter that we have introduced a class dojo winner. This is for the child who receives the most positive dojos during the week within their class. In addition, positive notes home will be introduced to let parents and carers know when your child has been a shining example.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Grange



# You are unique day!




Friday 9th July

Across the Federation on this day, we will be celebrating our individuality and uniqueness and celebrating that we are all made in the image of God. We will have a particular focus on neurodiversity during this day.

If any parents or family members would like to be involved in this day, please contact the office in the first instance.



# AWARD WINNERS

	<u>Star of the Week</u>	<u>Bee Award</u>	<u>Dojo Award</u>
			
N	Freya	Harry	Hunter
RB	Patrick	Leighton	Shar
RM	Theo	Elliot	Willow
Y1G	Max	Evelyn	Angelo
Y1O	Parker	Devontae	Neasa
Y2M	All of Y2M	Oliver S	Orla
Y2B	All of Y2B	Faith	Joey

Jack B



## Dates for your diary –Summer 1 – St Mary's Catholic Infant School

<b>Monday 22nd May</b>	Reception vision screening  PTFA coffee afternoon at the Juniors. All welcome.
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	RM Collective Worship 9.10am Parents welcome to attend  KS1 Maths workshop  School closes for the half term holiday  School reopens on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June

### PE Days

N	Monday
R	Wednesday
Y1	Thursday
Y2	Tuesday

Please remember, If your child is going to be late to school and has a school meal, ring the office and let us know so we can take your child's lunch order. Thank you.



### Friday Raffle

### Reception-Y2

**Don't forget your 50p**



# Sharing the Gospel

## Gone but not forgotten

In this week's bible reading, Acts 1:6-14, we hear that on the mount called Olivet, Jesus assured the apostles that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit and then disappears from their sight – he is ascended. The apostles return to Jerusalem, choose Matthias to replace Judas, and – together with the women – spend much time praying.



Lord Jesus, you pray for us because we are yours. Be with us now as we learn about you and have fun together.  
**Amen.**



Please may you keep Father Vincent Fedigan, our Parish Priest for a number of years, in your prayers. He is currently poorly and all prayers would be very welcomed.



## BRITISH VALUES

This week's British Value we have been looking at is:



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Seagulls are known for stealing food and can be a nuisance! Not everyone will feel this way. We can show respect to people who have different beliefs and opinions.

The story it links to in the news is:

*Blackpool Zoo is looking to hire a team of people in an attempt to scare away nuisance seagulls - by dressing them in bird costumes. Blackpool Zoo says the birds have been persistently stealing food from visitors and animal enclosures. The role, which would be housed within the Zoo's Visitor Services team, will involve someone dressing up as an eagle and keeping seagulls away from the main visitor dining areas.*



Should all animals be treated equally?

# Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



## Getting your child to school on time really matters

If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
*****	*****	*****
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost



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The Federation of  
St Mary's PTFA

# 6 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

## FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



## FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



## FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



## BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



## IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



## KEEP THE PTFA GOING!

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



*"I work full time and help when I am able"*

*"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events"*

*"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be"*

*"I've made life long friends"*

**U8S** **COME ALONG & JOIN THE STORM!**

Calling Y3 boys & girls to join our U8s team.

Training:  
 Mon 6-7pm  
 Wed 6-7pm  
 Newton Sports Club

For more details, contact:  
 Matt 07827 921707  
 Jacob 07780 435526





**DYNAMOS CRICKET**

This is our game.

[dynamoscriccket.co.uk](http://dynamoscriccket.co.uk)

Join us at:  
 Newton - le - Willows Cricket Club, WA12 9XE

Session dates:  
 Friday evenings, 19th May - 7th July 2023, for all children aged 8-11

Session timings:  
 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact:  
 lanwalky112@gmail.com



**JOIN THE STORM!**

Newton Storm, your local community Rugby League club, are currently on the look out for new players and volunteers.

With age groups from Reception to Open Age, and continued success both on and off the field, it's a great time to get involved.

If you'd like to know more find us on Facebook or Twitter.

@NewtonStormARL  
 NewtonStormARLFC  
 www.newtonstorm.co.uk




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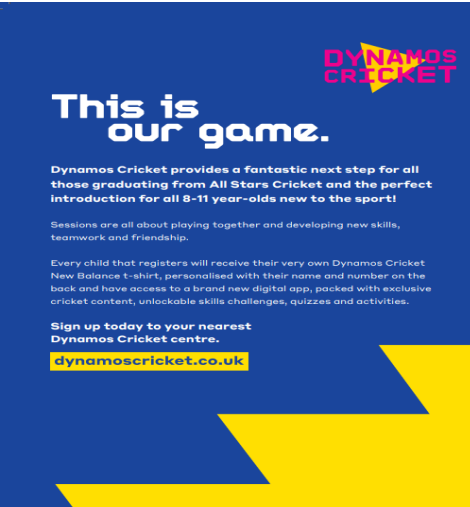
Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Sessions are all about playing together and developing new skills, teamwork and friendship.

Every child that registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number on the back and have access to a brand new digital app, packed with exclusive cricket content, unlockable skills challenges, quizzes and activities.

Sign up today to your nearest Dynamos Cricket centre.

[dynamoscriccket.co.uk](http://dynamoscriccket.co.uk)



# Clubs in the Community.

**PLAYERS WANTED**

JOIN US FOR THE NEW SEASON!

**U10S HIBS**

Earlestown Hibs are looking for new players for next season as we move to 9 a side. Players of all abilities are welcome.

Wednesdays 7pm  
 Mesnes Park

Contact  
 Dean  
 07710738728  
 Macca  
 07946796841

Children must be currently in school year 4/5 and moving to year 5/6 in September.



**Big Moments of summer fun!**

Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or at the centre

Join us at: Earlestown Cricket Club, Earle Street, Earlestown WA12 9NU

Session dates: Monday evenings, starting 8 May 2023 for all children aged 5-8

Session timings: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact: earlestowncc@hotmail.co.uk





# Community Notices

**THINK  
FOOD BANK**

NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ARE STILL A FOOD BANK DONATION POINT EVEN WHILST THE CENTRE IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER PLAYScheme

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO HELP FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER

**POP IT IN THE TROLLEY**  
OUTSIDE NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
PARK ROAD SOUTH, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, WA12 8EX

Newton Family and Community Centre

St Helens foodbank

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