

13 July 2012

Newsletter No 38

Dear Parents/Carers



200 Year Celebrations

Garden Party reminder

As part of St Mary's 200 year celebrations we are holding a Garden Party combined with St Mary's Church community. This will take place at St Mary's school on Saturday 14 July 2012 at 3pm. Anita Bhalla OBE, a local celebrity, will be opening the event. There will be lots of activities for everyone to take part in such as bouncy castle, face painting and playing on the WII on the giant screen in the hall. The Business Enterprise children will have stalls selling various things and the choir will be performing. There will also be a comic book illustrator from 3pm till 4pm doing cartoon drawings and dance displays. Food will be available but parents/carers can bring a picnic with them if they wish. Also we will be selling limited copies of this years dance festival DVD at £5.00 each. It would be wonderful if as many parents and children as possible come to support the occasion. I look forward to seeing you there.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in the Celebration Assembly on Monday 16 July 2012. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Kyas-Shélah Lescott-Anderson Nursery For his enthusiasm for participating in independent and group activities related to the phoneme 'u'.	Theo Skeete RW For trying really hard in P.E. lessons.	The Whole Class RG For making great progress throughout the year.
Priash Chana 1H For sharing his knowledge of Sikhism at the Gurdwara	Yuseph Mufti 1/2L For making a great effort all term.	Tatenda Machiridza 2S For a fantastic effort to improve her presentation.
Kulvinder Bhakad 3L For working hard to improve his handwriting	Reon McKenzie 3/4MW For writing an acceptance speech for winning the St Mary's triathlon medal.	Eli Lane 4W For working hard in Literacy.
Zaheem Sharif 5B For making a big and sustained effort to be the very best he can be.	Nahema Bibi 5/6S For excellent art work and making an Aztec mask.	Ethan Morris 6SH For a lovely piece of creative writing about a character in a silent movie.

Kind and Thoughtful Person

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly dog. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 16 July 2012. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.



KS1	KS2
Tamoya Beckford RG For always putting others first.	Amritpal Randhawa 5/6S For sharing equipment in a mature way.



Sailing and Canoeing

St Mary's children go sailing and canoeing at Edgbaston Reservoir on Fridays as an extra curricular activity in school time. If you are interested in taking your child sailing and canoeing on a Sunday at Edgbaston Reservoir then please get in touch with the school and we can give you further details.

Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 18 July 2012	Key Stage 1 Sports Day	10:00am
Wednesday 18 July 2012	Key Stage 2 Sports Day	Afternoon
Wednesday 18 July 2012	Year 6 Graduation Party	6:30pm till 8:00pm
Thursday 19 July 2012	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	6:00pm
Friday 20 July 2012	Church Service	11:00am

Sports Day

This years Sport's Day will take place on Wednesday 18 July 2012 in Handsworth Park, by the lake. Key Stage 1 will be in the morning starting at 10:00am. Key Stage 2 will be in the afternoon starting at 1:30pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to come along to support their children but please do not bring sweets, ice-cream etc or drinks for the children. Every child in school has their own water bottle which they will take to the park with them. If it is raining Sports Day will be held in the school hall.

Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	Whole School
Spick and Span	Whole School
Movement Bird Award	RW
Gymnastics Monkey	RG
Attendance	6SH
Dinner Time	Yummy Bear goes to Whole School

School Website address

Some parents/carers have said they have not seen the school website. If they would like to have a look, the web address is www.stmryb20.bham.sch.uk

Social Networking Sites

Could I remind parents/carers to please supervise you child's use of the computer at home. Facebook and other social networking websites should not be used by children under 13 years of age.

Attendance

Parents/carers have been sent a reminder about holidays during school time. Can I please remind you about the importance of regular school attendance and that the school cannot authorise holidays during term time. We continue to remind parents/carers about regular attendance and punctuality.

Term Dates

End of Term	Children break up on Friday 20 July 2012 and return to school on Tuesday 4 September 2012
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ava Sturridge-Packer CBE
Head Teacher