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| St. Mary’s Primary and Pre-school Newsletter (2) | | 15th September 2025 |
| SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT  We come together as Saint Mary’s family, to learn, share our faith and do our best, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  **GREAT START TO SCHOOL**  We have had an absolute wonderful start to this school year. The children are all working hard and showing superb manners. Thankyou for getting them to school on time and for ensuring that they are looking extremly smart. We will have a parent’s meeting on Wednesday, 22nd October from 3.30pm until 5.30pm where you will have the opportunity to talk to your child’s teachers about how they are settling into school. Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment. Please can we also remind you about labelling ALL your children’s clothes so that any lost pieces can be easily be reunited with their owner. Many thanks for your co-operation on this.  **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**  We will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday, 26th September from 9am until 11am. This year, it will be at Chipping Village Hall. Please do come along and if you are able to donate cakes, that would be even more wonderful.  **PE, SWIMMING AND FOREST SKILLS**  Please can you ensure that your child has the correct kit in school every week for PE. PE is part of the National Curriculum and they all | | need to take part. For PE, they will require blue shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers. During the colder weather, they can also bring in warmer clothes so that we can continue with lessons outside. There will be two PE sessions a week on Monday and Friday afternoons. On Friday afternoons, the children will either do PE with Mrs. Tallentire, go swimming with Miss Haresnape or do forest skills with Mrs. Hoskins. We will let you know at the beginning of each half term what your child will be doing. Children who are doing forest schools will need suitable clothes to change into i.e. trackies, hoodies and they can use their school PE trainers. We will get changed in school and leave them in school for the next week if that is alright?  **FAMILY MASS**  Our first family mass of the year will be next Sunday, 21st September at St. Mary’s at 9.30am. As part of our Christian faith, we ask kindly that as many of our children attend where possible. As a Church school, we talk every day in school about the teachings of Jesus and how we can be more loving towards each other as we are sure you do at home. A letter will be sent out to every family this afternoon, asking who is able to attend. When we know who is able to come, we can assign jobs for the children to do during the Mass. Please support us if you can. | | |
| Whats Happening? | |  |

Dates for your diary……

Mass in Church

(please do join us if you can as the children sing so beautifully and read so well) on Thursdays, 9.30am – 10am

2nd October

6th November

4th December

Years 1/2/3 at History Workshop with Chipping Historical Society – 16th September

MacMillan Coffee Morning at Chipping Village Hall – Friday, 26th September, 9am -11am

Meeting in school for parents about Winmarleigh – Monday, 29th Sep at 3.30pm

MacMillan Coffee Morning at Chipping Village Hall – Friday, 26th September 9.30am – 11am

Tempest photos today – individual and family – 30th September, 8.30am onwards.

Roman Museum at Ribchester for yrs 4/5/6 – October 7th

Book fair in School, Wednesday 9th October until Tuesday 15th October (3.15pm – 4pm)

Winmarleigh Outdoor Residential Outdoor Pursuits yrs 4/5/6 – October 13th to 15th

Break up for half term – Friday, 24th October

Family Masses at St. Mary’s, Chipping

Father Benjamin has asked if we can organise family Masses at St. Mary’s where as many of our children can attend and take part in the service. He would like them to choose the hymns, do the readings, write bidding prayers to read and bring up the offertory so that they are really involved in what is happening. When we take the children during school time, they are absolutely wonderful and make us so proud. Please can you support the Catholic and Christian faith of our wonderful little school by bringing the children to some (or all if you can) of these Masses. Non-Catholic families are all very welcome too – the more, the merrier. Father has asked if they can sit at the front of Church with school staff who will be there to support them. They don’t need to come in their school uniforms. Dates are below.

21st September

19th October

23rd November

21st December

Looking ahead …………

15th Dec, Rapunzel Panto at Preston

16th Dec, EYFS and KS1 Nativity (10am and 2pm)

17th Dec, Christmas Dinner and Party Day

18th Dec, Carol Service in school,2pm