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| St. Mary’s Primary and Pre-school Newsletter (1) | 3rd September 2025 |
| SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENTWe come together as Saint Mary’s family, to learn, share our faith and do our best, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL** Welcome back to school after the summer holidays. We hope that you have all had a wonderful time and that the children are refreshed and ready to begin their new school year. We are very excited to welcome Mrs. Hoskins into school as our part-time teacher. She will be in school every Wednesday afternoon and all-day Thursday and Friday teaching Math’s and English, Music, PSHE, French, RE and Forest Skills to years 1 up to 6. We also welcome our new Reception children into school along with all our new families and children that are joining us further up in school. It’s all very exciting and we hope they all settle into school very quickly. As usual, we will be having our Celebration Assembly on Friday in the school hall at 2.45pm where you are all invited to join us. We will continue with ‘Friday Focus Child’ and a list be produced of when each child is doing their 5-minute presentation of something they enjoy doing or reading or anything that they like in general.**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?**READING AT HOME**Our reading standards at St. Mary’s are generally very high and to ensure that this continues, we will be asking ALL of our children in school to read daily at home with their parents or carers. There will be special awards for those children who are consistently reading and having their reading records signed. We hope you will all support them in this by listening to them and signing their records daily and ensuring they are sending their books back to school if they need to be changed. Thankyou in anticipation.  |
| 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

4th September

2nd October

6th November

4th December

Class assemblies in the hall on Fridays at 2.45pm

24th Oct Yrs 4/5/6

6th Dec Yrs 1/2/3

13th Feb, Pre-school and Reception

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

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 some 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