**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

A reminder that school closes this evening for the Easter Break and re opens on **Tuesday 23rd April 2019**. On behalf of the children, staff and governors of St Mary’s, I wish you all a very happy and Holy Easter.

**DINNER MONIES**

School meals are **£2.00 per day** i.e. **£10.00 per week**. Advanced payments of **£46.00** can be made for the next half-term (23/04/19 to 24/05/19).

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or e-payment via Our School App. Cheques need to be made payable to ‘City of Sunderland’.

All school meal payments must be made on a Monday morning clearly marked ‘Dinner Money’ with your ‘Child’s Name’ and ‘Class’. These are to be handed over in class first thing on Monday Morning.

**EASTER MASS TIMES Holy Week**

- **Holy Thursday (washing of the feet) 18/04/19**: St Mary’s at 6.30pm *(First Holy Communion children especially welcome)*
- **Good Friday 19/04/19**: Tunstall Hill Good Friday - Walk of Witness meeting @10am  
  Good Friday Mass 19/04/19: St Mary’s at 3.00pm
- **Easter Saturday Vigil 20/04/19**: St Cecilia’s at 6.00pm
- **Easter Sunday Mass 21/04/19**: Convent at 8.00am  
  St Mary’s 10.30am and (5pm in Polish).

**Palm Sunday**

Sunday 14th April 2019, known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week.

This is the week when the Church especially remembers Jesus’ final days in Jerusalem and how he gave his life for us before rising in glory.

Palms have been given to every child in school in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered Jerusalem.

**APRIL CALENDAR 2019**

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Please help us to keep our school community safe and support school in reporting any concerns and/or inappropriate behaviour through the appropriate channels.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS REMINDER
Please note personal possessions of pupils, staff, visitors etc are not covered by our school’s insurance policy. Personal possessions do not belong to school and are not our resource or property and school is not therefore liable for any damage or removal of such items.

Please therefore ensure that if you choose to or voluntarily bring personal items into school, in particular valuable items such as iPhones/smart phones, iPads, designer trainers & coats, musical instruments etc.; that your home insurance covers such items when in school. You may also want to ensure that your home contents insurance states/ covers ‘items temporarily removed from home’.

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PTA EVENTS
30th April 2019 - KS1 Movie Night
3.30pm to 4.30pm £2 a ticket.

2nd May 2019 - KS2 Movie Night
3.30pm to 5.00pm £2.50 a ticket.

VISITS
It is now approaching the season for lots of visits for pupils and we encourage these visits as they give children a different learning experience.

School is unable to fund the cost of these visits, which usually include entry fees and the cost of transport and, even taking into consideration support from our PTA, we must still rely on contributions from parents and carers towards the cost of the visit.

Although there is no obligation to make a contribution, the Department of Education regulations and advice clearly states ‘If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit, or the school cannot fund it from other source, then it must be cancelled’.

We therefore rely on your support and understanding when arranging these visits and when requesting voluntary contributions and hopefully all of our planned visits for this and next term will go ahead. If the visit has to be cancelled because of insufficient funds then all voluntary contributions for that particular visit will be refunded.

MINI VINNIES
The Mini Vinnies are collecting food items for Sunderland Food Bank, the items needed are UHT Milk, Coffee, Jam, Fruit Juice and Hot Chocolate.

We would be grateful if items can be brought into school by Friday 3rd May 2019.

Thank you in advance for your help.

ST MARY’S RC VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Executive Headteacher: Mrs D Ryland-O’Donnell
Number on Roll: 423 + 18 FTE Nursery

Position: LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT - Various posts
1 Permanent post x 6 hours and 30 mins per week
1 Temporary post x 6 hours and 30 mins per week
Supply pools for casual work

Salary: Grade A – Pt E £17.04 per remun (pro-rata hours and weeks worked)
Rate of pay w.e.f. 01.04.2019 £18.96 per hour

Hours of work: Monday-Thursday 11.35am-1.35pm & Friday 11.30am-1.25pm
Term time only + 5 INSET Days (39 weeks)

To commence as soon as possible

The Governors and Headteacher wish to appoint 1 permanent and 1 temporary Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (supply reserves also exist for casual work) to join our enthusiastic and friendly staff team;

To help supervise and care for children during the lunchtime break.
To be part of a team of lunchtime assistants responsible for securing the safeguarding, safety, welfare and good conduct of our pupils during the lunchtime break.
To promote active lifestyles and positive play activities
Duties include supervising pupils in the dining hall and outside in the playground areas.

To apply for this position you will need:
A kind and caring person;
Someone who will respond to children’s needs, understand rights respecting and take an interest in their wellbeing;
Someone with a sense of fun and good humour.

Application packs, which include the Catholic Education Service School Support Staff Application guidance, job description and specification, are available from the School Office or by e-mail at recruitment@smerschool.uk

These packs are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore will be subject to a DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

St. Mary’s RC Voluntary Aide Primary School has safeguarded and protects its students and staff by being committed to respond in accordance with Sunderland Local Safeguarding Procedures.

Completed applications forms should be returned to Mrs D Ryland-O’Donnell, Executive Headteacher.

Closing Date: Friday 3 May 2019 at 4.00pm
Shortlisting: Tuesday 7 May 2019
Interviews: Tuesday 14 May 2019

If you have applied previously and wish to be re-considered for these posts, please contact Mrs D Walker, School Business Manager tel: 0191 5228787.

If you have not received any notification by telephone or letter before the interview date, it should be presumed that your application was unsuccessful.