

# St Mary's CVA - Governor's NEWSLETTER



July 2022

## Key Stage 2 SATs Results

Huge congratulations to all of the Year 6 pupils on the fantastic results achieved in their SATs. The fact that they have scored well above the national percentages is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the children, their families and staff over the years.

The resilience, and SPIRIT they have all shown and lived during their time at St Mary's, particularly in these last couple of years, has been wonderful to see.

We now wish them all the very best for the future as they leave St Mary's for their chosen secondary schools in September.

## New School Build

Governors were extremely pleased to, at last, receive positive news about our proposed new school. We realise that matters have not progressed as quickly as we would have liked resulting in frustration for us all, but now we can look forward and be positive.

You were all invited to the consultation event held at St Benedict school in June. The plans were on display plus a video showing the new school building when complete. Don't worry if you could not attend as it will be on our school website as soon as we receive it.

The detailed plans will hopefully be on the agenda at the Derby City Council, Planning Control Committee on Thursday 8 September to be held in the Council Chamber in the Council House. It starts at 6pm but depending on the amount of applications to be heard we cannot say exactly what time it will be discussed. However, you can attend to observe by sitting in the public gallery. Please show your support if you can on the evening.

In the meantime, we look forward to a brand new school for our pupils to enjoy in the best ever up to date environment.

Finally, we will of course keep you updated during the process, but thank you for your patience during the lead up.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We are sorry to have to say goodbye to one of our Parent Governors - Paul Burrows. Paul has been an invaluable member of our Local Governing Body bringing a great amount of knowledge in the area of SEN and will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best for the future.

We will be looking to appoint a new Parent Governor in September. Information on how to put yourself forward will be sent out in the new school year.



# Highlights of 2021/22 at St Mary's

## September 2021

We welcomed everyone back into St. James' House ready for the new school year. We heard that DfE have chosen, based on St Mary's positive outcomes for pupils, to review their framework for the building of new schools.

## October 2021

On the First anniversary of the fire at the St Mary's School building we encouraged all to light a candle and say a prayer, for the St Mary's SPIRIT to continue to thrive.

## November 2021

Pope Francis launched a worldwide Synod/Council of the Church. In schools every child was given a Synod prayer card. An amazing £453.50 was raised for Children In Need, by everyone wearing odd socks to school.

## December 2021

Bishop Patrick granted us permission to permanently reserve the blessed sacrament in the tabernacle in our school chapel.

## January 2022

To celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Ralph Sherwin, the Trust presented each academy with a Romero Cross to display in school. Sensory masses introduced.

## February 2022

"Dressed to Express Day" was introduced to raise awareness of Children's Mental Health, where £277 was raised for charity

## March 2022

The school celebrated Mardi Gras. World book day was upon us again, book tokens were given out to everyone, as well as the creation of 'St Mary's book swap shop'.

## April 2022

The new St Mary's School website went live. Money was raised for CAFOD by Nursery. The annual school Easter egg competition took place and Community Action Derby donated Easter eggs for all of the children in school.

## May 2022

The St Mary's food bank and clothes collections continue to go from strength to strength. Parents are able to attend Acts of Worship and the country celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

## June 2022

Pentecost was celebrated, in particular the different ethnicities we have within our school. The public consultation took place around the new school build, which bought together the reality of the future of St Mary's.

## July 2022

The first face to face parents evening for 2 years. The Derby refugee Centre came to speak at school about the work they do and thank the children and families for their generous donations which are gratefully received.

## Congratulations to Mrs Hazel Boyce - New Head at St. Benedict



The governors at St. Mary's school would like to send warm congratulations to Mrs. Hazel Boyce on her appointment as Head Teacher at St. Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy. We wish her every success in the coming years. We are confident that she will continue to build on the fabulous work of Mr. Kevin Gritton, to ensure the school goes from strength to strength.

We are especially proud that she has been appointed as she has very special links with our school; all four of her children have been pupils at St. Mary's over the years. On that note, we are confident that the bonds between our two schools will become stronger still and we can continue to work together to ensure our children become the best that they can be.



At the end of yet another busy school year, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to every staff member at St. Mary's. Every single one of them plays a huge part in the success of our school; from catering staff to cleaning staff, from teachers to IT specialists, from office staff to teaching assistants, from leadership team to midday supervisors, all are vital contributors to providing our children with the very best start in life.

On account of all their tremendous work, we wish them all the very best for a restful, fun-packed and stress-free summer. We hope they get the opportunity to spend time with those they love and doing the things they enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing them at the start of the Advent term, refreshed and reinvigorated for the challenges of the new school year.

