

School Holidays 2018/2019

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY BLACKBROOK
CHAIN LANE

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School Opens Tuesday 4 September 2018

Autumn Half Term

Close Thursday 18 October 2018

Re-Open Monday 29 October 2018

Christmas

Close Wednesday 19 December 2018

Re-open Monday 7 January 2019

Spring Half-term

Close Friday 15 February 2019

Re-open Monday 25 February 2019

Spring Break

Close Friday 5 April 2019

Re-open Tuesday 23 April 2019

May Day Monday 6 May 2019

Whit Half-Term

Close Friday 24 May 2019

Re-open Tuesday 4 June 2019

Summer Holiday

Close Tuesday 23 July 2019



Blackbrook Broadsheet

Together we learn & inspire one another



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WELCOME BACK

We have had a wonderful start to the new year with our children working extremely hard and maximising every precious second of their learning time. I am sure 2018 is going to be a successful year for us.



IMPORTANT NEWS

I am proud to announce our Pupil Senior Leaders for this year.

Head Boy: Reece Holden



Head Girl: Jordean Pickavance



Deputy

Head Boy: Charlie Dutton



Deputy

Head Girl: Tia Haskell



These children received numerous nominations from their peers as they felt they would represent our school very well.

Qualities cited by the children included: loyal, fairness, being a good listener and wanting the best for our school.

One of their first duties will be to welcome Archbishop Malcolm McMahon when he officially opens our Nursery on Tuesday 30 January.

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS :

Pupil progress days/evenings for Foundation Stage, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 are Tuesday 27 February and Wednesday 28 February.

Pupil progress days/evenings for Y6 are Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 March.

Please return your reply slip with your chosen day and time.

- ✓ Welcome Back
- ✓ Important news
- ✓ Pupil Progress Meetings
- ✓ PE Kits
- ✓ Merseyside Police Year 5 Competition Winner
- ✓ Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning
- ✓ Severe Weather Procedure
- ✓ Reduced Access
- ✓ Holiday dates

P.E. KITS

Could I ask all parents to check that their child has brought their P.E. kit back to school after the Christmas break.

They may also if they wish, have a warmer kit, eg tracksuit bottoms, joggers, for outside PE lessons during this cold weather.

Please provide an extra PE kit for after school activities, e.g. leggings, shorts, t-shirt and trainers.

MERSEYSIDE POLICE COMPETITION WINNER-ELIZABETH PRESCOTT Y5KD



On Thursday (14 December) competition winner, 10-year-old Elizabeth Prescott from St. Mary's School in Blackbrook, St. Helens, was visited by Chief Constable Andy Cooke, who awarded her the first place prize for her fantastic 'don't drink and drive' card entry.

Elizabeth received a £30 voucher and a £300 donation for St. Mary's for her design, which will be made into the force e-card and distributed to friends, stakeholders and partners of Merseyside Police.

Julia Ashton, Head teacher of St Marys Blackbrook said: "We were delighted to welcome Chief Constable Cooke to St. Mary's to present the school and winner Elizabeth Prescott with the prizes following the Christmas card competition, we are immensely proud of Elizabeth and the students who took part.

"We would also like to thank Chief Constable Cooke for his lovely words following the school nativity, which he kindly stayed to watch following the prize giving." Merseyside Police would like to say a big thank you to the pupils that took part in this year's competition.

Are you interested in becoming a teaching assistant?

Come along to an Information Session for Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools—Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 1pm at Park Road Centre, Park Road (near Fingerpost), St Helens, WA9 1HE Tel: 01744 677328 E-mail: teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk *Please contact the Centre for more information

If you have them, please bring any maths and/or English certificates along.

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURE

As the cold weather is now upon us, it is appropriate to remind everyone what systems we have in place for severe weather e.g. snow.

1. Staff arrive on site 7.00am and attempt to make school safe by clearing paths.
2. At 8.20am a risk assessment is carried out by the head teacher to ensure enough staff are present to receive the children.
3. 8.30am Parents are informed by text and the local authority are informed. A message is also put on the school website.

Whilst some parents have expressed concerns that this is too late to make alternative arrangements I can assure you that you are informed as soon as possible and every possible attempt is made to ensure that your children's education is not affected by school closure.

It may be prudent to make arrangements which can be cancelled if not needed.

During days of extreme weather the school operates a staggered registration to alleviate congestion on Chain Lane. Children are welcomed into school from 8.30-9.30am and are able to be picked up from 2.15pm.

Only in dangerous circumstances when there was concerns of dangerous driving conditions on untreated roads would the school close early.

We have sent a 'test text' today. Please check that you have received it and inform us if you do not so that you can be properly informed of school closure.

"Friday 19/01/18—Extreme Weather Test Text."

REDUCED ACCESS IN ICY AND FROSTY CONDITIONS

When the playground is slippery due to ice and frost we will cordon off the playground.

There will be different entry arrangements on those days as follows:

Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6:

Enter via the old main entrance door into the hall. The doors will be open from 8.30am so please proceed round as soon as you arrive on site. There is no need to wait outside.

Year 1:

Enter via the veranda by Miss Traynor's classroom

Foundation Stage:

Enter as normal

