

STONYHURST ST MARY'S HALL NEWSLETTER

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Mass on Sunday at St Peter's Church 10am: All Welcome

From the Headmaster

Precipitation!

First it was the January snows, this time it is volcanic dust. Oh for an easy start to the term! Welcome back to those of you have made it and we are thinking of you to those who haven't. Anyway the good news is that gradually things are returning to normal and we can get down to the serious business of exam preparation and everything else that happens in the summer term.

Exam Preparation

It is important to get the priorities right this term. All pupils have serious exams coming up this term and it is essential that they settle into a steady routine of hard work and revision. Please do follow your children's progress in the school diaries.

Sport

The rounders, athletics and cricket season have got underway under sunny (and quiet) skies. There are several fixtures on Saturday, next Wednesday and Saturday week. Do please support if you can and join us for tea.

Synopses

These have been delayed by a few days pending the imminent return of Mr Gibson.

Sports Tour Fund Raising Ball

Please do get in touch with Mrs Ashton if you have not yet ordered your tickets for the Ball at Mytton Fold next Friday.

Blandyke and Family Games Afternoon 2 May

I wrote about this last term and today you will be receiving a separate email with the details. It should be a really great day.

For those of you who might not have seen it at the end of last term, here is the background to this event. Many of you will recall the excellent games night held over the last two years, arranged by Mrs Eastwood. This year we are moving it to a Sunday. At SMH we follow an old Stonyhurst tradition called "Blandyke". The name comes from the original school at St Omer where they had a house by the coast at a place called Blandecques. The boys used to go to this house on special days. Nowadays it is a boarders celebration where we invite families to come to Mass at SMH and join us for lunch.

This year Blandyke will have a whole new meaning as we will be inviting day families to come in too – joining us for Mass, lunch and afternoon games. Funds will be raised for *Children for Children*. Exact details are to follow but please make a note of the date in your diaries.

Asthma UK Marathon Sponsorship

It is not too late to support the SMH PE staff and Mr Donlan in their respective marathons!

You will know that the SMH PE staff are running in the Edinburgh Marathon for AsthmaUK as a tribute to William Magowan. Donations can be made at <http://www.justgiving.com/SMHstaffteam>

Mr Anthony Donlan, parent, is running the London Marathon for the same cause. Please consider making a donation at <https://asthmauk.tributefunds.com/fund/WGM+London+Marathon+-+Anthony+Donlon/>

L.A.Crouch

Hodder House

Hodder Toddlers

Hodder Toddlers resumes on Wednesday at 2.00pm. Theme: Down in the Jungle.

Summer Hats

All children in Hodder House need a school summer cap. Caps are now available in Hodder House from Mrs Holden at a cost of £3.

New Book Bags

We now have a new style SMH book bag in stock. If you wish to purchase one, please see Mrs Holden.

Labels

We are having problems with children losing or mixing up items of clothing, especially after swimming or PE. I am sure you appreciate that trying to distinguish one identical green jumper from another is practically impossible. Please can you ensure that ALL clothing is labelled with your child's name, including small items such as socks? Also, please could I ask you to check that old labels are still easily readable? All items need to be named, even if it is written in pen on a manufacturer's label.

Thank you.

Summer Sports Camp at SMH Mon 5th July to Friday 16th July

In the weeks Monday 5th July to Friday 9th July and Monday 12th July to Friday 16th July the PE department are hoping to run a Sports Camp. This will take the form of familiar sports and a few more novel sports. There will be more details to follow in the form of a letter and application form. The main day will run from 9.30am - 4.30pm. There will also be the facility for earlier drop off and later pick up. We are hoping that prices will include lunch. When details have been finalised early next week, letters will appear in Reception.

Aquatic Summer Camp 2010

We are now taking bookings for this year's Aquatic summer camp. Information and booking forms are available in Reception.

Home Matches

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Pick Up</u>
Saturday 24 th April	Cricket	1 st XI, Colts A, Colts B, U9A	14.00	Packwood Haugh	19.00
Wednesday 28 th April	Cricket	U9A	14.30	Malsis	17.30
Wednesday 28 th April	Cricket	Colts B	14.30	Highfield Priory	18.00
Saturday 1 st May	Rounders	U10, U11, U12 & U13	13.30	Rossall	15.30
Saturday 1 st May	Cricket	1 st XI, 2 nd XI & 3 rd XI	14.00	Aysgarth	18.00

Away Matches

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Pick Up</u>
Saturday 24 th April	Cricket	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th XI	10.45	14.00	Packwood Haugh	20.00
Wednesday 28 th April	Cricket	1 st XI & Colts A	13.30	14.30	Malsis	19.00
Wednesday 28 th April	Athletics	U9, U10, U11, U12 & U13 Girls	12.45	14.30	Sedbergh	18.30 tbc
Saturday 1 st May	Cricket	Colts A, Colts B &	11.45	14.00	Aysgarth	19.30

Staff Edinburgh Marathon Running Website www.justgiving.com/SMHstaffteam

Please remember to send your children in with high SPF suncream

Please remember to check team sheets carefully in case of any last minute changes to arrangements. Thank you.

