

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Monday 30th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another wonderful week at St Mary's and the children continue to be a constant source of joy and wonder. Last week was a busy week. We had celebrated our writing and PSHE curriculums on Thursday as we shared with our Trust's teaching and learning leads the brilliant things our children are doing in these subjects. Behaviours for learning were reported as extremely high and the children talked with the visitors about their learning with confidence. I would like to thank Ms Steele and Miss Bell for their leadership of these areas. We ended the week with further RWI training for our members of staff that teach Read, Write, Inc. Investment in reading is our key priority and we aim to make our reading provision the best it can be.

We are pleased to share that the roof should be finished by early March. The roofers will be working over half term to ensure there is no disruption to our school meals service. All the classroom areas have now had their roofs repaired so there should be no further use of the spare classroom for teaching; Sun Beams will resume its usual place between the year 1 and Year 2 classrooms after half term. We will also be able to use the bottom playground again and develop the use of outdoor games at break and lunchtime. Children have been incredibly sensible around the scaffolding, but we cannot wait to have full use of the school grounds once again and use our outdoor equipment.

We are of course drawing closer towards the Year 2 & Year 6 SATs. These exams will take place on: Year 2 – w/c 15th May. Year 6 – w/c 9th May. Dates for parents' meetings will be issued in the near future.

Parking

I must mention 'parking'. I have had some concerned parents visiting me explaining that they have witnessed several 'near misses' near the garages next to school! PLEASE, PLEASE ensure that you park safely when dropping off and collecting children. Avoiding a tragedy is the sole reason that I have shared these thoughts.

Lucy's Blue Day

We are delighted to share that the author of Lucy's Blue Day, Christopher Duke, will be joining us in school on the 8th February for a very special assembly. We are delighted to have been selected by the author and cannot wait to welcome Christopher to St Mary's. If children would like to buy a copy of the book signed by Christopher, these can be pre-ordered for children to bring home on the day. A separate letter will be sent with details. This will be for the whole school including our reception class.



Bun Week

Next week, our school council we be hosting bun week in school. We are asking for donations of buns from families from Friday 3rd February and throughout the week from Monday 6th February. School Council are hoping to raise funds to buy some special book bags for classes to promote reading at home. Buns will be on sale from the 6th daily at breaktime for 50p. We can only run the week with support from families. Buns can be shop bought or home baked. Please ensure no nuts are used or brought into school- thank you.

Last week's attendance:

| <u>Year Group</u> | <u>Attendance %</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| FS2 (Reception) | 92.9 |
| Year 1 | 97.9 |
| Year 2 | 96 |
| Year 3 | 96.9 |
| Year 4 | 97.8 |
| Year 5 | 96 |
| Year 6 | 91.7 |

Lunch Payments – ParentPay

Since the School must fund all school meal debts from its budget it is essential that all payments are up to date so that the quality of the service provided to all pupils is maintained. If you think you may qualify for Free School Meals, please contact the school office for further information. Please clear any debt on the account.

Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school poorly, when notifying the school please give specifics as to why your child is off, e.g. sickness, temperature, so we can monitor any potential outbreaks, rather than 'unwell' we appreciate your help with this.

School Text Messages

Please note all school's communication is through ParentPay – NOT ParentMail. All letters, texts and emails are sent through ParentPay. Any changes to mobile telephone numbers must be done by the parent/carer on the ParentPay app or on the website – this is not something the school can update on this platform.

Diary Dates

February

School Council Bun week 6th February

March

World Book Day (children can dress up as their favourite book character/activities across school) 2nd March

Year 3 Egypt trip to the town hall 7th March (more details to follow)

Year 6 Robinwood Residential 27th-29th March

Yours sincerely,

L. Spencer
Executive Headteacher