

St Mary's Weekly

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Monday 26th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I can't believe that we are only 4 weeks away from the end of the school year! Panic not, we still have so much coming.

Industrial Action

I am keen to ensure that everyone has note of the upcoming NEU Industrial Action. These days are **Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July**. Based on the information we currently hold; **it is our intention to remain fully open on these dates for all pupils as we have done previously**. However, if on any of the dates listed above, staff shortages fall below minimum requirements, it may mean that we are unable to deliver normal provision. In these circumstances, we would consider the following:

- restricting attendance to vulnerable children
- closing specific year groups/classes
- closing the school

We will only consider restricting attendance or closing the school if we were unable to provide safe staffing levels.

On Wednesday, of last week, we had a team get through to the finals of the Primary Enterprise School Challenge. They had to design and promote their designs for a new school playground. The children did an amazing job and they had a terrific experience. A huge well done to all Year Five who took part. We are also delighted to share that all of Year Five have passed their Arts Award! Mr Ormondroyd took all the pupils work to a moderation event this week at Hoyland Common Primary School and they all passed. We are very proud.

Book Fayre

Next week will see the return of the Book Fayre. This will be a cash only event open Monday to Thursday after school next week. All books bought will raise funds for school to buy books to support home reading so please come and support if you can. Please come through the main hall doors to look at the books. Thank you in advance of your support.

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on the 13th July. The entrance gates (near year 6) will be opened around 09:45am for you to join us, if you wish to watch Key Stage Two (years 3-6). We are aiming for a 10:00am start. Again, the entrance gates will be opened around 1:20am for you to join us for the KS1 Sports Day. Obviously, the weather may dictate otherwise, if it is wet and unsafe then we will make an early decision to cancel so fingers crossed for a fine day. This would be shared on Twitter in the first instance. Parents, carers and grandparents are all welcome.

ParentPay

There are an increasing number of debts on the lunch payments, ParentPay is not a debt system, please ensure your child's lunch accounts are kept in credit. If you have any problems paying, please contact the Office.

Absence from School/Appointments

Please provide evidence of any absences/ appointments your child attends, either text, letter or card. If no evidence is provided for the appointment the absence will be unauthorised.

Warm Weather

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day and sun cream is applied.

Barnsley Music Services

From September 2023 there will be places for Music tuition in woodwind, brass, and piano please express an interest with the Office if your child would like to start, Year 3 to Year 6.

Football/Dodgeball/Dance Clubs

Please ensure your child brings their sports kit in a bag for these clubs, if no PE kit is provided children will not be able to participate in these clubs and must be collected at 3.15p.m.

Bun Sale

To help raise funds for School we will be holding a bun sale next week. Week commencing 3rd July 2023. Any budding Mary Berrys, we would welcome so much any donations of buns whether shop bought or homemade (nut free). Buns will be sold at playtimes in School.

Diary Dates

June

Key Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Year 2) 28th

Stage Two Music Festival (Year 3) Metrodome Arena 29th

Y6 to Wakefield Cathedral 30th

July

Book Fayre week from the 3rd

Bun Sale - 3rd July

Celebration Service with Bishop Stephen at St Mary's church 6th

Transition Morning 10th (Pupils to arrive through their usual classroom doors. Children will leave through their usual classroom doors at the end of the day too.)

Sports Day 13th

Reports Day 14th

Rocksteady concert 18th 2:30pm For parents and carers of pupils taking part in these sessions.

Year 6 production 14th Parents and carers welcome 2pm (Doors will open at 1:50pm)

Year 6 speeches- Y6 parents welcome into school from 9:15am for a 9:30am start 19th

Year 6 Private Cinema screening at Cineworld 19th pm

Last Day of School 20th

Inset day 21st