

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial Action

I am keen to remind everyone 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.

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 it really makes a huge difference to school.

Preloved uniform

We will be putting out our preloved uniform that lots of wonderful families have kindly donated Monday to Thursday next week so families can take what they wish. This will be in the school hall and there is no charge for this- please take what you would like. Uniform donations have supported many families this year and supported families to make sustainable choices too to look after our planet.

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on the 13th of 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.

We will be selling raffle tickets at sports day too for our 'Grand St Mary's Raffle' letters going home with children today.

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 01226 206422.

Absence from School/Appointments

Absence procedures - If your child is absent, you must • Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence; and subsequent days following, if no call the absence may be noted as unauthorised. 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.

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.

Telephone numbers

There are times when we need to contact parents/carers about, amongst other things, absence. We need to have relevant contact numbers at all times. Please ensure we always have up to date numbers – if we don't then something important may be missed. You have a duty to notify school as soon as possible of any changes to contact details and to provide at least two numbers.

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.

The last Football and Dodge ball for this term will be next week.

Bun Sale

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

Celebration Service

We will take part in a celebration walk on Thursday 6th July. All children will walk to St Mary's Church in town led by Bishop Stephen and will parade through the streets. We would like to invite Year 6 parents to this event as the children's last service in school. If you would like to come, you can meet us at church at 1:45pm or walk with us from school from 1:30pm.

Diary Dates

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.)

Matilda Sing Along after school 11th

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 'The Summer Holiday' 14th Parents and carers welcome 2pm (Doors will open at 1:50pm) Tickets will shortly be available on Parent Pay

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