

St Mary's Weekly

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers for your support through the year. Today, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year Six pupils; we wish them the very best of luck as they start their new journey at secondary school. We know they will make you all proud and continue to represent St Mary's in the best possible way. It has been wonderful to see so many Year Six parents and carers at sports day, the production and speeches day. Good luck Year Six and we will miss you greatly.

Reminder of the extension of the school day from September

In order to comply with the latest Government guidance, schools have to be open for 32.5 hours a week. From September, we will extend the school day by 5 minutes meaning our school day will run from 8:50am to 3:20pm.

Arriving before 9am is essential to a smooth start to the day. Pupils arriving late to class can affect all pupils learning. **Please ensure your child arrives before 9am through their classroom door.**

Attendance and lateness will be a priority for school in September.

ParentPay

All outstanding debts must be cleared on ParentPay, for school lunches, trips, shows, etc. Outstanding debts can have a huge effect on school budgets so please ensure these are all cleared.

PE

Our system allowing KS2 pupils (years 3-6) to arrive for school in PE kits will continue in the new academic year as it has greatly increased the amount of time pupils have to access PE lessons. KS1 (years 1 and 2) and Reception pupils should attend school in uniform and change into PE kits in school as independently getting changed is part of the curriculum for younger pupils. We must insist that clothing in PE is kept plain with no sports branding on of any kind- this includes sports jackets. Jackets must be plain navy or black. Correct uniform will be high on our agenda in September. We do have lots of preloved PE uniform available please speak with Mrs Goodyear if you would like to take a look.

PE Days for the new year...

FS2 (Reception) – Thursday

Year 1 – Monday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 – Thursday and Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 – Tuesday (Swimming) and Friday PE (Year 5 can wear PE uniform on both of these days)

Year 6 – Monday and Wednesday

Uniform

School ties are available from Vortex; this is the only place where they can be purchased. These must be worn every day when wearing a school shirt. School shoes must also be black. Year Six leavers hoodies will be available to order, through school, early in the autumn term so bear this in mind when buying new uniform.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff at St Mary's for all their hard work and dedication. I am honoured to work with such a fantastic team that go above and beyond everyday to support the wonderful children of our school. We hope you have a relaxing summer and are ready to work hard again in September. Next academic year, we will be starting the school PTA again if you would like to get involved keep a look out for our first meeting in the autumn term. We will also be starting inter school sporting competitions with Pro Active Schools Performance. We have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead.

Have a wonderful summer,

The St Mary's Team