

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Monday 18th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been another busy and exciting week in school. The children have been amazing – as always.

Water bottle and snacks

Please can we ask that children bring their water bottle on a daily basis. The bottles should just contain water and not juice. We thank you for your support with this. Additionally, if a child in KS2 (Y3 – 6) would like a snack at playtime we ask that this is just fruit. Any other items brought in will be sent back home as we want to promote healthy eating and a piece of fruit is great way to support this and keep hunger at bay.

Swimming in Year 5

Year Five have started swimming this week. Pupils should attend school in uniform. This means that pupils in Year 5 will only attend school in PE kit on a Thursday for their PE session- sorry for any confusion regarding PE kit and uniform. The pupils loved their first session at the Metrodome!

Art Club, Rugby Club, Cross Country

Payment is now due on ParentPay, if no payment your child can not attend and will be required to be collected at 3.20p.m.

Special Mentions

Please note that our special mentions assembly that was previously on a Friday before home time will now take place on a Friday morning at 9am. If your child has received a Gold Award, you will be notified by text on Parent Pay. Please ensure you have your details updated on this app. Children in Reception class will join these wonderful assemblies later in the year.

Year 6

This week we have contacted Vortex about designing our Year 6 hoodies. We will communicate when they are ready to order in the next few weeks from the Vortex website.

SATs week is 13th May 2024. ALL children will in Year 6 must be present this week.

We will be offering the pupils in Year 6 the opportunity to access confirmation classes after Christmas with Father Miguel for pupils that would like to be confirmed before leaving primary school. More information will be sent closer to the time.

Robinwood – Year 6

Due date is nearly here for the final payment and coach payment of the Year 6 Robinwood Residential please ensure this is paid.

Music Tuition

We now have places for our Barnsley Music Services Tuition for woodwind and brass if you would like more information, please contact the school Office. Also, payment is now due on ParentPay for those that do music.

School Lunch Debts

Please ensure all lunch accounts are kept in credit, ParentPay is not a debt system

Attendance

This year we are really hoping to continue increasing attendance across school so that we are in line with the national expected target of 97% attendance in every class. Daily attendance and punctuality have the most positive impact on attainment for children - every day is a learning day and we really hope you support us with this drive to reach these targets.

When a pupil's attendance falls to 97% a member of staff, will be in touch with parents/carers. This is to support all our families in ensuring good attendance at school.

In line with our St Marys trust, LA and EWO guidance, no holidays in term time will be authorised. The calendar of school holidays and INSET dates for this year can be seen on our school website. Please support us by not booking any holidays in school time.

A massive thank you to you all for your continued support in ensuring the children are in school on time. As a school, we had 4 late marks last week- we aim to have no late marks moving forward. We allow a ten minute window to ensure a smooth start to the day and arriving on time is vital to ensure lessons are not disrupted for other pupils well as ensuring your child is not missing their own learning.

Diary Dates

DIARY DATES- Here are some useful dates for your diaries already. We will provide further information about specific events nearer the time. We have lots of exciting activities in store...

SEPTEMBER

Brass workshop for Years 3 and 4 19th September

Horizon Meeting 9am for Year 6 pupils and parents 22nd September (Pupils to register in class via the classroom door and the meet parents in hall. Parents can access school through the double doors to the hall).

OCTOBER

Individual Photos – Tuesday 3rd October

Fair Banding Assessment with Trinity St Edwards 10:30am in school (for pupils who have opted in directly with Trinity) 6th October

Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day – 10th October

Year 3 author event on Zoom with John Patrick Green 10th October

Harvest Festival Mass in school 19th October

TT Rockstars Day 20th October

Year 5 author event on Zoom with Jack Meggitt Phillips 25th October

Autumn Disco 26th October KS1 3:20pm- 4:30pm KS2 4:45- 5:45pm

Last day before half term 27th October

NOVEMBER

All Saints Day Mass in school 9th November

Flu Immunisations 9th November

Odd socks day to mark the start of anti-bullying week 13th November

Parents evening 15th November

Children in Need Day 17th November

Year 6 Robinwood 27th - 29th November

December

Christmas Jumper Day 7th December

Advent Mass in school 6th December

Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip – 11th December

Christingle service at St Paul's Church (pupils only) 13th December

Christmas Fayre 14th December

Afternoon production for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5th 18th December

Evening production for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 19th December

Carols Around the Tree PM 21st December (all parents/ carers welcome)

Reception/ Year 6 Nativity at St May's Church AM 21st December (parents/carers welcome of pupils in Year 6 and Reception)

Last Day before Christmas Holidays 21st December

Yours sincerely,

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