



St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'

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Monday 26th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so delighted to be back at school, and we have had a wonderful week. Firstly, we would like to thank all our parents and carers for your lovely comments and words of support during our Ofsted Inspection. We were moved to tears with the wonderful things you have to say about St Mary's. We do not have the report back yet- this usually takes a few weeks. We will share this with you once we receive this.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from School, please call the school on 01226 206422 the first day and each consecutive day following, there is also an option to leave a voicemail.

If your child is absent from School due to any illness, please inform the school every day with the nature of illness so we can monitor any outbreaks rather than just 'unwell' we appreciate your support in this.

If school is not made aware of a child's absence and we cannot contact you, we will do a safe and well check to the family home.

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. We will issue a fine to both parents (this was previously one parent moving forward- as advised by the local authority) if pupils miss 10 sessions (5 days of absence) due to holidays or due to unauthorised absence.

Please ensure that pupils are not late to school. 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.

Safeguarding

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leaders at St Mary's:

Mr Spencer

Ms Steele

Mrs Brook

Mrs Goodyear

Miss Godfree

Lunch Payments

Can all lunch payments be cleared on ParentPay for your child's lunch accounts. Accounts should be closely monitored to ensure they do not get a debit on the account.

Diary Dates

February

Confirmation classes start for pupils that will be confirmed through school 26.02.24

PTA film Night after school 29.02.24

March

World Book day 07.03.24 (Pupils can dress as their favourite book character)

Rocksteady concert for pupils taking part in Rocksteady lessons 2:20pm-3:00pm 12.03.24

Red Nose Day 15.03.24 (non- uniform day)

Year Four Robinwood residential 18.03.24-20.03.24

(Staff attending the residential will be Mrs Copley, Ms Saynor and Mrs Tryba)

Compass Be workshops in school for Year 5 and Year 2 about pupil wellbeing and emotions 18.03.24

Year One Easter Craft afternoon for parents/ carers 20.03.24 1:30pm

Lent/ Easter Mass in school (pupils only) 21.03.24

Easter Bonnet competition 22.03.24

Last Day of school before the end of term 22.03.24

April

Parents/ carers meetings morning option for Reception, Year 1, Years 2 and Year 3 10th April 9:00am-11:20am

Parents/ carers meetings 10th April 3:30-6:00pm all classes

Parents/ carers meetings morning option for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 11th April 9:00am- 11:20am

Year 5 Enterprise Project Day 25th April

May

SATS week for Year 6 pupils 13.05.24- 16.05.24

Confirmation for Years 5 and 6 pupils at St Marys Church by Bishop Tony 19.05.24 (the date is now confirmed time to be confirmed)

Yours sincerely,

L. Spencer Executive Headteacher

R. Steele Deputy Headteacher