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Dear Families and Friends of St Mary's

Friday 19th July – AWARDS and FAMILY PICNIC at lunchtime on the school field. **PTA Summer FAIR**

In the event of wet weather, parents are welcome to have picnic lunch with children in classes; and the summer fair will be held in the school hall.

Tuesday 23rd July – Leavers' Service at Church 9.25am. School ends 2pm

A note about safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to **Miss Alice Brown** (Designated Safeguarding Lead). In her absence, please speak to **Mrs Purnell or Mr Finlay** (Deputy DSLs). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

As the school year draws to an end, I wanted to write and thank you for your support of the school, on behalf of all the staff at St Mary's. We began the year with the exciting Tour of Britain event; have had captivating theme weeks such as "Science Meets Art", Healthy Choices and our Take One Picture project with the Holborne Museum; visits from The Bath Philharmonia; a whole KS2 trip to the Forum; mystery readers; a "real life" Nativity visit; a great sports day; residential trips; AWARDS; Forest School; performances such as Robin Hood; a role in the village commemoration of Remembrance Day; Dance Workshops; and even a search for a pesky blue dragon! Alongside that, children have worked hard on their key skills - with Number of the Day being one example of a new approach which children have really enjoyed. The list of learning opportunities goes on and on....

During the year, I believe that your children have experienced a broad and rich curriculum which continues to place the rounded, holistic development of young people at the centre. As a school, we have always striven to be fully inclusive, and we place a great emphasis on recognising and developing the strengths and talents that each individual child has. We have never been a school that focuses on SATS at the expense of the wider opportunities that children need to be successful, confident and happy in themselves; but a school that has remained true to its Christian foundation, its ethos and vision for learning - even in times of great challenge. You only need to walk through our doors and spend a few hours here, to know that this is a learning community that also cares for and supports each other as individuals. Behaviour and attitudes to learning are strong across the school - with visitors frequently commenting on this.

It is, therefore, unusual for me to write to all parents with regard to a specific cohort of children; and particularly to write to you all on the matter of KS2 test results. The current class of Eagles started at St Mary's at the same time as I became Headteacher here. They have completed their most formative years of education at a school which has been judged as Requiring Improvement by OFSTED on three consecutive occasions - since these children were in Reception. The outcomes of the KS2 tests that these children have just taken, suggest a different narrative.

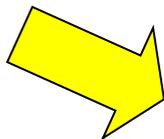
- 100% of the Year 6 cohort have reached the expected standard in Reading, with 37% attaining the Greater Depth standard.
- 100% of the Year 6 cohort reached the expected standard in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, with 70% attaining the Greater Depth standard.
- 93% of the Year 6 cohort attained the expected standard in Writing, with 18% attaining the Greater Depth Standard.
- 93% of the Year 6 cohort reached the expected standard in Mathematics, with 37% attaining the Greater Depth Standard.

All of these results are well above National Expectations; and are a testament to the effort that these children give every single day; to the support of parents in their children's learning; and to the hard work of the whole teaching team in school in providing that rich and broad curriculum - and so it feels right to celebrate this with the community. Every single child in the Eagle class has achieved amazing things during their time with us. They are confident young people, who are ready to make the most of their secondary education and make their mark in the world out there. We will all miss them a great deal, and wish them every success and happiness in their futures.

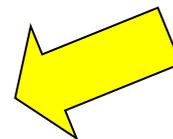
AWARDS AND FAMILY PICNIC - FRIDAY 19TH JULY

Term 6 AWARDS will be held on **Friday 19th July at 9.05am**. Please come along and remember that we request that siblings are left in our crèche so as not to distract other children and families. Thank you.

Parents are then invited to return to school for a **Family Picnic on the school field, from 12.10pm**. Please bring blankets/something to sit on.



There will be no hot meals on Friday 19th July.



DOLCE will be providing a picnic menu though, so please book your child in for a school meal on Live Kitchen if you wish to take advantage of this. (All previous hot meal orders have been cancelled).

Usual charges apply if applicable.

Following the picnic, classes will return to their class base for afternoon lessons, and the PTA will be setting up for the summer fair which will be held immediately after the school day ends. The fair will begin with a Samba Carnival procession at 3pm.

PTA SUMMER FAIR – please remember all offers of help, even for an hour, would be much appreciated. Contact the school office or a member of the PTA.

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS - EBB?

Please register your child (**including** those in Reception, year 1 and year 2) for free school meals if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits. Registration will attract additional funding for our school for Pupil Premium (£1,320 per Primary pupil for the financial year 2019-20).

You can register your entitlement for Free School Meals - Eligible by Benefit (EBB) if you have children who attend a school in Bath and North East Somerset, and you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits listed below.

Qualifying benefits for Free School Meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, without any Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that is not more than £16,190
- Run-on Working Tax Credit which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

How to register – just call!

Call the Free School Meals helpline on 01225 394317 to make a telephone registration. We will need you to tell us your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seeker Support Number when you call.

Please note that the Local Authority will check your eligibility to qualifying benefits on your behalf using the DFE online Free School Meal Eligibility Checking Service. Your National Insurance or National Asylum Seeker Support Number and Date of Birth must be accurate.

SAVE THE DATE!

In September, we are refreshing our approach to teaching Phonics - adopting the Soundwrite approach. We are making this change to ensure our phonics outcomes can be even stronger, and that our children can become more successful readers and spellers.

Miss Wylie and Miss Humphries have both already attended a very comprehensive four day training course, and Miss Leach and Mrs Brown will do so early in the Autumn.

Sue Russell, the Soundwrite Trainer, has also agreed to come and run two workshops for parents.

The first of these will be at **6pm on Thursday 26th September**; and the second will be on **Wednesday 2nd October at 1.30pm**.

The National Curriculum notes: *Reading feeds pupils' imagination and opens up a treasure-house of wonder and joy for curious young minds.* We know that Reading is fundamental to academic success and we want all of our children to be fluent readers who are passionate about books. Your support is vital in achieving this aim – so please do plan on coming along to one of these workshops, even if your child is in the later years of their primary education.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please could all parents take the time to read the information about School Uniform on our website (reproduced at the end of this newsletter). In recent months there has been some deviation from this and we would appreciate that any new items purchased for September are in line with our uniform expectations please. This particularly applies to footwear: we have seen a large increase in the number of brightly coloured trainers being worn at school and these are not part of our uniform. Could parents also bear in mind that extreme hair styles/colour/bows are really best kept for enjoyment during the holidays! Thank you

THANK YOU

As this is the last newsletter of the term I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you, on behalf of all staff, to all parents and carers for the support that you demonstrate for your children and the school. Thank you also to our **volunteers** who help in school with a variety of tasks from listening to readers to gardening; and to **governors**, who give of their time freely, to challenge, support and shape the direction of our future development. We know that we are immensely privileged to work in such a strong community with such wonderful children, and we can't wait to be back in September to make a start on all the exciting things we have planned!

*Best wishes for a restful, relaxing holiday,
From Miss Brown and all the staff at St Mary's*

TERM DATES 2019-2020

*** 2 INSET days still to be set so there may be a slight variation from the B&NES DATES listed below ***

	INSET DAYS (School Closed to Pupils)	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 1	Monday 2 September	Tuesday 3 September 2019	Friday 25 October 2019
Term 2		Monday 4 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Term 3		Monday 6 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
Term 4		Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020
Term 5		Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020
Term 6	Friday 26 June 2020 Monday 20 July 2020	Monday 1 June 2020	Friday 17 July

DIARY DATES

Thursday 18 th July	JAMBA SAMBA workshops (PTA funded)
Friday 19 th July	Term 6 AWARDS FAMILY PICNIC JAMBA SAMBA workshops (PTA funded) PTA Summer Fair
Sunday 21 st July	Gathering of Goblins - Race Day at Goodwood
Monday 22 nd July	Sports Morning (Reserve)
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church Last Day Term 6 – school closes at 2 pm
Monday 2 nd September	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 3 rd September	School Begins for Year 1 -6
Thursday 26 th September	6pm Phonics at St Mary's: SoundsWrite Workshop for Parents
Wednesday 2 nd October	1.30pm Phonics at St Mary's: Soundswrite Workshop for Parents

St Mary's C. E. Primary School Uniform

Clothes

Navy blue/grey trousers or shorts

Navy blue/grey skirts or pinafore dresses

Light blue polo shirts

Navy blue jumper or cardigan, with or without the school logo embroidered on

Navy/grey/black/white socks

Navy/grey/black tights

In the summer blue and white checked/stripy dresses are also permitted.

Shoes, Coats, Hats etc

Shoes should be plain black, low heeled/flat and sturdy enough for outside play. Crocs, strappy sandals, trainers or brightly coloured shoes are not permitted. We also ask that your child has a pair of Wellington Boots that they keep in school (any colour permitted).

Your child will need an appropriate waterproof coat in school every day as we go out to play in almost all weathers!

Hats are available with the school logo for summer protection, though your child may wear an alternative one if they prefer. In winter we don't mind what colour hats/scarves/gloves your child wears, but please make sure they are clearly named. Thank you.

PE Kit

Plain white T-shirt (no logos), navy blue shorts and plain black daps or trainers

Blue joggers

White/black/grey/blue socks

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Where can we buy uniform?

Staple items such as trousers, tops and plain jumpers can be purchased anywhere. However, if you wish to have items with our logo embroidered on, then you will need to purchase these online from **Mapac**.

Parents can view all available products by visiting the company's website

<http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/stmarystimsburyBA2>

Parents report that the quality is good and that sizes are a little on the generous side.