



18th January 2019

Dear Families and Friends of St Mary's

This is a very brief newsletter to highlight some important information.

Paul Moorhouse, Chair of the Interim Governing Body, will be at school during the parent consultation evening on Tuesday 29th January. He is looking forward to meeting you. **Emma Sage**, parent representative on the Interim Governing Body, will also be at school for the consultations on Thursday. Miss Smith, Miss Humphries and Miss Riddell will hold their consultation meetings in the Year 3 classroom. Mr Woodford, Mr Finlay, Mr Daniels and Miss Morris will hold their consultation evenings in the Year 4 classroom.

The crèche will be in the Year 6 classroom.

Please could everyone enter/exit school using the door by the Year 6 classroom? Thank you.

Appointment slips will come to you early next week, via your child.

Maths and Spelling – an update

Miss Brown has assumed responsibility for the leadership of mathematics at St Mary's. This is a key area for the school to improve in. During parent consultation evenings, class teachers will explain our new "Gem Steps" which is a Maths Fluency initiative to ensure that all children can recall the key facts required for success, quickly. Following the parent consultations, the Gem Steps will be posted onto our school website for ease of reference. We very much hope that children in Years 2-6 are also using Times Table Rock Stars at home on a regular basis, as this will ensure children are quickly able to recall these key facts. Teachers will also share new spelling mats with you during the forthcoming evenings.

Thank you for your continued support for your child's learning.

Bath Forum KS2 Trip

Please be aware that on Friday 22nd March we are intending on taking Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to experience a classical concert at The Forum, in Bath. We are likely to return to school after the end of the school day. Further details on timings will be shared shortly – but we wanted to let you know about this in advance.

SOMER FOODBANK

We are a registered Foodbank voucher distributor. If you are struggling to afford food, please contact Miss Brown or Mr Finlay, in complete confidence. We are able to check eligibility and provide a voucher for you and your family.

Severe Weather Arrangements

In the event of severe weather, in consultation with Governors, I may be required to make the decision to fully or partially close the school, or to amend opening hours to facilitate safe arrival and departure from

the school site. As soon as we have made the decision to close the school or amend opening times, I will complete the following actions in the order detailed below.

1. Initiate the "Emergency Closure" Procedures to notify school staff.
2. Change the school status on the school closures section of the B&NES website:
<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures>
3. Send a ParentMail text and email – please be aware that in times of high demand, it can take some time (an hour or two) for text messages to get through so this is not fool proof.
4. Add a message to our school website (www.stmarystimbsbury.co.uk) on the banner that scrolls across the home page.

I will endeavour to update messages on a regular basis and keep you fully informed. Should you not have Internet access, local radio stations have agreed to share information from the B&NES school closures website as part of their broadcasts. You might also like to phone a friend who has an Internet connection.

Please note that parents will not be contacted individually. I sincerely hope that we will not need to use this system this year; however, it is always good to be prepared.

DIARY DATES 2018-19	
Wednesday 23 rd January	Vale House Kitchen – Workshop in Year 5; EYFS Trip to Bath
Friday 25 th January	Year 6 to Life Skills; Bath Philharmonia Workshop Y5 – at school
Tuesday 29 th January	School Nurse – Height and Weight EYFS
Tuesday 29 th January	Parent Consultations – Paul Moorhouse, Chair of IGB, will attend
Thursday 31 st January	Parent Consultations – Emma Sage, Governor from IGB, will attend
Friday 1 st February	Bath Philharmonia Workshop Y6 – at school
Thursday 7 th February	Badgers lead Collective Worship, 9am
Friday 15 th February	AWARDS 9.05am Last Day Term 3
Monday 25 th February	INSET DAY 3 - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 26 th February	Term 4 commences
Thursday 7 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY – Dressing Up!
Friday 15 th March	Year 5/6 Bath University Science Trip - TBC
Week Beg 18 th March	Healthy Schools Week including Life Education Van 21 st and 22 nd
Thursday 21 st March	Rabbits Lead Collective Worship 9am
Friday 22 nd March	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 trip the Forum, Bath - Classical Music Experience
Monday 1 st April	Julian House Visitors for KS2 assembly
Thursday 4 th April	Year 4 and 5 led whole school Easter Celebration
Friday 5 th April	AWARDS 9.05am; Last Day Term 4
Tuesday 23 rd April	Term 5 begins
Friday 24 th May	Term 5 ends
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day 4 – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th June	Term 6 starts
Week beginning 10 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week (Y1 and 2)
Friday 28 th June	INSET Day 5 – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last Day Term 6 – school closes at 2pm

Thank you to all the families who booked in for a school lunch on Thursday 17th January. It was much appreciated!

TERM DATES 2018-2019			
	INSET DAYS (School Closed to Pupils)	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 3		Monday 7 th January 2019	Friday 15 th February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 th February	Tuesday 26 th February 2019	Friday 5 th April 2019
Term 5		Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June Friday 28 th June	Tuesday 4 th June 2019	Tuesday 23 rd July

INDICATIVE TERM DATES 2019-2020			
*** 3 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 nd September	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Friday 25 October
Term 2		Monday 4 November	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	Monday 20 th July 2020	Monday 1 June 2020	Friday 17th July