



St Mary's C of E Primary School, Timsbury

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Dear Families and Friends of St Mary's

SPORTING NEWS

Thank you to all the children who took part in **football** and **lacrosse** events last week. You all did brilliantly and we are grateful to all of the parents who came along to offer support in the sunshine. We need to give a big THANKYOU to **Jeff Roche**, who stepped in as a referee at the football too! **THANK YOU!**

We are currently placed at the top of the league in Football – but we cannot tell if we will win the league or come second yet! The outcome of another match (played between two other schools) needs to be entered into the results chart first before our final position will be confirmed.

We have two more tournaments coming up for football – on Wednesday 25th and Wednesday 2nd May. Mr Finlay will send letters to those who are taking part. It would be appreciated if you could return reply slips promptly please, if your child is invited – thank you for your help with this.

On 30th April **Year 2** will be taking part in a **Cricket Festival** (separate letter sent)

Our Sporting Ambassadors are currently keeping count of who cycles/scoots to school during the **Big Pedal Fortnight**. It would be brilliant if we could get more children cycling safely to school, especially now we have the new bike sheds! Please stay safe though – take a look at the **Highway Code for Cyclists**

Section 66 of the Highway Code explains what cyclists should and should not do when riding on the road.

You should:

- Keep both hands on the handlebars except when signalling or changing gear.
- Keep both feet on the pedals.
- Be considerate of other road users, taking extra care around blind and partially sighted pedestrians. Use your bell when necessary to signal you are nearby.
- Ride single file on narrow or busy roads and when riding round bends

You should not:

- Ride more than two abreast.
- Ride close behind another vehicle.
- Carry anything that will affect your balance or get tangled up in your wheels or chain.

THANK YOU to all our families who are respecting the yellow zig-zags outside the front of the school. The situation has improved which is brilliant news for the safety of our children. It is however, disappointing to note that there are one or two people who are still not respecting our polite requests and reminders... **The Community Police were here on Friday to do a spot check – they can, and will, fine parents who park on the zig-zags.**

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION- please remember to cast your vote by **Friday 4th May**. Thank you.

THE PTA would welcome your support for the Family Barn Dance please! Look out for the flyer coming home soon and spread the word to your friends and family!

**HOT FOOT OVERTO CONYGRE HALL ON SAT. MAY 19TH
AND DANCE TO RAY BURNS AND THE RED HOT RANGES**

FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA TIMSBURY
Charity no. 1036029

From 5-10pm with Icecream stall
Bar • Raffle • *Live band and caller*
Tickets in advance via the school,
Connies Tea Room or Timsbury Childcare

Adult £7.50 Child £2.50 Family
ticket £15 (includes food)

**FAMILY
BARN
DANCE**

Details on our 'facebook' page
St Mary's School PTA, Timsbury

Best wishes,
Miss Brown

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) or **Mrs Claire Brewer** (Deputy DSL). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

DIARY DATES 2017-2018

Monday 23 rd April	Big Pedal Fortnight – see separate parentmail for details
Tuesday 24 th April	Bees Lead Collective Worship 9.05am – Year 3 parents welcome
Wednesday 25 th April	Football Tournament
Friday 27 th April	Pupil Achievement and Progress Reports Home to Parents
Sunday 29 th April	Year 6 CAR WASH at the Conygre Hall
Monday 30 th April	Badgers Cricket Festival, Conygre Hall
Wednesday 2 nd May	Football Tournament
Thursday 3 rd May	Year 4 Trip
Wednesday 9 th May	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm
14 th – 17 th May	Statutory Key Stage 2 Assessment Week
Thursday 17 th May	Year 5 Trip
Friday 18 th May	Rabbits Lead Collective Worship 9.05am – Year 1 parents welcome
19 th May	PTA Barn Dance – Conygre Hall
21 st – 25 th May	Healthy Choices Week – Mr Finlay is planning an exciting week!!
Wednesday 23 rd May	Term 5 AWARDS
24 th and 25 th May	Life Education Van visit to School
Friday 25 th May	Last Day Term 5 – normal time!
Monday 4 th June	Term 6 starts
Wednesday 13 th June	Year 5 and 6 SRE School Nurse Talk 1
Tuesday 19 th June	Tulip Class Photographs
21 st and 22 nd June	SAMBA Workshops for children
Friday 22 nd June	PTA Summer Fair and Carnival Procession
Tuesday 26 th June	Year 5 and 6 SRE School Nurse Talk 2
Thursday 28 th June	Year 6 Production 6pm
Friday 29 th June	INSET DAY 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 5 th July	Badgers Lead Collective Worship – Year 2 parents welcome
Thursday 5 th July	B&NES Secondary School Transition Day for Year 6 (children go directly to their secondary school)
Friday 6 th July	Sports Day – confirmed date
9 th - 13 th July	Year 6 Residential
Friday 13 th July	Year 2 Trip
Tuesday 17 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 20 th July	Term 6 AWARDS and Family Open Afternoon TBC
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Service. Last Day of Term 6. School Ends 2pm
Week commencing 24 th September 2018	Year 6 Residential – confirmed

Raise Money for the PTA just by shopping online!

Users of Easyfundraising have raised over **£1100** for the PTA so far.

WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO OUR 53 SUPPORTERS!

It doesn't cost you ANYTHING extra – and just involves a few extra clicks!



The website: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

How?

Click on the Green "Support a Good Cause"; type in Timsbury in the search box; chose St Mary's Primary (at the bottom of the list); Click 'Find' then "Support this Cause". This takes you to a registration page. When you then access online shopping sites via EasyFundraising to make a purchase, the PTA receive a donation. It doesn't cost you a penny more, your purchase details are not shared with anyone, and the PTA receives a monthly donation to spend in school on children!

**CAN WE GET TO 70 SUPPORTERS BEFORE THE END
OF MAY???**
SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

TERM DATES 2017-2018

	INSET DAYS (School Closed to Pupils)	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 5	Monday 9 th April	Tuesday 10 th April	Friday 25 th May
Term 6	Friday 29 th June	Monday 4 th June	Tuesday 24 th July

TERM DATES 2018-2019

	INSET DAYS (School Closed to Pupils)	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 1	Monday 3 rd September Friday 26 th October	Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Thursday 25 th October 2018
Term 2		Monday 5 th November 2018	Friday 21 st December 2018
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	2 INSET DAYS STILL TO BE SET	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
Term 6		Monday 3 rd June 2019	Tuesday 23 rd July

Holidays and Penalty Notices

Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time, including for family holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances such as a death or significant trauma in the family. If parents or carers wish to make a request for authorisation of a term time absence because they feel it is an exceptional circumstance, they are asked to complete and submit a **Leave of Absence Request Form** in advance, stating the reason why they need to take their child out of school. Even where exceptional circumstances do exist, the school may decide not to exercise its discretion to authorise leave. Should any request for absence be refused the absence will be recorded as unauthorised in the school register. On returning from this absence, no matter what the length of that period of unauthorised leave, parents/carers will receive a standard notification letter outlining the circumstances under which they may be liable for a penalty notice. **A penalty notice will be requested should there be any further unauthorised absence during the child's time at St Mary's.** Families who persistently take their children out of school for reasons that have not been authorised will be referred to the CMES.

Penalty notices will usually be issued where a pupil has 10 or more unauthorised absences (which is equivalent to 5 days) in the 100 sessions prior to the request for a penalty notice to be issued. **A penalty notice may also be issued for a first offence.** This could be where the unauthorised absence was for an extended period and/or condoned by the parent. An example of this would be instances of unauthorised absence such as holidays taken during term time without the schools permission.