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Dear Families and Friends of St Mary's

Please note the following key dates:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Governor Academy Information Meeting, School Hall at 6pm**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Morning**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Open Classrooms until 9.30am; in afternoon, children will meet their new teachers in new class bases**

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leavers' Service at Church. 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.

## **WELL DONE to our EXCELLENT EAGLES on their fantastic performance of Robin Hood on Wednesday evening.**

You absolutely nailed it! Your singing was superb, your acting awesome and your lines lucid! Every single one of you gave your absolute best and we simply couldn't be more proud of you.

I look forward to seeing you all on stage at the Theatre Royal sometime in the future!

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

I am delighted to be able to share with you that **Mr Cox** will be returning to work at St Mary's for Term 1 and 2. He will be here full time, working as a Deputy Headteacher. This appointment is supported by the Local Authority to add capacity to the school leadership team on a short term basis, as we support our new teachers in settling in to the St Mary's community and prepare for our next section 5 OFSTED inspection. Please be assured that Mrs Brewer will still be here, as Inclusion Leader and Deputy Headteacher too.

**WELL DONE to the ROCKIN' RABBITS for their amazing minibeast concert for parents. I loved the Frog song, in particular the wobble wobble! You are all great singers and performers. Well done.**

## **SPORTS DAY – THURSDAY 11th JULY**

We are hoping that the fine weather will continue until next week, so that our Sports Day can go ahead as planned beginning just after gam. Children should wear navy/black shorts or jogging bottoms and a t-shirt in their team colour. If your child does not have a t-shirt in their team colour, a sash in the correct coloured ribbon can be worn over their normal white, P.E. t-shirt. Children should wear sun cream, and sunhats and water bottles will also be needed please!

### **Team colours**

Armitage – Purple

Campbell – Green

Samborne – Orange

Williams – Red

Herschel – Blue

Austen – Yellow

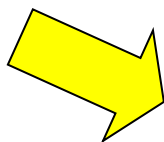
If you are unsure which team your child is in, the class teacher/school office have a list of team compositions and can inform you.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school's policy regarding **digital images**. Parents are permitted to take photographs of their own children so long as this is for personal family use. **We respectfully request that you do not upload such images onto social media for safeguarding reasons.** Please respect this request and ensure that family friends and relatives that may attend school events are made aware of this policy. Thank you.

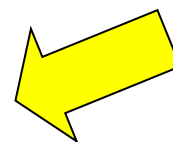
## **AWARDS AND FAMILY PICNIC - FRIDAY 19TH JULY**

**Term 6 AWARDS** will be held on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **OPEN CLASSROOMS – WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Regretfully it is not possible for us to hold an Open Afternoon on the same day as the picnic and AWARDS this year, because of the summer fayre preparations. However, if you want to pop along to your child's classroom to have a chance to share their work from across the year with them, you are invited to do so on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** from **morning drop off until 9.30am**.

### **ATTENDANCE**

<b>Term 6 Attendance to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 inclusive</b>						
Ducklings	Rabbits	Badgers	Bees	Otters	Lions	Eagles
93%	98.7%	94.4%	94.6%	96.2%	97.4%	96.6%
WELL DONE RABBIT CLASS for being the top attenders so far this term!						

Please remember that absence for holiday cannot be authorised unless the circumstances are truly exceptional. Families who persistently take their children out of school for reasons that have not been authorised will be referred to the CMES (Children Missing Education Service).

In addition, in common with other local schools, penalty notices for holidays are always requested from the Local Authority:

- when a child's overall attendance is 95% or below for that academic year
- where a pupil has 10 or more unauthorised absences (which is equivalent to 5 days).

PLEASE NOTE: the school bell that rings at 8.43am in the morning is earlier than the gates/doors need to officially open. It is set deliberately to ring early so that staff know it is time to stop preparation and to ensure they go to their classrooms ... and it also gives the person opening the door/gate time to walk there! Your patience is appreciated.

**We know that the vast majority of parents understand the reasons for good attendance and support our policies. Thank you.**

#### **A PLEA TO FAMILIES AND DOG OWNERS**

Please could families avoid gathering *en masse* around the entrance to the school at the main gate, especially with dogs, at school pick up time. Whilst your dog may be very well behaved, there is always an element of unpredictability and some children are feeling intimidated/scared by the presence of large dogs in this area.

It then puts their safety at risk as they are having to step out into the road to walk past.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**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.

Parents - **Janet, Libby, Lorely, Elaine & Kathryn** - and their children – would like to say a big thank you for supporting their Macmillan fundraiser. They raised over £200.

# 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.

## INDICATIVE 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 TERM SIX 2018-19

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Advance Notice for Rabbit Class:</b> Miss Humphries will not be in school on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> July. Miss Wylie and Mrs Jefferies will be teaching the children instead.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Lead Collective Worship. Duckling Families welcome 9 am Bee Class Dance Workshop with Writhlington School specialist
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Governor Meeting for Parents and Staff re joining a Multi-Academy Trust
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Morning (Provisional)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Attainment and Attendance Reports Home
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	NSPCC Speak Out! Visit – Assemblies and Year 5/6 Workshops Y6 Crime and Consequences Workshop – with Rob Hendra (PCSO)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Bath Goblin Club Race Day, Bath
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Classrooms from 8.45-9.30pm Children will spend the afternoon with their new teachers, aside from Y5 who have already met Miss Morris (!), and Y6 EYFS/Year 1 and Year 2 class bases remain the same for 2019, but there are some changes to KS2 class bases for the next academic year for practical reasons: Year 6 – upstairs in the current Lions classroom Year 5 – in the current Eagles classroom Year 4 – in the current Bees classroom Year 3 – in the current Otters classroom
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	JAMBA SAMBA workshops (PTA funded)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 6 AWARDS FAMILY PICNIC JAMBA SAMBA workshops (PTA funded) PTA Summer Fair
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Gathering of Goblins - Race Day at Goodwood
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Morning (Reserve)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church Last Day Term 6 – school closes at 2 pm

