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Dear Families and Friends of St Mary's

Welcome back! I am sure that 2017 will be a successful one for all at St Mary's: we are really excited to be back at work and it is lovely to see all the children refreshed and ready for learning after the break.

Staffing Update

I am delighted to be able to share with you that Mrs Platten has been able to return to work. She is not yet back to her usual hours, but over the next few weeks she will be here more often and hopefully by the end of January will be back up to full speed. Thank you all for your support and good wishes for Natalie during her absence.

Mrs Brewer (Deputy Head) will be returning from maternity leave just before Easter. Her working days will generally be all day Tuesday, and then Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. To complete the school leadership team we are also beginning a recruitment process for an additional member of staff. I will update you when we have been able to make an appointment.



Thursday 2nd February: PTA School Discos

£3 per child

(includes glow stick and chocolate treat)

KS1 5.00 – 5.55pm

KS2 6– 6.55pm

**Tickets available from the PTA week commencing
23rd January (before and after school)**

**If you are able to help at this event, especially the
KS2 disco, please let the school office or PTA
know. Thank you.**



Remember, if you received a new mobile phone from Santa, please make sure we have your new emergency contact details. If you have changed your email address, please also ensure your ParentMail2 details are correct so that you continue to get the newsletters and will be notified in the event of an emergency closure (such as in severe weather).

Want to make a difference in 2017? Still not sure which New Year's Resolution to make?



Please, please, please consider registering at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and asking family friends to do the same. This is an easy way to raise money for the PTA without spending a penny more than you would do normally. Further details can be found at the end of this newsletter. If all our community signed up this would be a great "no-effort-way" of boosting PTA funds - which then all gets spent on improving experiences for your children.

MESSAGE FROM FRUIT SHOP TEAM

We would like you to know that the money you spend at the fruit shop each break time is used to help us to buy new playground equipment. However recently we have not had many customers and we haven't been able to buy anything! Please remember, especially in KS2, that if you bring some money in to school you can buy fruit for a healthy break time snack. We keep a "tab" of how much you have spent and let you know when your "fund" needs topping up! £1 is plenty! As we are a healthy school, only fruit/vegetable snacks are permitted at break times; and only water in classroom water bottles. Thank you.

Thursday 19th January

Special School Dinner - Taster Day!

Chicken and Leek Pie Chicken Drumsticks with BBQ Sauce Mint Chicken Vegetable Stir Fry

Sweet and Sour Chicken Noodles

Dessert Platter Fresh Fruit

Sausage and Mash, and Jacket potatoes will be available as usual.

Please remember to book your child's school dinner with Mrs Platten if they would like to take part and don't usually have a school dinner on this day.

A reminder about medicines for children in school:

Prescribed Medicines

- Medicines will only be accepted if they have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist.
- Medicines should always be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber's instructions for administration.
- Medicines that have been taken out of the container as originally dispensed will not be accepted.

Non-prescription medicines (eg painkillers)

Staff should never give a non-prescribed medicine. If a child suffers regularly from frequent or acute pain, parents should refer the matter to the child's GP.

A child under 16 should never be given aspirin or medicines containing ibuprofen unless prescribed by a doctor.



Coming Soon! Save the Date!

This event is going to be absolutely fabulous! Jenny Scott has organised around 15 exhibitors so far. Children have been told about our exciting Science Learning Log Challenge this week, so hopefully all families will be getting involved with some scientific discovery as the event draws nearer. If you could help at the event, please pop along to The Seven Stars on Monday 16th at 7.30pm, or let us know if you would like to help, but can't make the meeting.

School dinners are not like you remember.....

School meals have changed over the years. Menus are compiled to offer children an imaginative range of interesting dishes and are planned and prepared to a healthy and high standard. What's more your child may be able to enjoy their school dinner for free! Gone are the days where children on free school meals stand out as different - only the necessary school staff will know who is entitled.

You are entitled to apply to register for **eligibility** for free school meals for your child(ren) if you are receiving one of the following benefits:

- 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 Revenues and Customs) that is not more than £16,190
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you wish to apply to register your eligibility for free school meals, either call the Free School Meals helpline and request an application form or download the application form from the BANES website. Please talk to Mrs Platten in the school office if you have any concerns or questions about this. To talk to someone about free school meals in Bath and North East Somerset, please call the helpline on 01225 394317 or email freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Although it is recommended that your child eats the school meal claimed, this is optional and you should register for eligibility whether or not your child wants a meal. **This is also the case for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 although these children are already entitled to a UNIVERSAL Free School Meal every day.** We encourage you to register because we receive a proportion of our funding based upon the number of children who are registered or who have been registered for FREE school meals within the last six years: this is known as Pupil Premium Funding. The formula for funding is based upon the numbers of children registered as eligible on 19th January 2017.

Pupil Premium: Was your adopted child formally a 'looked after child' and adopted on or after 30 December 2005?

From April 2014, schools in England can receive the Pupil Premium for children adopted from care, or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December 2005. Schools can also claim the Pupil Premium for children who left care under a Residence Order on or after 14 October 1991.

The Pupil Premium Grant is to help schools raise the attainment of pupils. It is paid to schools in respect of "disadvantaged" pupils in Reception to Year 11. The Government has extended the coverage of the Pupil Premium in recognition of the traumatic experiences many adopted children have endured in their early lives and a realisation that their needs do not change overnight.

To enable your child's school to claim the Pupil Premium, you will need to inform the school about your child and provide supporting evidence, for example, show the school the original Adoption (Court) Order. **You will need to self-declare before 19th January 2017 which is the date schools complete the annual School Census.** This will then trigger the payment of the Pupil Premium to the school from April 2017.

DIARY DATES 2016-2017

Tuesday 17 th January	Lions Lead Collective Worship - Y5 parents welcome 9am
Tuesday 17 th January	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 19 th January	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 2 nd February	PTA Discos
Friday 10 th February	Term 3 AWARDS
Friday 10 th February	Term 3 Ends
Monday 20 th February	INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 21 st February	Term 4 begins for pupils
Saturday 11 th March	St Mary's Science Fair - Community event
Tuesday 14 th March	Rabbits Lead Collective Worship - Y1 parents welcome 9am
Tuesday 14 th March	Life Education Van bus visit
Wednesday 15 th March	
Thursday 23 rd March	Dance Umbrella: The Forum, Bath. Year 1 and 2
Friday 31 st March	Term 4 AWARDS (to be confirmed)
Friday 31 st March	PTA Easter Bingo
Tuesday 4 th April	Rev Blewett leads Easter Collective Worship in school
Friday 7 th April	Term 4 ends
Monday 23 rd April	Term 5 begins

TERM DATES 2016-2017

	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 4	Tuesday 21 st February 2017	Friday 7 th April 2017
Term 5	Monday 24 th April 2017	Friday 26 th May 2017
Term 6	Monday 5 th June 2017	Friday 21 st July 2017

INSET DAY

Monday 20th February 2017

***** 1 MORE INSET DAY FOR 2016-2017 STILL NEEDS TO BE SET *****

ADVANCE NOTICE

On the last day of the summer term 2017, school will end for children slightly earlier than usual, at 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) or **Mrs Heather Stephens** (Deputy DSL). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Raise Money for the PTA just by shopping!



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 the EasyFundraising Website (or App) 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! Stores covered include Amazon, Sainsbury’s, Tesco, Curry’s and Homebase!