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## Dear Families and Friends of St Mary's

### TERM 5/6 EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

Please make sure you note the dates for Summer Fair, Sports Day, Open Afternoon etc in your diary.

All dates are listed on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

It is hard to believe we are already half way through this term, which is yet another very busy one.



Ducklings have been enjoying their Forest School sessions. So far they have learnt all about the woods and the rules in the woods and then had the chance to choose from a variety of activities. Some children enjoyed making 'stick man' and magic wands, whilst others made protective shelters for forest animals.

It's also been lovely to see the children really enjoying using the outside space at the front of the school for their learning.



In the Warren there is lots of excitement as the Rabbits have been planting beans. They are also hoping that the eggs in the incubator all hatch out too! If things go well, we should have some chicks in the Warren just before the May break.

Meanwhile, our lovely Lions have been getting ready for summer by improving their tennis skills. Next stop: Centre Court, Wimbledon!



Eagles have been flying into school early this week for Breakfast Club and then taking their “SATS” tests. They have all tried their absolute best and everyone at St Mary’s is very proud of all that you have achieved.

Thank you to Luke for the extra catering – your toast is just amazing!

# REMEMBER, REMEMBER!!

## PTA BARN DANCE ON

### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY

### CONYGRE HALL



#### **SPECIAL SCHOOL MEAL MENU - THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY - BBQ SPECIAL!**

Mrs Platten has sent details of the menu via ParentMail. Please book by Monday lunchtime if your child would like to join in and they do not usually have a school dinner on this day.

We receive funding based on the amount of children who have meals on Census Day, so the more families that can join in, the more funding St Mary’s receives!

# Farewell Puff

We will miss you.

Thank you to Rev Blewett, who will be leading a short service of thanksgiving for Puff on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May with Year 6 children.



**The Summer Reading Challenge** takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, and then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find new books to read, take part in competitions and play games. Libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the long summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free and last year over three quarters of a million children took part.

Every year the Challenge has a new theme. **This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Animal Agents**, illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross.

For 2017, there's something peculiar happening at the local library – and that's where the Animal Agents come in! It's a detective agency manned by all kinds of clever animals – furry, scaly and slippery – and these guys are out to crack the case with a little help from their friends.

As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells. By collecting the stickers on their collector folder, young readers will help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes!

Animal Agents is a must for all eagle-eyed kids and will test their skills and ingenuity along the way. With the Agents on their side, solving these mysteries comes with a large helping of fun!

For more information follow this link: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

## MUFTI MONDAY – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on 22/5 in return for donations to the PTA Tombola Stalls.

Please can KS1 children bring in chocolate items; and KS2 children bottles?

Thank you!

## DIARY DATES 2016-2017

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	End Key Stage 2 Test Week for Year 6
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	PERI Concert - for children who learn individual instruments in school. 9am. Sorry no crèche today.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	BBQ SPECIAL LUNCH!
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Family Barn Dance at the Conygre Hall
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mufti Monday! Donations for PTA Tombola Stalls please!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Ducklings Lead Collective Worship. Reception Parents Welcome 9am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Term 5 ends
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day 5 - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	First day Term 6 for pupils
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Statutory Phonics Screening Week (Y1 and 2)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Instrument Workshops after School - come along as a family and get ready for the Samba Procession!
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	SAMBA Workshops
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	SAMBA Workshops, Procession and Summer Fair
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	New Intake Welcome Evening (Reception 2017 intake) Please note change of date
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Performance - afternoon
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Performance - early evening
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day (Reserve)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 6 AWARDS, Family Picnic and Open Afternoon
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Service Last Day of Term 6 - school closes 2pm.

## TERM DATES 2017-2018

	INSET DAYS	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 1	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Term 2	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Term 3	Three Further INSET Days yet to be set	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January '18	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February '18
Term 4		Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February '18	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March '18
Term 5		Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April '18	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Term 6		Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July

**Please note these differ very slightly from the dates on the B&NES website as we will have a slightly longer October break.**

### 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 Brewer/Mrs Heather Stephens** (Deputy DSLs). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.