



The St Mary's News

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A note from Mr Cox and Mrs Brewer

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

We have a very busy term ahead. As well as having a careers day we are going to be asking for parent representatives from each class to form a working party alongside us with the sole focus of looking at the home learning policy. The date for the first meeting will be Friday 7th February at 9:00 until 10:00. If you can attend please let us know.

In school we are continuing to work on our new approach to the teaching of writing and guided reading, as was identified in the Ofsted feedback. Once we have gone through more of the teaching we will be having a parent session to share in the new approach and to showcase some of the excellent writing that is going on in school.

Mr Finlay and Mr Cox will be running evening workshops on the Maths calculation policy. This will be designed to inform you of the approaches we use in school and in which year groups. The first session will be on the 29th January at 6:00pm. The content will be Key Stage 1. All are welcome. There will be a parent mail coming out from Mr Finlay with details. A Key Stage 2 evening will happen in term 4.

Last two week's Learning Stars:



WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Magnus Dale Toby Higby Ben Rogers

Charlie Redman-Richards Eva Pottinger

Reggie Redpath-Smith Jordan Weeks Brooke Briggs

Noah Whitty Sophia Maddison-Plazas Matilda Lines

Isaac Blacker O'Shayah-Renay Hughes Finn McMurray

Jake Squire Dexter Stott Owen Weeks

Kaito Marsden Ava Parker Sebastian Pope

Alissa Sharp Mylo Stott Jude Marsland

Molly Cafferky Emily Hancock Esme Martin

Casper Redman Richards Rachel Tibbs

Leah Deegan Digby Burton Lily Hilton

Jasmine Button Lola Golding Spike Burton



Last two Week's
winning team:-

Williams



PTA

The next PTA event will be a school disco booked for the 28th February. So dust off your dancing shoes and get the sparkle ready to support the PTA by attending this event.

Class news:-

These are just some of the highlights of the amazing learning experiences going on at St Mary's.

Ducklings – This week have been making amazing bird feeders which are now hanging out on trees at the front of the school.

Year 1 – Year 1 had a great learning experience making fruit kebabs as part of their design technology work on healthy eating.

Year 2 – Great start on new topic of World War One. The class have been looking at the life of a soldier in the trenches.

Year 3 - Year 3 had an amazing start to their new book in English by meeting Abdul Kazam, the magician, from the book 'Leon and the place between'.

Year 4 – Writing some amazing recounts having thoroughly enjoyed the short film 'Francis'.

Year 5 – Year 5 have produced some excellent writing, focusing on dialogue. The presentation has been great. The work is all based around the novel 'Theres a boy in the girls cloakroom.'

Year 6 – Our oldest children have been leading by example in their behaviour and in the outstanding level of work that they have produced, especially their writing.

Reminders:-

A quick reminder about school uniform.

A number of children have started to wear quite decorative headwear. Could we ask please that any headwear is plain and simple. Thank you.



Off School

If your child is unable to attend school could you please let the school office know by 9:20 on each day of absence. This can be done through email or phone call. If we have not heard from you by that time then a parent mail will be sent checking up on your child's absence.

Many thanks for your continuing support with this.

Lock down:-

All schools are required to have 'Lockdown' policies and procedures. Due to having a new alarm system installed in school over the summer, we are now able to have a separate ring for lock down. This is an alarm that is sounded if an intruder / animal gets on to school grounds. On the sounding of the alarm the children are sent to classes and told to sit under the tables. The classroom door will be locked by the teacher who is in the room. We just wanted to make you aware of this as we are going to have our first practise next Tuesday morning. We will be telling the children for this first practise as it could be a little unnerving for some of the children. Please be reassured that we will make this practise as fun as possible.

Collective Worship

Our value this term is 'Service'.

On Monday, Mr Cox led collective worship, telling the story of Queen Esther, a young woman who was able to use her position as Queen of Persia to save the lives of thousands of her own people.

On Tuesday, Mrs Brewer led collective worship about the sacrificial and courageous service of Hannah Senesh, a young Jewish girl who was born in 1921.

We are currently seeking the views of children on collective worship in the school, which will enable us to identify what they currently enjoy and what they'd like to see/do more of within our worship times. We look forward to being able to share the children's' thoughts with you.

TERM DATES 2019-2020

	INSET DAYS (School Closed to Pupils)	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 1	Monday 2 September	Tuesday 3 September 2019	Thursday 24 October 2019
Term 2	Friday 25 October	Monday 4 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019

	Friday 22 November		
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 2020

Friday 24 th January	Football Finals – Weston Super Mare – GOOD LUCK TEAM!!
Monday 27 th January	PGL information session for current Y5 parents – 3:30-4pm
Wednesday 29 th January	Year 6 Life Skills visit
Wednesday 29 th January	Key Stage 1 Maths Evening at 6:00pm
Friday 31 st January	Year 4 visit to Bath University
Tuesday 4 th February	Year 1 Class Collective Worship – Year 1 parents invited to join in the school hall - 9am
Friday 7 th February	Parent forum reviewing homework 9:00 – 10:00
Tuesday 11 th February	Parent Consultation Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm
Thursday 13 th February	Parent Consultation Evening 3:40pm-7:00pm
Thursday 13 th February	Term 3 AWARDS – 9am School Hall

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.