



# The St Mary's News

Part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

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## A note from Mr Cox,

Hello and welcome to St Mary's news.

I start this newsletter by saying that I cannot believe we are at the end of term already. It seems to have gone very quickly. With the easing of restrictions, I hope that everyone takes advantage of this and spends quality time with friends and family over the half term holiday.

The children have been working extremely hard producing some amazing work. I have seen some excellent writing from Year 4 and some great clay work in Year 3. Year 1 have enjoyed growing plants as part of their learning and Year 2 have done well with their reading. In Early Years, they have learnt a song about caterpillars/butterflies and used a range of instruments to accompany the song. Years 5 and 6 have continued to produce a high level of work across the board. This term we have had a few visitors in the school, and they have been all very complementary on the quality of work and behaviour of the children in school. So well done everyone.

Every Friday we celebrate all these success in our Celebration worship and now with clubs and out of school activities starting up again, should your child receive an award out of school we would love to celebrate their success on Friday in worship. So please start to bring in awards, trophies or medals that have been achieved on Friday morning and we will share them with the school.

### Reading books

We have started now to use our new reading system in school. The new system is called Accelerated Reader. You may have noticed on your child's reading book, an orange sticker with a number on it. This is part of the new scheme. Each time a child finishes a book, they complete a short quiz. This checks their understanding and comprehension. I am looking to put together a presentation next term which we will make available for everyone to watch, which explains how the new system works. The children have taken to it really well and are completing lots of quizzes. **I am still in need of some parent helpers on a Monday or Friday to finish cataloguing the books. If you can give up some spare time, please give the office a call and let them know. Thank you.**

### Mobile Phones

A number of the older children have started to bring in mobile phones. Should it be necessary e.g. for safety when walking home after school, then please can a Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership agreement be completed and handed in to the office. These can be collected from the office. All phones will then be kept securely in the school office during the school day. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Finally

To celebrate some good more news I would like to share with everyone that Miss Wylie is expecting her second child.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing hard term. The St Mary's team, children and you have all have worked incredible hard in still challenging times so please try and find some time and look after yourselves.

Take care and see you next term  
Mr Cox



This week's Stars are



Florence Chivers, Violet Ford - Reception  
Joseph Blacker, Sienna Mullins – Year 1  
Jackson Keirl, Benjamin McCollum– Year 2  
Noah Lines, Jasmine Button – Year 3  
Evie Miller, Owen Weeks – Year 4  
Finn McMurray, Sam Carey– Year 5  
Ralph Sweeney, Molly Parker – Year 6

This week winning house is

Samborne

With 517 points

*Well done*



*Congratulations!*

This terms House champions with

1,912

are

Samborne

### **A few reminders**

1. Base layers or long-sleeved T-Shirts are not part of the school uniform so please can they not be worn in school. Should your child require an extra layer either a jumper, vest or any top that does not show from under the school top.
2. We are still picking up on children talking about using websites or games that are not age appropriate so I would please ask you to be vigilant about the type of websites or games that are being played. Most of these websites and games have age restrictions which are there to protect young people when going online.

### **Useful information**



Below is a link that will take you to the Government website with information for families to order Lateral Flow Test Kits should you wish to

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

### **IMPORTANT COVID UPDATES FOR THE MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY:**

#### **Contact Tracing**

All parents need to be aware that, as a school, we are required to 'track and trace' all cases within the student/staff community for 48 hours after Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. This means that we may have to get in touch with families in the first few days of the holidays if we have confirmation of any positive cases which will require others to go into self-isolation.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) within 48 hours of last being in school, school needs to be contacted.
- If a pupil shows symptoms or has a positive test result after 48 hours of being in school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Follow up arrangements for positive COVID test results will obviously be actioned by staff from home. Therefore, any communications from parents/carers about this MUST be to the school email address: [office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk). This inbox will be checked daily until Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### **When e-mailing, please:**

- Put 'COVID-19 POSITIVE RESULT' in the email subject.
- Include your child's full name in the email.
- Inform us of the day your child first displayed symptoms, and the date they took the COVID-19 test.

We may get in touch with you to ask some further questions. The school will take advice from the DfE Coronavirus helpline in the event of a positive test result or symptomatic individual. Children or adults who have had contact with a positive or symptomatic case will be informed by the school VIA EMAIL that they need to self-isolate for 10 days.

### School Development Updates

This term we have had a phonics review carried out by the people who deliver Sounds Write training. They were very positive and said that we are producing good quality lessons and that Sounds Write is becoming embedded within the practise of the school.

We also had a visit from our School Improvement Partner and she met with the Senior Leadership Team. We spent the morning working on the School Self Evaluation Form. The outcome was that the school has made improvements in all Ofsted areas and that it is continuing to work to achieving a good outcome at its next inspection.

### 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 Mr Finlay, Mrs Brewer, Mrs Purnell or Mr Cox. The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

<b>TERM DATES 2020-2021</b>			
<b>Term</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>INSET</b>
6	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	

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<b>Term</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>INSET</b>
1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021 and Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	
3	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
4	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	
5	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	
6	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	