

# Boston St Mary's RC Primary School

## DIARY DATES

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### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Term 1 begins for the academic year 2018/19**

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Y6 Whole School Mass in Church 10.15am

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Y6 Swimming

After school clubs start for the Autumn term

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Y5 Class Mass

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Y6 11+ Test

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Y6 Swimming

Boston United afterschool clubs start for Term 1

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Y4 Class Mass

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Y6 11+ Test

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Y6 Swimming

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Wrates Photographers – Individual Photos

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Y3 Class Mass

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Non-Uniform for MacMillan

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Y6 Swimming

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Y2 Class Mass

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Y6 Swimming

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Y1 Class Mass

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Y6 Swimming

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Y5 Class Mass

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

END OF TERM 1

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Term 2 begins



### **11+ Tests**

Year 6 11+ tests are being held in school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September for verbal reasoning and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September for non-verbal reasoning. Please refrain from booking any medical appointments at this time – thank you.

### **Breakfast Club**

At Boston St Mary's we provide a Breakfast Club during the academic year. This is standard in many schools across the county and we feel by doing this we will be supporting parents better. Care is provided from 7.45am - 9 am. Your child will be provided with breakfast and will be able to choose from a variety of choices. If you are interested in a place for your child, there are a limited number of places available. The cost is £10.00 per child per week, or £2.50 per day. Please contact the school office for more information.

### **MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – Non-Uniform**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a coffee afternoon in school in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. We ask, at home, you bake cakes with your children. These cakes will be judged by the staff (not tasted) and then sold at the coffee afternoon in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. All proceeds will be given to this truly worthy charity. Please ensure any cakes are in school by 9:15am on the morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September in order for judging to take place and the coffee afternoon will start at 2pm.

### **ParentPay Account**

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to only use our e-payment method to pay for school trips, breakfast club etc. This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo. If you haven't already done so, please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and activate your account via the account login area on the home page. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office for your account login details. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously.

### **Wrates Photography**

Wrates Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. All children will have individual photographs taken and if they have a sibling in school, a family shot will also be taken. *If you would like a photo taken with a pre-school child, please book in at the school office. (8.15 – 9am)*

ATTENDANCE w/c 03/09/18	
Reception	90%
Year 1	89.1%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	80.6%
Whole School	92.7%

**Our attendance  
target is 97.5%**



## **CLASS NEWS**

### **Reception**

The children in EYFS have settled well into class. We are beginning to learn the routines of school. This week we will have our first PE lesson, we are all very excited! This week we will have some very exciting visitors come to see us in class, linked to our topic. Please make sure your child has their PE kits in school by Tuesday 11th and each part of the kits is named, including the PE bag and shoes. We are very proud of how all of the children have begun their school life at St Mary's.

### **Year 1**

In year 1 we will be continuing our superhero topic by learning about our super senses in science. We will use our sight, hearing and touch to identify mysterious objects. We will learn about healthy super foods that a superhero would need to stay fit and strong. Our literacy will be based around the book "Superworm" where we will follow and create our own instructions to make a Superworm snack. In maths we will be completing number tracks starting from different numbers to 20. We will then move on to finding one more and one less than numbers to 20.

### **Year 2**

Our first week in Year 2 has been very exciting and we have been able to learn lots of new things. Next week in English we will be continuing to write our stories. In Maths we will be still working on place value and beginning to do some addition. We will be doing some tests during the week; but they are only practise tests so do not worry. In our topic work we will be looking at and finding out about Brunel the engineer.

### **Year 3**

As we begin our first full week back at school, Year 3 will look at how place value affects numerical order in maths. Character descriptions will form the crux of their English endeavours, with a Stone Age theme accompanying their topic studies, during which we will discuss the different eras of this lengthy period of history. RE lessons will continue the pupils' focus on homes, while we will aim to start introducing ourselves in French. PE lessons will take place every Thursday. PE kits should be in school and labelled with the names of their owners. It would also be helpful if the pupils' water bottles were named and brought in each day.

### **Year 4**

This week, we will be designing our own safety labels, complete with symbols and warnings, for Alice's 'Drink Me' potion. This should help her to decide if it is safe to sip! Our PE lessons are on a Monday and we will be learning some kwik cricket skills. In our Religious Education, the theme is 'people' and in particular we are learning about some of Jesus' ancestors, including Abraham. Solids, liquids and gases will be our focus in science this week, can we re-create the molecular structure of each? What could we use? Marbles or perhaps even each other! Don't forget to look at our website page for photos and information about our learning.

### **Year 5**

This week in Year 5 we will be learning all about the different features that newspapers have. We will begin the week by researching the discovery of Tutankhamen and will then begin planning our own newspaper article. In Maths we will be continuing our learning on Place Value and will be focusing on rounding to the nearest 100, 1000 and 10,000. Throughout the week, we will also be solving problems that involve negative numbers. In Topic we will be learning about the importance of the River Nile and what the Ancient Egyptians used it for. In RE we will be learning about what it means to be a peacemaker and how we are able to live these values out in our own lives.

### **Year 6**

We've well and truly settled in to life in Year 6, and we'll be sitting the first of our 11+ tests this Friday. Mr Playle will join us on Wednesday to do some revision before we do our first test. We also begin our swimming lessons this week. In maths, we'll be continuing with place value by looking at rounding larger numbers and negative numbers. Our fiesta theme will continue in English, as we look at the Day of the Dead festival and write our own setting descriptions. In topic, we'll be finding out about daily life in Mexico and as we continue our RE topic 'Loving', we'll be investigating how God's love is shown through different scripture.

### **Parent Pay**

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### **Twitter**

Our Twitter account is the best way to keep up to date with everything happening in school. Recently we have tweeted about upcoming events and even posted some children's fantastic learning online. Make sure you follow us on twitter @bostonstmarys. Did you know you do not need to have a Twitter account to view our tweets! You can see all tweets by clicking the link on our website [www.bostonstmarys.co.uk](http://www.bostonstmarys.co.uk) or at [twitter.com/bostonstmarys](https://twitter.com/bostonstmarys)

### **Hot School Meals**

Just a reminder, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive a hot school meal FREE EVERYDAY! A School meal provides children with a healthy varied and balanced diet providing the right amount of energy to ensure that your child can work better in the afternoons. If you would like your child to have hot school meals please come to the office where we will provide further information. Take a look at Ideal School Meal website for an idea of the meals they provide - [www.schoolmealsonline.co.uk](http://www.schoolmealsonline.co.uk) The deadline for ordering is a Monday for the following week.