

# Boston St Mary's RC Primary School

## DIARY DATES

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Road Safety Week  
Y2 Swimming

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Y5 Magna Science Centre, Sheffield  
Y6 Able Writers Programme in association with Brian Moses

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Y2 Class Mass

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Y2 Swimming

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Y1 Class Mass  
Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am  
Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Y2 Swimming  
Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm

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

EYFS & Y1 Baytree Garden Centre, Spalding

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Y5 Class Mass

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Y2 Skegness Aquarium

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

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am  
FOSM Christmas Market 3.30-5.30pm

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

Y2 No Swimming  
Whole school to Blackfriars Theatre to watch Aladdin

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

Y4 Class Mass

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

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Dinner Day

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

Y2 Swimming

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Y5 Class Liturgy

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

Y6 Whole School Mass in Church 10.15am  
Carol Service, all parents welcome 2pm  
FOSM Christmas Disco 5-6.30pm

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

END OF TERM 2

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Term 3 begins



### **Football news**

Both school teams made the trip to St. Nicholas' School last Monday. All the boys and girls were a credit to St. Mary's and we witnessed some great football, thanks to all the parents that came along to support the players. The girl's team slipped to a 2 - 0 defeat whilst the boys lost 4 - 2. The boys play again, this time against Sutterton, at home on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, with a 3pm kick-off.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you for your generous contributions to this worthy cause. We raised an incredible £163.51.

### **Y2 Class Mass**

Y2 will be holding their Class Mass on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9.15am, all parents welcome.

### **Road Safety**

As you are aware, the dark nights are drawing in and it is dusk when the children leave school. If your child comes to school on a bike, please ensure they have lights on their bike so they can be seen by other road users. Please also ensure they are wearing a helmet. The safety of our children coming to and from school is paramount.

### **Attendance**

We are still having too many children arriving late – children should be in class for learning at 8.55am. Please arrive at school on time. If your child is poorly please inform the school office by 9.30am, thank you.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, each afternoon from 3.30pm in the school hall. There will be lots of fantastic books (just in time for Christmas!) and a percentage of the money raised will go back to the school, to help us buy books for our own library. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Diary Dates**

All school events for the academic year 2018/19 have been added to the school website, please visit [www.bostonstmarys.co.uk](http://www.bostonstmarys.co.uk) – click on the School News section - 'Calendar of School Events'.

SHINING LIGHTS AWARDS Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018	
EYFS	Jacob Lucja
Year 1	Evan Lottie
Year 2	Gracjan
Year 3	Gabriels Oliwia
Year 4	Jerome Thomas
Year 5	Linza Thomas
Year 6	Rodrigo Zandra

ATTENDANCE w/c 12/11/18	
Reception	98%
Year 1	87.8%
Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	98.2%
Whole School	96.3%

**Our attendance  
target is 97.5%**

## **Free English Classes**

Every Tuesday, we will be holding free English classes for parents and carers. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more English, improve your language skills and get help with things such as letters and appointments. It is also a great chance to meet other parents along with a cup of tea and a biscuit! Please come and join us!

## **CLASS NEWS**

### **Reception**

EYFS this week are investigating how many different ways we can make different numbers. We will be using numicon to find out how many ways we can make and record ways to make 5, for example:  $3+2$ ,  $1+1+1+1+1$ ,  $1+1+3$ ,  $1+2+1$ . In RE we will be talking about our celebrations and how we celebrate Christmas. Throughout the week we will be learning and talking about how to stay safe out around the roads because it is road safety week. Thank you for sending in your autumn bags, we loved sorting through each and every one. If you are yet to send in your child's holiday book please send these in this week so we are able to share these all together.

### **Year 1**

Year 1 continue to learn about the Great Fire of London this week as we conduct a science experiment on fire (don't worry we won't be burning the school down!) and we will be making bread like the baker on Pudding Lane did in 1666 when the fire started. In maths we will move on to 3D shapes and their properties and later in the week we will be making repeating patterns using 2D and 3D shapes. In RE we will be learning about the Annunciation story and retelling it in different ways.

### **Year 2**

This week in Year 2 we are continuing to write our stories about pirates using fantastic noun phrases. In Maths we are still working with money and looking at using pounds and pence together. In RE we will be continuing our Advent topic. Also, as we get closer to performing our Christmas production we will be practising much more.

### **Year 3**

With Year 3 getting stuck into their fractions learning, they will look at comparing and ordering fractions this week. Meanwhile, English will take on a more promotional focus as the class produces some persuasive leaflets. Thank you to all parents who have supported their children with the Times Tables Rockstars scheme. This is proving popular among pupils, and they all appear keen to boost their speed as they continue to practise. You may have noticed that the different test different times tables. The "Garage" section contains only the specific tables the child has been set, whereas "Studio" and "Sound Check" test them on all times tables up to 12. It would be nice if they could have a go at all these variants at some stage. Some of them may seem daunting at first, but they will become considerably more manageable with practice.

### **Year 4**

In maths this week, we are exploring capacity before moving on to revise coins and notes, and complete calculations involving money. Meanwhile, in our English lessons we will be attempting to find out more about the legendary character, King Arthur. Did he really exist, or is it just a myth? We will be using our artistic skills in this week's topic lesson as we discuss intricate Anglo-Saxon pattern work before designing our own print blocks. These will be used next week when we make our own pattern with inks. On Friday, we will be participating in the National Youth Fun day organised by the Catholic Youth Service.

### **Year 5**

This week in Year 5 we are going to be writing character description about the Ice queen and Aslan from Narnia. In Maths we are going to be moving onto reflection and translation. On Tuesday we have our trip to Magna Science Centre in Sheffield. Please ensure your child has their coat as its cold inside the building! In RE we are going to be exploring how Christians prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. In Topic, we will be exploring the difference between man-made and human features.

### **Year 6**

We'll be continuing our learning about shape in maths as we look at symmetry before moving on to statistics, looking at different graphs and charts and learning about the 'mean average'. In English, we'll be writing 2 types of non-fiction texts - information texts and newspapers - as we write about evacuation. We'll be finding out more about light and how we see in science, and in art we'll be designing our own propaganda posters. Don't forget to keep checking Education City for more activities to support our learning in class, and a huge well done to all the children who have tried Timestable Rockstars!

### **Parent Pay**

Thank you to those who have already signed up to ParentPay - In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to sign up to ParentPay to pay for school trips, breakfast club etc. 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 of the site. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.

### **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 orders placed for the following week.