



DIARY DATES

Monday 30th September

Multi-Cultural Week
International Walk to School Month
Y6 Swimming

Tuesday 1st October

Y4 Orienteering
Parents' Evening

Wednesday 2nd October

Y5 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am
ESOL Family Learning Classes, parents welcome 1.15-3.15pm

Thursday 3rd October

Parents' Evening

Friday 4th October

CAFOD Liturgy
Harvest Festival, parents welcome 1.45pm

Monday 7th October

National Poetry Day
Flu Vaccination drop in session for parents 9-11am
Y6 Swimming

Tuesday 8th October

Y6 PGL Parent Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 9th October

Y1 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am
ESOL Family Learning Classes, parents welcome 1.15-3.15pm
QEGs Y6 Open Evening 6.30-8.30pm

Thursday 10th October

Flu Vaccinations in school

Friday 11th October

EYFS September 2020 Intake Open Morning 10-11.30am
Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 14th October

Y6 Swimming

Wednesday 16th October

Y2 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am
ESOL Family Learning Classes, parents welcome 1.15-3.15pm

Friday 18th October

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am
END OF TERM 1

Tuesday 29th October 2019

Term 2 begins

Thursday 31st October

Closing date for Y6 Secondary applications

Friday 1st November

All Saints' Day

Monday 4th November

Y2 Swimming

Wednesday 6th November

Y3 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Friday 8th November

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Y5 Class Mass

Y5 will be holding their Class Mass on Wednesday 2nd October at 9.10am, all parents welcome.

Parental Consultation Evenings

Thank you to everyone who has booked their appointment for parents' evening. These evenings are really useful for you to meet with your child's class teacher and find out about the progress your child is making in school. Appointment times are still available so if you haven't booked yet, please do! **Please note all afterschool clubs on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd October will be cancelled, please collect your child from school at 3.30pm – thank you.**

Your Child's Annual Flu Vaccination

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. **Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren): <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/>** You will need to enter the following code to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to your child's school: **EE120615** The vaccination date allocated to your school is 10th October 2019 however; all schools will be visited for a second time prior to the end of term in December. The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. This vaccine is a yearly vaccine. All vaccinated children will be given a sticker or an ink stamp on their hand. For further information please follow this link to the School Aged Immunisation Service Flu page

<https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme>

If you have any queries please contact the healthcare team on 01775 652144 - **If you need help completing the online application or would like further advice, we have arranged a drop in session at school on Monday 7th October between 9.00 – 11.00am.**

Harvest Festival – Friday 4th October

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Friday 4th October at 1.45pm. We are collecting non-perishable and canned goods in order to support Boston's Centrepoint Outreach. Please donate if you can to this excellent Boston charity – thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

The MacMillan Coffee afternoon was a huge success, a lot of hard work was put into making some fabulous cakes – an amazing £300.41 was raised for a very worthy cause – Thank you.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are taking part in the Aldi's Kit for Schools Campaign, Aldi customers who spend £30 or more in an Aldi store from 6th September to 3rd November 2019 will receive a Team GB sticker, by taking part the school will receive an exclusive school sports kit and if we collect over 300 Team GB stickers, the chance to win one of 20 prizes – please bring your Team GB stickers to the school office or hand them to your class teacher. Thank you.

Student Update Forms

Student update forms have now been sent home, please let us know about any changes you may have including: phone numbers, addresses, email address, change of circumstances etc. Please return these back to school as soon as possible.

Attendance w/c 23rd September 2019

	Above National Average	National Average	Below National Average				
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
99.1%	97.6%	93.1%	96.7%	99%	97.7%	96.7%	97.2%

Our attendance target is 97.5%

Well done to EYFS who had the highest attendance with 99.1%

Secondary School Admissions September 2020

If your child is starting secondary school in September 2020 you can now apply for a secondary school place. The vast majority of parents or carers use the online application system, which can be found on the Lincolnshire County Council website at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Telephone support is available to help you with applying online. If you do not have a computer you can use most mobile devices and libraries have computers with free internet access. You will need to apply for a school place by 31st October 2019.

CLASS NEWS

EYFS

After a fantastic start to learning our phonics, we will be continuing to learn new sounds and practise our letter formation. We will be starting to blend the sounds we have learnt into green cvc words such as 'dad' and 'mad'. In Maths, we are continuing to learn songs which help our number recognition, this week our song is '1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive'. We are all working on our pencil control, through our activities and number formation. In our topic we are continuing to look at 'People that help us', we are now looking at safe strangers such as the police, fire and ambulance service.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we are going to begin to explore the wonderful world of Comic Books! We are going to look at a variety of different comic book styles and the use of exclamation marks before producing a comic strip for our Superheroes. In Maths, we are going to continue looking at a range of strategies for Addition and Subtraction problems. As always, PE is on a Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school.

Year 2

This week in a Year 2 we are going to be writing a letter to Shrek in English because he has asked us to help save his swamp. In maths we will be adding and subtracting. Also we are beginning our new RE topic signs and symbols.

Year 3

Next week in English we will be listening to some famous speeches and then writing our own persuasive speech about why we think St Mary's School is the best. We would be grateful if you could collect any clean recycling for us over the coming week so that we can build our very own eagle in Design and Technology. Thank you.

Year 4

On Tuesday, we will be putting our teamwork and map-reading skills into practice when we go orienteering at Witham Way Country Park. Keep your fingers crossed for no rain. Tuesday is also the start of multi-cultural month and because it is Lincolnshire Day too, we will be finding out a little about our home county. We will be tasting a few local delicacies. Please speak to Mr. Cooper if you have any concerns about allergies. In maths, we will continue to work on our calculation skills, whilst in English we will move our focus from Romeo and Juliet to the dreadful potion created by the witches in Macbeth.

Year 5

This week in Maths we are going to look at multiplication. We will look at using the formal written method for multiplication and applying this to solving word problems, including multiplication of decimals. In English we are going to be focussing on non-chronological reports. We will be identifying features and the layout of non-chronological reports in preparation for writing our own reports next week. Our topic will be linked to our Non-chronological reports as we will be creating fact files using PowerPoint. We will also discuss how to search for key information safely online. On Wednesday 2nd October it is Year 5's class Mass. I would like to welcome parents to join us for this special occasion.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we are going to be continuing with our narratives in English, focusing on including all of our Year 6 writing features. In Maths we will be moving onto multiplication and division, ending the week with problem solving activities. In Topic we will be making 'Bread of the Dead' and baking Churros during our D&T lessons. We will also be comparing life in England with life in Mexico, focusing on climate, schooling and traditional food. During our Art lesson this week we will be continuing to make our Day of the Dead masks, focusing on building up texture and design.

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 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 or at 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 the Ideal School Meal website for an idea of the meals they provide - www.schoolmealsonline.co.uk The deadline for ordering is a Monday for orders placed for the following week.

English as a Second Language - Classes

We are delighted to be welcoming Ian back to Boston St Mary's to hold our **new** English learning classes. These are **free** classes held on a Wednesday afternoon, open to all parents and carers, and provide a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends. Learners will also have the opportunity to gain an English qualification as part of the course. If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.