



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 29th October 2019
Term 2 begins

Wednesday 30th October
Y3 Visit to Boston Library

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

Monday 11th November
Anti-Bullying Week
EYFS September 2020 Intake Open Morning 9.30-11.30am
Y2 Swimming

Wednesday 13th November
Y4 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Thursday 14th November
EYFS Intake 2020 applications open

Friday 15th November
Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am
Children in Need Fundraiser

Monday 18th November
Road Safety Week
Y6 Stibbington Centre
Y2 Swimming

Wednesday 20th November
Y5 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Friday 22nd November
Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 25th November
Y2 Swimming

Wednesday 27th November
Y1 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Friday 29th November
Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 2nd December
Y2 Swimming

Tuesday 3rd December
Y1 & Y2 Skegness Aquarium

Wednesday 4th December
Y2 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Friday 6th December
Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 9th December
Y2 Swimming

Wednesday 11th December
Y3 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am
Y1 & Y2 Nativity Play, parents welcome 2pm

Thursday 12th December
Y1 & Y2 Nativity Play, parents welcome 6pm



WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2. Please check the diary dates section as new events have been added.

Swimming Term 2

Swimming lessons for Year 2 will start on Monday 4th November and will continue until the end of Term 2.

Parent Governor Vacancy

St Mary's Governing Body has a Parent Governor vacancy. If you are interested in this role please enquire at the school office or email enquiries@bostonstmarys.co.uk for more information.

Cookery

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Adams for volunteering her time cooking with different year groups throughout last term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the kitchen.

Height & Weight Checks – Reception and Year 6 Children

Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. **You will need to opt out if you do not want your child's height and weight checked, please look out for an email sent home.**

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.**

EYFS 2020 Intake Open Morning

Do you have a child starting school in September 2020? We will be holding a drop in session in school on Monday 11th November 2019 between 9.30-11.30am – all prospective parents welcome.

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.

Attendance - Term 1

Year's 3 & 5 had the highest attendance with 97.8%. Well done! The whole school attendance for the term was 96.5%. 104 children had 100% attendance for Term 1 – well done.

Attendance Prize

Every term all children with over 97.5% attendance are put into a prize draw - well done to Rosalia in Year 3 for winning the attendance prize for Term 1.

Attendance w/c 14/10/2019

	Above National Average	National Average	Below National Average					
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
	96.8%	85.8%	100%	93.5%	98.3%	96.1%	96.7%	95.3%

Our attendance target is 97.5%

Well done to Year 2 who had the highest attendance with 100%

CLASS NEWS

EYFS

This week in EYFS, we are continuing to develop our mastery of the numbers 1-10. In phonics we have some more new sounds to learn, please do join us on Wednesday 30th October for our RWInc workshop, to help you support your child in their phonics. We are beginning our new topic of Autumn and we look forward to seeing what you have all collected on your Autumn walks.

Year 1

This term we are moving from the world of Superheroes... to the big city! This term, Year 1 will be exploring London and its landmarks - as well as the history of London, including the Great Fire of 1666. This week in English, Year 1 are looking at the flags of the United Kingdom and labelling their features. We are exploring 2-D & 3-D shapes and their features in Maths. In RE, we are starting to explore Baptism and its importance to the Catholic faith. As usual, PE is on Friday each week so please ensure PE kits are in school.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we are starting our new topic all about pirates. In our English learning we will be writing our own sea shanties. These were poems sang by sailors when they were at sea. To be successful in our learning we will be using rhyming words too. In maths we are starting to look at multiplication. We will look at a variety of ways including objects and diagrams to solve some tricky questions in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In our topic work we are learning about the famous adventurer Christopher Columbus. We will be discovering all the amazing things he did.

Year 3

This week we will start our new topic 'Tremors!' which is all about natural disasters. We will learn about rocks, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions through Science, History, Geography and Art. We will begin this week with a treasure hunt to find and identify some different types of rocks. We are also looking forward to our trip to Boston Library on Wednesday morning; don't forget to wrap up warm!

Year 4

Beware of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invading Year 4 this term! Our new topic is packed full of history as we find out about the raiders and traders who invaded and then settled in Britain during the Dark Ages. First of all, our intrepid travellers will need to construct some boats for the tricky crossing of the North Sea. This will be our memorable experience on Wednesday. In maths, our focus will be presenting and interpreting data, whilst in RE we continue to reflect on being called by God. Home learning will be sent home on Thursday this week to allow us to share all the facts about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings recorded during the holiday. Please bring in your PE kit before Thursday. Thank you.

Year 5

Welcome back Year 5! This week we are introducing our new topic- Alchemy Island. We are going to start looking at our topic related vocabulary and start applying this in our learning. In Maths we are going to start looking at fractions. We are going to find fractions of amounts and equivalent fractions. We are also going to look at simplifying fractions and how we use our understanding to order and compare fractions. In English we are going to continue our poetry learning, linking to remembrance and war time poetry. We are going to focus on rhyming words and imagery. As the month draws to a close, this week we are going to design and make our totem poles. We are also going to complete our salt painted fireworks that we hope to share with parents in the future.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we are going to be focusing on fractions in maths. As the week progresses, we will be recapping how to compare, order and add fractions together. In English we will be writing informal letters from the point of view of an evacuee. In Topic we will be learning about historical events from WW2 and will be creating timelines.

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. **Did you know, you can pay any amount into ParentPay weekly/monthly to save for any upcoming trips/events, this is then held in your ParentPay account until you need to make a payment.**

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, 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.

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.