



DIARY DATES

Monday 4th November

Y2 Swimming

Wednesday 6th November

Y3 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Thursday 7th November

Y5 & Y6 Poetry Workshop

Friday 8th November

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Y6 Remembrance Service, War Memorial

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

Official Opening of the School Library

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

KS1 Nativity Play, parents welcome 2pm

Thursday 12th December

KS1 Nativity Play, parents welcome 6pm

Friday 13th December

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Fair 3.45-5.30pm



Y3 Class Mass

Y3 will be holding their Class Mass on Wednesday 6th November at 9.10am, all parents welcome.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling Poppy Appeal items beginning this week, including keyrings, snap bands and bracelets. Items range from 50p to £1, and will be available on the school playground before and after school. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to this worthy cause.

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.

Official Opening of the School Library

Aisha Bushby, the author of 'A Pocketful of Stars' will be coming into school on Friday 15th November at 1pm to cut the ribbon to officially open our new school library. Aisha Bushby is willing to sign books for students, however these need to be purchased beforehand by parents either from Amazon at a price of £5.24 or Waterstones. Over the summer holidays, members of staff put a lot of time and effort into giving the library a fantastic makeover and this is a brilliant way to celebrate the official opening.

Bike 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.

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.

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.**

Diary Dates

Events continue to be added to the school calendar for the Autumn term, so please ensure you have read the diary dates section as we don't want you to miss anything! Please visit www.bostonstmarys.co.uk – click on the School News section - 'Calendar of School Events'.

Shining Lights Awards - Friday 8th November 2019

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelia	Chance	Kristians	Henry	Jude	Hubert	Marianne
Dawid	Marcus	Lottie	Millie	Kajus	Kacper	Zuzia

Attendance w/c 28th October 2019

Above National Average National Average Below National Average

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
98%	93.7%	100%	97.3%	97%	95.6%	96.7%	96.8%

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 our learning will focus on the themes of Autumn and Guy Fawkes Night. In Maths, we are going to be comparing objects using the vocabulary of small, big, long, short and tall. We will be ordering objects by size, length and height. We will continue to work on our segmenting and blending to read simple CVC words in our phonics lessons. "Remember, Remember the 5th of November"... we will be looking at how we can stay safe on Guy Fawkes night and talking about things we do to celebrate.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we are going to continue exploring the United Kingdom! In English, we are going to be looking at the use of Character Studies and will be completing a character study of a notable member of the Royal Family - the Queen! In Maths, we are continuing to explore geometry by moving onto 3-D shapes; looking at the defining features of 3-D shapes, identifying the names and key features of specific shapes and making comparisons between 2-D and 3-D shapes. In Topic, we are going to be continuing to explore the use of algorithms within IT! Pupils will be helping to control delivery trucks on behalf of Royal Mail, helping to deliver packages to the correct addresses through the use of algorithms. As usual - PE is on a Friday each week so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we are starting our swimming lessons, which will be very exciting. In English we are continuing to write poems but we are now writing nonsense poems so they are focusing on using similes in their writing. We did brilliantly with multiplication last week and we are now moving onto division where we have to share into equal groups. Our focus for science this term is all about looking at and learning about the different habitats of animals and what they need to survive.

Year 3

Next week, we will be learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and all about Pompeii. We will be writing Historical Narratives in English and we will be focusing more on mental and written methods of multiplication in Maths. In RE, we will learn about Judaism. On Wednesday 6th November it is our class Mass in school and it would be lovely to see you there.

Year 4

Land ahoy! Those Saxon boatbuilders have made it across the North Sea to Britain. Last week, for our memorable experience Year 4 created some replica Anglo-Saxon sailing vessels. Look at the pictures on our webpage to see their handiwork. This week, we will discover more about the arrival of the Saxons and Vikings in Britain as we complete timelines covering this key period in our history. In maths, our focus will be presenting and interpreting data, followed by equivalent fractions. There are lots of sports clubs for Year 4 this term, including uni-hockey on Tuesday lunchtimes from 12:45 pm, football for girls after-school on a Tuesday, netball from 3:30 to 4:30 pm on Wednesdays, and multi-skills specifically for Year 4 from 12:45 until 1:10 pm on Thursdays. The lunchtime clubs are free, whilst the after-school clubs are £1 per session. Parents can sign-up their son or daughter for any of these clubs via the school office.

Year 5

This week in English we are going to be writing diary entries. We are going to write from the perspective of a soldier going to war and a mother saying goodbye to their child. We will be focussing on using emotive language and making wider links to the theme of remembrance. On Thursday we will have our Poetry Workshop. In Maths we are going to continue our learning of fractions and incorporating fractions in problems. We will move on to converting mixed fractions and improper fractions. In Topic we are going to look at portals and use a range of materials to create our own artistic impressions of portals.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we will be continuing our learning about fractions - focusing on multiplying and dividing them. During our English lessons this week we will be planning and writing a war-time narrative, focusing on including suspense, dialogue and action. In Science we will be learning about circuits and symbols and will hopefully design and create our own circuits. During our History lesson we will be exploring rationing and recipes from the war and will be making 'eggless' sponge cake in the classroom - exciting! On Thursday we have a professional poet joining us for our 2nd workshop and on Friday Year 6 will be attending a Remembrance Service in town.

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.**

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, 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.