



DIARY DATES

Monday 20th January

Y5 Swimming

Tuesday 21st January

EYFS & Y6 measurements of height and weight

Wednesday 22nd January

Y5 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

ESOL Family Learning Lessons 1.15pm

Boys Football Match v Sutterton

Thursday 23rd January

Y5 STEM Challenge Day

Boston High School Open Evening for current Y5 Girls 5-7pm

Friday 24th January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 27th January

Y5 Swimming

Boys Football Match v Pioneers Primary

Tuesday 28th January

ESOL Family Learning Lessons, beginners course 1.15pm

Wednesday 29th January

Y1 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

ESOL Family Learning Lessons 1.15pm

Thursday 30th January

Boston Grammar School Open Evening for current Y5 Boys
5-7.30pm

Friday 31st January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 3rd February

Y5 Swimming

National Story Telling Week

Wednesday 5th February

Y2 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

ESOL Family Learning Lessons 1.15pm

Friday 7th February

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

Monday 10th February

Y5 Swimming

Internet Safety Week

Wednesday 12th February

No Class Mass

ESOL Family Learning Lessons 1.15pm

Thursday 13th February

END OF TERM 3

Monday 24th February

Term 4 begins

Y5 Class Mass

Y5 will be holding their Class Mass on Wednesday 22nd January at 9.10am, all parents welcome.

Sports News

The girls' football team has been in action with the first match of the term taking place last week. Seven girls from Years 5 and 6 played a friendly football match against Boston West Primary School, the girls played extremely well, but lost 5 - 0. Their effort and commitment to keep trying to the end of the game should be commended. Both Mr Maund and Mrs Walmsley were very proud of how the girls played – well done!

PE Kits

Physical Education is a statutory lesson that all children must take part in and has to be offered as part of a broad and balanced curriculum. Please make sure that all children have a PE kit in school every day. The PE kit for both boys and girls comprises of a yellow polo shirt, navy shorts, non-marking plimsolls for indoors and a pair of trainers for outside. Weather permitting, some of our PE lessons are outside and we need everyone to be fully equipped and ready to go. Remember that the school jumpers can be worn for outdoor PE lessons or a plain blue, black or grey tracksuit. Kits can be left in school and taken home at weekends or over the holidays for washing. If your child has a Veruca please can you make sure they have a verruca sock to wear during PE in the hall – thank you.

11+ Testing

Letters have been sent home to all Year 5 children regarding 11+ testing for Grammar School entry. Please return your reply to the grammar school as soon as possible, even if you do not wish your child to take the test.

English as a Second Language - Classes

We are delighted to be welcoming Ian back to Boston St Mary's to hold our 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. Classes will begin on Wednesday 15th January, from 1.15 – 3.15pm. If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.

Attendance

I would like to remind everyone that our target for attendance is 97.5%. To help us achieve this please can I urge you to make doctors & dentist appointments outside of school times. It is also important that if children say they are feeling a little unwell that they are still encouraged to come to school, if they are genuinely ill we will contact you and send them home. We are still having too many children arriving late, doors open at 8.55am, please arrive at school on time. If your child is poorly please inform the school office by 9.30am, thank you.

Diary Dates

Events continue to be added to the school calendar for the spring 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'.

Attendance w/c 13th January 2020

	Above National Average	National Average	Below National Average				
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
96.9%	99.5%	97%	92.8%	97.3%	96.3%	97.1%	96.6%

Our attendance target is 97.5%

Well done to Year 1 who had the highest attendance with 99.5%



Congratulations to all the children who received a Shining Lights Award on Friday 17th January 2020

EYFS	Sophia - for her effort and wanting to join in and participate in the activities and participation on the carpet.	Zofia - for her fantastic work on 'Lost and Found' she retold the story fabulously with lots of new vocabulary.
YEAR 1	Edward - Edward has consistently worked hard within lessons, constantly seeking to improve his work and complete challenges. Well done Edward!	Zuzanna - Zuzanna has applied herself fantastically to her work, especially within RE! Zuzanna has identified special people within her life, providing reasons for this and making links to key vocabulary within RE. Well done Zuzanna!
YEAR 2	Gabrielius - for being a good friend to others and helping them with their learning and coming back with a great working attitude.	Kristians - for being hard working in all lessons and trying hard with his presentation and for challenging himself to do harder challenges.
YEAR 3	Dinis – Dinis got the whole class vote for trying hard and being a kind friend.	Nikodem – for putting a lot of effort into his work, following classroom rules and setting a good example to others.
YEAR 4	Milana – for following the Gospel values especially love and forgiveness, which have been noticed by various members of staff.	Vasil – was selected by Class 4 because he is kind and a good role model to the whole class.
YEAR 5	Abel - for always trying his best in his learning and being willing to work as a team and support his peers.	Mason - for always bringing a smile to the adult's faces and having a positive attitude in the classroom.
YEAR 6	Joseph - for not giving up. Joseph didn't give up when faced with a challenge in Maths and is now able to calculate missing angles in a quadrilateral.	Victoria - for always trying exceptionally hard with her learning. This week Victoria has created a fantastic power point all about The Arctic. Throughout the week she has also produced a fantastic explanation of how her machine works in English including lots of Year 6 writing features.

CLASS NEWS

EYFS

EYFS had a very exciting and busy week last week investigating the crime scene we found. We have found our culprit for messing up our cottage kitchen! It was Goldilocks! This week we are continuing our exploration of the story 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears', but this week we are looking more closely at the characters and their feelings. In Maths, we are looking at adding two groups together using a part whole model and ten frames to support our work.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we are going to be completing our alternative versions of the Tiger Who Came to Tea! Elephants, Gerbils, Giraffes and even a Hippo have been spotted in homes around the country – appearing and guzzling all the food, before disappearing into the night... In Maths, we are going to be looking at partitioning and place value – looking at the importance of place value within mathematics and how this can be used to support our learning when using addition and subtraction. As always, we have PE on a Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we are writing a non-chronological report on mini beasts. We are using sub headings and facts that we found by researching different creatures. In maths we are learning about addition and will be starting to use the expanded column method and will have for dienes to help us. In topic this week we are going to find out about bees and tasting different honeys.

Year 3

This week Year 3 will be continuing their topic of Heroes and Villains, by reading and talking about the ghastly tricks that Mr and Mrs Twit play on one another. Next, we will be continuing this by creating a trick of our own and writing a dialogue between Mr and Mrs Twit as their next mischievous plan unfolds! Perhaps Mrs Twit will swap Mr Twit's beer for vinegar or shave off his beard whilst he's sleeping? Or else Mr Twit will organise a surprise picnic for his wife, strategically placed over a hidden hole in the ground? We are excited to read the children's creations based on their ideas so far! We will also be doing some exciting learning in Design and Technology based on our topic and we will be using up all of the recycling that you have very kindly donated! Thank you for your continued support.

Year 4

Look at our webpage to see some windswept members of Year 4 investigating the sound insulating properties of different materials around school. This week, we will be thinking about the science of sound further by finding out about vibrations. Meanwhile, in art and design we will see how artists including Klee and Kandinsky were inspired by jazz. Our maths lessons will focus on money and 2-D shapes. We will be finding out about different triangles and quadrilaterals. In our PE lesson on Thursday, we will continue to focus on our gymnastic skills.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we are going to be exploring mythology in our English lessons. We are going to focus on features of mythical writing and writing mythical character/setting descriptions. In Maths, we are going to be focussing on extracting data from a variety of sources. We are going to be making our own line graphs, Carroll diagrams and Venn diagrams. In Topic, we are going to be planning and conducting fair tests that explore air-resistance and gravity. On Friday, some of our pupils are going to be taking part in break-time leaders training. This will allow the Year 5 pupils to support the younger pupils on the playground.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we are going to be researching and learning about the life and achievements of Robert Falcon Scott. As the week progresses we will be learning about the different features of a biography and will be writing a biography of Roberts life. During our Maths lessons this week we will be learning about translating shapes using co-ordinates. During our Topic lessons this week we will be learning about The Titanic and will begin exploring how icebergs form. During our RE lessons this week we will be exploring the style of writing of St Paul and will also be creating artwork based on our favourite piece of scripture, giving reasons why.

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. 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.

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