



## DIARY DATES

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Term 3 begins**

Y5 Swimming

Clubs start for the Spring Term

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Y4 trip to The Collection

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Y5 Swimming

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Y4 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

Closing date for Reception 2020 applications

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Y5 Swimming

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Y5 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Y5 STEM Challenge Day

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Y5 Swimming

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Y1 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Y5 Swimming

National Story Telling Week

UNICEF – Day for Change (non-uniform)

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Y2 Class Mass, parents welcome 9.10am

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Y5 Swimming

Internet Safety Week

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

No Class Mass

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

END OF TERM 3

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 4 begins**

## WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3.

Happy new year to you all! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. The start of a new year and a new term in school is always full of excitement, and I am confident the children will enjoy their new topics in class.

### Y4 trip to The Collection

Year 4 will be going on a trip to The Collection in Lincoln on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January, if you haven't already done so, please can you return the permission slip to the school office as soon as possible. As this is an educational visit we ask that you make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of travel and entry fee for this trip, **however, if insufficient contributions are received, this visit may not be able to proceed.**

### Reception Intake September 2020

Children who are born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 are due to start Reception in September 2020. Lincolnshire parents can now apply for a school place, applications close on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### 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](http://www.bostonstmarys.co.uk) – click on the School News section - 'Calendar of School Events'.

### Attendance - Term 2

Year 6 had the highest attendance with 95.7%. Well done! The whole school attendance for the term was 94.6%. 62 children had 100% attendance for Term 2 – well done.

### Attendance Prize

Every term all children with over 97.5% attendance are put into a prize draw - well done to Leon in Year 2 for winning the attendance prize for Term 2.

## CLASS NEWS

### EYFS

First of all, Happy New Year to all the EYFS children and families, we hope you had a restful and joyful Christmas break. This week in Maths, the children are looking at recognising and ordering numbers. In Phonics and English we have a new story to explore 'Lost and Found' and everything is turning cold and icy. We are also focusing on materials to keep us warm, in our topic lessons.

### Year 1

Welcome back! The Year 1 team hope you have had an enjoyable and restful holiday, ready for a new year and a new term. This term in Year 1 we are going to be looking at Paws, Claws and Whiskers - exploring the defining features of Big Cats, including their diet and habitat. We are also going to be receiving a special visit from a Tiger... who is still hungry after their exploits in a Tiger Who Came to Tea! In English this week, we are going to start looking at narrative stories and the sequencing of events. We are going to be looking at the story of the Tiger Who Came to Tea, ahead of further exploration this term. In Maths, we are going to be further exploring place value - looking at the important of Tens and Ones, how to clearly identify one more and one less as well as the use of written language in questioning. As always, PE is on a Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school.

### Attendance w/c 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

	Above National Average	National Average	Below National Average				
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
97%	97.9%	94.3%	94.6%	95%	94.2%	92.7%	95%

Our attendance target is 97.5%

Well done to Year 1 who had the highest attendance with 97.9%



## Year 2

This week in Year 2 we are going to be writing a story in English. We will be using adjectives and senses to describe our settings and even creating our own characters for the story. In maths we will be learning about place value and the different values of tens and ones numbers. We are starting our new topic 'Wriggle and Crawl' and this week we will be creating a picture in the style of George Seurat.

## Year 3

Happy New Year! Welcome back to our new term in Year 3 we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. This week we are looking at our new topic of Heroes and Villains, we will be learning to sing the song Cruella De Vil. In English we will meet the character Cruella De Vil, as we are finding out about her personality, appearance and why she is a villain. In Maths we are focusing on place value, concentrating on reading and writing numbers up to 1000, comparing numbers using the greater and less than symbol as well as finding 10 and 100 more or less than a given number. Please can you collect and send in any cardboard packaging i.e cereal boxes, empty toilet and kitchen rolls in preparation for our art and design project in a few weeks. Don't forget to bring your PE kits back to our school ready for our weekly PE lesson.

## Year 4

Happy New Year! Our new topic is called Playlist, and so this term we will be learning about sounds, music, singing, choirs and bands. There is some more information on our webpage as well as some important vocabulary to learn. This week, we will be sharing a poem by Roger McGough called the 'Sound Collector' and thinking about the sounds that surround us each day. In our science lesson, we will be considering how to investigate which material is the best sound insulator. Whilst our new topic in RE is called Community. We are off on our trip to the Collection on Thursday. We hope to leave at 9 am so could all the boys and girls arrive by 8:50 am at the latest please.

## Year 5

This week in Maths we are going to be revisiting fractions. We are going to find fractions of amounts and convert fractions from mixed to improper. We will then use our understanding of fractions to solve problems. In English we are going to be researching Neil Armstrong and writing Newspaper reports. We will be recapping the features of newspapers and applying them to our writing. In Topic we are going to be introducing our new Stargazers topic and creating our own mnemonics to recall the order of the planets. I look forward to a new and exciting term with Year 5!

## Year 6

This week in Year 6 we are going to be learning about angles in Maths. Throughout the week we will be focusing on missing angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons. During our English lessons we will be focusing on explanation texts and will be designing our own machines for use in the Arctic or Antarctic. Throughout the week, we will be thinking about how our machines work and will begin planning our explanation texts. During our Topic lessons we will be learning about the differences between the Arctic and Antarctic and the different types of animals that live there. This term our RE topic is called 'Sources' and we will be learning about the Old and New Testaments.

## 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. **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](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 the 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.

## 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.