



SAINT MARY'S RC PRIMARY ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DIARY DATES

Monday 2nd October

Anaphylactic Week

Y6 Swimming

EYFS Parent Meeting 3:25pm

Thursday 5th October

KS1 Phonics Screening Check Parent Meeting 3:30pm

Boston Grammar School Open Evening 5-7:30pm

Giles Academy Open Evening 5:30-8:00pm

Friday 6th October

Shining Lights Assembly 8:50am

MacMillan fundraiser – non-uniform

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2:15pm (parents welcome)

Monday 9th October

Y6 Swimming

Tuesday 10th October

Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00pm

Thursday 12th October

Parents' Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Friday 13th October

Shining Lights Assembly 8:50am

Monday 16th October

Y6 Swimming

Wednesday 18th October

Open Morning for EYFS & Year 1- 9-11:30am

Friday 20th October

Shining Lights Assembly 8:50am

END OF TERM 1

Tuesday 31st October 2023

Term 2 begins

SAFEGUARDING

St Mary's RC Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all pupils. Each child's welfare is of up most importance. **Safeguarding is everyone's business.** If you have any safeguarding concerns, St Mary's RC Primary Academy Designated Safeguarding Lead is **Mrs L Gleed-Thornley (Headteacher)**. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Mrs Williams (Deputy Headteacher)**, **Mrs Brader (SENCo/KS1 Leader)**, **Mrs Allan (Year 3 Teacher)** and **Miss Spikings (Administrator)**. Our Safeguarding Governor is **Mrs M Turner**. Further Safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the 'Welcome' tab.

e-Safety – National Online Safety

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

What parents need to know about the Dangers of Vaping

nationalcollege.com/guides/vaping-dangers

Blackfriars Theatre: Pantomime – Peter Pan

The whole school are very excited to be visiting Blackfriars Theatre to watch Peter Pan on Tuesday 12th December 2023. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.30 per child to meet the total cost, this includes the cost of the coach and entrance to the show. This trip is normally heavily subsidised by funds raised through events held throughout the year, unfortunately this year, due to not having a PTA in school we are not able to subsidise this trip; therefore, we are asking if all parents can contribute to the cost. **We have given a deadline of Tuesday 31st October for all payments to be received. We appreciate that this is a voluntary contribution, however, if insufficient contributions are received by this date, this visit may have to be cancelled.** (Please see letter emailed home last week).

Coffee Afternoon - in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support – non-uniform

On Friday 6th October, children can come into school in non-uniform and we are asking for a donation of £1.00 per child or £1.50 per family, which can be paid via your ParentPay account or brought in on the day. Green is the colour of the charity and children are encouraged to wear this colour if possible. Please join us for a coffee afternoon starting at 2:15pm. Mrs Liu and some of the children are making coffee gift bags which will be available to purchase on the day for £2.00 each. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your continued support.



Parents' Evening

This year parents' evening will take place in school on Tuesday 10th October, 3:30-6:00pm and Thursday 12th October, 3:30-5:30pm. 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. If you would like a meeting with your child's class teacher, please phone or call into the school office and an appointment will be arranged for you.

Lost Property

There are far too many children who are misplacing items of clothing, please ensure every item of your child's school uniform and coat has their name clearly labeled inside.

Attendance w/c 25th September 2023

Above National Average National Average Below National Average

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
100%	93.5%	99.4%	99.4%	99%	98.7%	93.7%	97.7%

Our attendance target is 97.5%

Well done to EYFS who had the highest attendance with 100%

"We love, we learn, we grow; walking with faith in the light of the Lord"



Boston St. Mary's
RC PRIMARY ACADEMY

Well done to all the children who received their Shining Lights Awards on Friday 29th September 2023

YEAR 1	Mila has been chosen as Shining Light for settling into Year 1 fantastically. Mila follows our routines brilliantly, listens carefully to instructions and demonstrates excellent teamwork when working with a partner. She is also becoming more confident at putting her hand up on the carpet. Well done Mila!	Neyha has been chosen as Shining Light for using her Fred fingers independently to write sentences in our RE and English lessons this week. She has also been putting her hand up more frequently on the carpet during our maths lessons and has been displaying our virtue of respect to others. Well done Neyha!
YEAR 2	Anhelina has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for trying her hardest to work independently. She retold a story while making sure she used her sounds and sound mat to help her with her spellings. She is always excited to be at school and she makes everyone around her smile.	Violet has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for really putting the effort into her writing. She has written full sentences in her story of 'On the Way Home' and she is always joining in on the carpet. It has been great to see her share her ideas with the rest of the class. Keep up the excellent work!
YEAR 3	Joy has been chosen as Shining Light this week, by the adults in Year 3, for consistently working hard in all lessons and always contributing to class discussions. She also produced a quality piece of RE writing, describing the signs and symbols of Baptism and explaining the reasons for them. Well done Joy!	Shachah has been chosen by Year 3 as Shining Light this week for being helpful to others and being a kind and caring friend. She has also shown the Gospel Value of love and has been putting others before herself. Well done Shachah!
YEAR 4	Lydia has been chosen as this week's Shining Light by the children in Year 4. They have chosen her because she always makes others smile. One person said that she has been inviting them to join in with her games at play time when they have been on their own which is a really kind thing to do. Well done, Lydia!	Tomasz has been chosen as this week's Shining Light by the adults in Year 4. He has been chosen because he has continuously been a good role model since the start of the term. Tomasz is helpful around the classroom, contributes during lessons, is always ready to learn and presents his work beautifully. Well done, Tomasz!
YEAR 5	Eion has settled into St Mary's exceptionally well and is working extremely hard in class. His learning is always presented beautifully and he always wants to try his very best. In particular this week, the adults in Year 5 were blown away with his brilliant home learning, describing the image of Pandora. It is clear to see that he had worked hard on his piece of writing. Eion, you should be very proud of yourself. Well done!	Sheilin has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for being a truly fantastic member of Year 5. She has settled into St Mary's exceptionally well and is working extremely hard in class. She always has her hand up to answer questions in class and her learning is always presented beautifully. It has been wonderful to watch her make friends with the other members of Year 5 and become a fantastic member of our St Mary's family, who always wants to try hard! Keep up the hard work!
YEAR 6	Chriss has been chosen as this week's Shining Light by his teachers for putting great effort into his work. This is particularly evident in Chriss' writing as he has focused on QUANTITY as well as QUALITY.	Mary has been chosen as this week's Shining Light by her classmates for being kind and caring towards others. One of her classmates noticed Mary helping someone outside of her close friendship group during lunch by asking them to join her and another friend.

CLASS NEWS

EYFS

This week in EYFS, we will be finishing our topic 'Me and My Community'. We will remember all of the community helpers we have learnt about and will discuss what we would like to be when we grow up. In phonics, we will continue learning our set 1 sounds, including f, e, l, h and r. In maths, we will be learning about measure and using words to describe the size, or mass of an object. Finally, in RE we will begin our new topic about what makes us special.

Year 1

This week in maths we will be recapping adding numbers within 10. In English we will be exploring the features of letters, as well as writing in the first person. In RE we begin our new topic 'Families' and will discuss how families show love. We will learn about the 7 continents in geography, sketch portraits of each other in art and explain how the shapes of objects made from some materials can be changed in science.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we will be learning about comparing numbers and objects in maths. We will be looking at the tens first and then the ones to see which number is bigger and which number is smaller. We will be using the > and < symbols to show our answers after making the numbers with tens and ones. In English this week we will begin to look at writing non-chronological reports about a dragon. We will be using a story map to help us learn a report before writing our own. In geography this week we will be learning about a key on a map and how to find a variety of different locations using the key. In our science learning this week we will be finding out about different reptiles and what they need to survive.

Year 3

In maths this week, we are finishing off our place value topic by comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000 and counting in 50s. In English, we are finishing writing our fantasy narrative and learning how to edit and improve our writing before moving on to exploring non-chronological reports. In RE, we begin our new topic of 'Homes' by answering the big question – What makes a house a home? We then explore with others, our idea of being a family at home. In geography, we use the eight points of a compass to locate a geographical feature or place on a map, and in science we carry out some comparative and fair tests to test the amount of fat in some foods.

Year 4

This week in English, we will be identifying features of an informal letter in preparation of writing our own about life in another country. In Maths we will be exploring roman numerals and rounding up to 10, 100 and 1000. We will be creating our own digestive system in Science and identifying

the countries in North and South America. In R.E we are learning about who Sean Devereux was and why his actions were important, how he was called by God and the impact he had on others.

Year 5

This week we will be starting a new unit of writing in English, focusing on Non-Chronological Reports. We will be researching facts about planets and using our skills to write our own reports. In maths we will be continuing our learning about addition and subtraction, however we will be focusing primarily on adding decimals with the context of money. During our Science lesson this week we will be exploring and investigating the effects of friction and in Geography we will be learning about vegetation belts and biomes. RE we see us start our next topic all about ourselves. We will begin the topic by exploring and discussing the actions of 'peacemakers', giving reasons for what they did, and answering our big question, 'Who am I?' During our PSHE learning we will be exploring what is meant by the term habit, and why habits can be hard to change and in Art we will be sketching landscapes.

Year 6

Year 6 this week will begin writing biographies on Charles Darwin and Sir David Attenborough. In Maths, we will be finding common multiples, prime/square/cube numbers leading onto multiplying digits using the formal column method. We will continue our topic on Evolution in Science, focusing on adaptations and investigations. Our RE topic on Loving and the Domestic Church- linking love and family to Christian beliefs and actions.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

St Mary's are looking for volunteers to set up and run the school's PTA. The main role of the PTA is to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and schools, in support of students, at schools where the PTA raises a significant portion of the school's discretionary money. In recent years the PTA have worked really hard in raising money for our school by organising events such as Discos, musical evenings, Christmas & Summer Fair and a BBQ at Sports Day are just some of the events that have been held over the years which have helped to pay for new books for the library, compost and plants for Gardening Club, Pantomime at Blackfriars, breakfast for SAT's, Year 1 dressing up outfits, Autism items and Year 6 diaries and pens. PTA events cannot happen without volunteers to run and organise them. The PTA committee is a small group of parents who always welcome new members to help co-ordinate the events diary. If you feel you can offer some of your spare time, please let the school office know – Thank you.

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.**

Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed and you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please call the school office where we will advise you on how to make an application for Free School Meals or click on the link below to create an account and apply.

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

Hot School Meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive a hot school meal FREE EVERYDAY! All children in KS2 can order a hot school meal at a cost of £2.30 per day. 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 a school meal 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 - <https://schoolmealsonline.com/login> The deadline

for ordering is a Monday for orders placed for the following week. If you have any queries, parents can contact Ideal School Meals direct on 01522 246424 or via email admin@schoolmealsonline.co.uk

Twitter & Facebook

Our Twitter & Facebook accounts are 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