



SAINT MARY'S RC PRIMARY ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 13th November 2023

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DIARY DATES

Monday 13th November

Anti-bullying week

Y5 Swimming

Flu Immunisation

Wednesday 15th November

Y6 Class Liturgy – parents' welcome 9:00am

EYFS Intake 2024 applications open

Friday 17th November

Shining Lights Assembly – parents' welcome 8:50am

BBC Children in Need Fundraiser – non-uniform

Monday 20th November

Road Safety Week

Y5 Swimming

Tuesday 21st November

EYFS open morning 9:00-11:30am

EYFS open afternoon 3:45-4:45pm

Friday 24th November

Shining Lights Assembly – parents' welcome 8:50am

Monday 27th November

Y5 Swimming

Thursday 30th November

Art Exhibition 3:30pm

Friday 1st December

Shining Lights Assembly – parents' welcome 8:50am

Monday 4th December

Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 6th December

Christmas Fair 3:30-5pm

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 8th December

Shining Lights Assembly – parents' welcome 8:50am

Monday 11th December

Y5 Swimming

Friday 15th December

Shining Lights Assembly – parents' welcome 8:50am

Wednesday 20th December

END OF TERM 2

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Term 3 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)** and **Miss Spikings (Administrator)**. Our Safeguarding Governor is **Ms M Lewis**. 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 game Among Us

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/among-us>

Y6 Class Liturgy

Y6 will be holding their Class Liturgy on Wednesday 15th November at 9.00am, all parents welcome.

Children in Need: Friday 17th November – non-uniform

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November to raise money for Children in Need. If possible, children are to wear something spotty or Pudsey Bear colours (white, yellow or Red). We ask for a £1 donation per child or £1.50 per family. All donations are gratefully received and will be sent to the BBC Children in Need. Pudsey Bear merchandise are for sale via your ParentPay account, paid for items will be handed out daily from Monday 13th November. Mrs Liu will be holding a Pudsey Bear colouring competition for the children to enter at a cost of £1.00. If your child would like to enter please ask them to see their class teacher.

EYFS Intake September 2024

Children who are born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 are due to start Reception in September 2024. Lincolnshire parents can apply for a school place from 15th November 2023 for the 2024 intake. The closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon on the 15th January 2024. You can apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions Everyone is welcome to attend our EYFS information open morning/evening on Monday 21st November anytime between 9:00-11:30am and 3:45-4:45pm.

Staffing News

We say goodbye to Miss Jerofejeva and thank her for her hard work and dedication during her time at St Mary's, we wish her the best of luck in her future career.

Afterschool Clubs

Please note Basket Ball has finished for this term. Please collect your child at the normal time of 3:15pm.

29th November - Crafts Club is cancelled

Christmas Fair - all clubs are cancelled

Christmas Fair

St Mary's Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 6th December, if you would like a stall, or know anyone that does, please contact the school office for further information.

Attendance w/c 6th November 2023

Above National Average National Average Below National Average

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
97.2%	93%	98.1%	95.5%	94.8%	95%	98.8%	96.1%

Our attendance target is 97.5%

Well done to Year 6 who had the highest attendance with 98.8%

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



Well done to all the children who received their Shining Lights Awards on Friday 10th November 2023

YEAR 1	Arnav has been chosen as Shining Light this week because he has shown perseverance towards his learning, particularly in maths whilst learning about 3-D shapes. He has also tried hard this week to write sentences to describe Mr Bear by himself, using his phonics to sound out the words and including finger spaces! Well done Arnav!	Natalia has been chosen as Shining Light this week because she has made super progress across all of her learning. In phonics she has been working hard to blend her sounds and this is helping her to write independently with growing confidence in English. Her presentation is fantastic and she approaches all of her learning with such a positive attitude. Well done Natalia!
YEAR 2	Jewel P has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for giving everything a really good go. She has worked fantastically in all lessons and has been able to discuss her learning well with her peers. She has been able to produce some fantastic writing about our class text and her presentation is always brilliant.	Makeen has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for trying really hard with his writing. He has made sure that he used the class model to help him and has included some fantastic adjectives in his writing. In maths he has been able to subtract using different methods.
YEAR 3	Nadia has been chosen as Shining Light this week, by the adults in Year 3, for showing a positive attitude in her learning, especially in maths where she has been solving addition and subtraction calculations independently. She is always helpful to teachers and classmates, and is great at tidying up! Well done Nadia!	Timur has been chosen by Year 3 as Shining Light this week for sharing lots of super ideas during lessons, especially about 'Stone Age Boy'. He is also kind and caring towards his friends, helping them if they are hurt or if they need help with their work. Well done Timur!
YEAR 4	Amelia has been chosen as this week's Shining Light by the adults in Year 4. She has been chosen because she has worked really well with her maths work this week, especially using inverse operations. She's put 100% effort in and persevered even when she found it tricky. We are really proud of her for this! Keep it up Amelia!	Kian has been chosen as this week's Shining Light by the children in Year 4. He has been chosen because his friends say that he is kind to them, funny and are a great friend to have. They also said that he makes others smile because he always has a smile on his face too! Well done Kian!
YEAR 5	Kendra has been chosen for shining lights this week for being a thoughtful member of Year 5. She has a very kind heart and always want to help her classmates. This week she has worked exceptionally hard in Maths and helped her sister multiply 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. Well done Kendra. Keep being a superstar!	Umar has been chosen for shining lights this week for being a fantastic member of Year 5. He is always reading his reading book and has been working very hard in class. We have been very impressed with Umar's multiplication in maths this week! Keep up the hard work Umar! Well done!
YEAR 6	Kristians has been chosen by the teachers for his moving Remembrance poem. He always puts great thought into his writing and discussions. Well done Kristians!	Taha was chosen by his classmates for being a role model and a friend to everyone. He works well with his learning partner-particularly in Maths. Well done Taha!

CLASS NEWS

EYFS

This week in Reception, we will begin our new topic 'Once upon a time'. On Wednesday, we will be having a fairy-tale dress up day to ignite the children's interest in the topic. In phonics, we will continue learning our set 1 sounds and blending them to read. In maths, we are learning about numbers 1-5 and finally, in RE we will be continuing our other faiths topic, continuing our learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

Year 1

This week in maths we will be recapping addition within 10, practicing a range of methods to aid us to find the answers to number sentences. In English we will be writing our own versions of 'Peace at Last'. In RE we are continuing to learn about Judaism and will hear the story of how Moses led the Jewish people to freedom. In history we will learn about how people spent their time in the 1950s and in DT we will investigate ways of joining materials.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we are going to be innovating our class story in English. We will be creating our own story maps where we will be changing the characters and the things that the character draws with a magic pencil. In our maths learning we will be adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using objects to help us solve the different calculations. In history we will be finding out about the great explorers that have had an impact on the world. We will be finding out what they did and what impact it had. In DT we are going to be practising chopping, cutting, mashing and peeling different vegetables. In our RE learning we will be continuing to learn about Judaism and what they do during Shabbat.

Year 3

This week in maths, we are using the formal method (column method) to add and subtract 2 numbers with exchanges. It is also Maths Week England and the theme is 'Three is the magic number' so we will be investigating and doing maths work around the number '3'. In English, we will be planning and writing our own historical narrative based on the book 'Stone Age Boy'. In RE, we are creating a Jewish stained-glass window, thinking about what we have learnt about the Synagogue, and then recognising and describing the ways in which the Synagogue helps the Jewish community. In History, we will be using the 'Investigate Loan boxes' from the Lincoln museum to learn more about the tools of the Stone Age and examining various artefacts. In science, we are exploring the structure of the bone and in PSHE we are celebrating anti-bullying week.

Year 4

This week in English we are finishing our historical narratives based on the Vikings. In Maths we begin our new topic on area and will find the area of rectilinear shapes, exploring different ways we can do this. In Science we will be investigating how sound waves travel and in History we will be

looking at what happened during the early middle ages. In R.E we are continuing our Judaism topic and describing what a bar/bat mitzvah is as well as the importance of the Torah. In DT we will be writing a report about what the Vikings ate using our research from last week.

Year 5

This week in English we will be writing our own narratives, based on the story of Mulan. We will be trying hard to include lots of the Year 5 writing features in our own writing too! In maths we will be starting a new unit of learning focusing on fractions. This week we will be recognising equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. In History we will be learning about the hierarchy system in the Shang Dynasty. During our RE lesson this week we will be learning that Jewish people only believe in one God: The Shema. During Science we will be learning about the rotation of the Earth and Moon around the Sun, in PSHE we will be recognising and challenge stereotype and in French we will be asking for and giving our names.

Year 6

In English this week, Year 6 will be developing dialogue between characters and writing a narrative based on WW2 evacuees. In Maths we will be continuing with adding and subtracting fractions. Last week pupils thoroughly enjoyed using mirrors and torches to explore how light travels. This week we will be learning about 'how we see.' We will be looking and discussing the causes of WW2 in History. In Religious Education we will describe how and learn why Mitzvah is celebrated by Jewish people.

Introduction of Fixed Penalty Formal Warning from September 2023

From September 2023 we have decided to take the decision to request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice where unauthorised absence exceeds 15% in a six-week period.

If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child(ren) from School, then you must apply in writing to the Head of School, at least four weeks in advance of the requested period. (Please request a form from the school office). You should only remove your child(ren) if the absence has been authorised, and notified to you in writing by the School. Any exceptional circumstances must be clearly set out in the written request to the Head Teacher who will consider each case upon its merits.

If you then choose to take your child out of school during term time and it is not deemed to be exceptional circumstances and/or has not been approved by the School, then this will be coded as an unauthorised absence and a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued for the period of absence.

The law states that, where there are unacceptable levels of attendance, schools may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice following the legal framework:

- Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.
- Where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under section 444 of the Education Act.
- In some cases, where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty of £60 per parent, per child, which will increase if the fine isn't paid within the first 21 days to £120
- Failure to pay a Fixed Penalty may result in further legal action being taken against you.

ALL fines are retained by the Local Authority and the school does not receive any of this. We will continue to work with families to support as much as we can with attendance and further information can be found in our school attendance policy on our website. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

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