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Dear Parents

Welcome back to our Spring term, I hope you had a peaceful Christmas and a good New Year.

### Esafety week at St Mary's

Throughout next week, our classes will be doing various lessons on different aspects of esafety. Our Year 2 class have the Safe Schools & Community Team visiting them to look at online safety especially online chatting and gambling and our Year 3 class are doing a self-care sparkle session on Thursday morning.

Our Safeguarding team will be revisiting the NSPCC Pants resources with the children during this week. Please have a look at the NSPCC website as you may wish to follow-up this up with some of the parent resources on the site. The NSPCC site can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Our Reception class will be having another PE Skills session with the DASP PE Co-ordinator on Wednesday, the children are really enjoying these sessions.

### Dates for this term

Please see the separate sheet with known upcoming events and dates for the coming terms. I'm sure more dates will be added but this will give you advance notice of some key dates. If you have any questions, please ask at the school office.

### Parent's Sessions

We are running two more parent's workshops that you are invited to come along to in our Kidszone building.

On Friday 25th January we are running a Spelling workshop and on Friday 1st February a Times Tables workshop - both will run 9.00 am until approximately 9.40 am

### DOMVS Writing Competition

DOMVS recently ran a writing competition which some of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils entered stories into. On Wednesday evening there was an award ceremony with pupils from many schools at the Courtroom in the newly opened Shire Hall. The award ceremony was attended by the judges of the competition Lord Julian Fellowes, Lady Fellowes and David Solomons.

Nineteen of our pupils made it through to the second round of judging and were invited to the award ceremony. Niamh from Year 4 was presented with the Runners Up prize and all the



children received a certificate and pen to congratulate them on their stories and for progressing so far in the competition. We were very proud of all of the children – well done.



### **Lunchtime Supervisor Role at St Mary's**

We are currently looking for another lunchtime supervisor to join our lunchtime team at St Mary's. This role would be for 6.25 hours a week at £8.25 per hour. If you are interested in this role, please pop into the school office.

Well we are looking forward to a positive and exciting Spring term; we have a lot of varied activities for the children to take part in over the coming term.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Fearn".

Mrs Paula Fearn  
**Head Teacher**