



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter - Issue 21 - 19/03/2021



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This term's Christian Value is Respect:

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Mathew 7.12

I am writing this to you all with so much joy and pleasure as I can hear children laughing in the background as I write. Our school has come back to full life again, just in time for spring!

Our children have come back to school with positivity and enthusiasm.

I like to look at the positives in life, and I truly believe that this year has helped to develop some incredibly important character traits in our children. They have learnt self-reliance, independence, resilience and determination, to name a few. I believe that we will look at this 'COVID generation' with admiration and pride in the future. Let's not think about all of this in terms of 'loss' but in terms of what they have gained. Our children are 'bouncing back' and we will continue giving them all the support and care that they need to be academically fulfilled and, most importantly, mentally well.

Thank you for all of your support, your care and your positive messages for us.

Miss Lampert



Achievers Awards

Little Acorns: Rueban and Darcey for listening carefully to teacher and their friends in Nursery

Little Oaks: Jacob (Spiderman) for noticing children who need help and listening carefully to his friends

Class 1: Bella for always being thoughtful, showing empathy and thinking of others

Class 2: Jessica for respecting people's differences and always thinking of others

Class 3: Luca for being respectful to children and adults

Class 4: Alicia for being respectful to others and being a good friend to all

Class 5: Alice for being a great role model: respectful and polite ALWAYS!

Class 6: Hollie for always showing respect

Mylee, Farley and Chesny have shown our School Value of **GENEROSITY** through giving up chocolate for lent, saving up all the money they would have spent and donating it to Comic Relief. On behalf of those in need: **THANK YOU!!!**

Term dates

Please find attached the term dates for the next academic year. Additionally, these are now uploaded to the school website for reference.

Comic Relief



What an exciting day we have had! Everyone has been **ENTHUSIASTIC** in wearing mufti and red to celebrate Red Nose Day; helping to raise money for this great cause. It was lovely to be able to do this as a school community; even the staff dressed up today and joined in the fun.

Thank you for your generosity St Mary's: we raised £129.54





Easter Egg Hunt

We are organising an Easter Egg Hunt for all children on the last day of term. Children will search for Easter egg pictures dotted around the school grounds in return for a chocolatey treat.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Competition

As part of our Easter Assembly (staff and children only) children in Little Acorns (Nursery), Little Oaks, Class 1 and Class 2 are invited to make an Easter Bonnet for a school parade. This will be outside weather permitting or in the school hall in class bubbles. Bonnets should be created at home and brought into class on the morning of Thursday 1st April.

Children in Classes 3-6 are encouraged to draw, paint or create a Spring or Easter themed piece of art for display in the school hall. There will be prizes for involvement and effort.

Snacks - Healthy Packed Lunchboxes and Playtime

Healthy Packed Lunchboxes and Playtime Snacks



We always aim to educate our children to enable them to make informed healthy lifestyle choices. The following guidelines for lunchbox contents is based on the statutory guidelines.

The recommended contents of a healthy lunch box are:

- A good portion of starchy food e.g. bread, crackers, pasta or rice salad.
- Fruit and/or vegetables e.g. an apple, orange, banana, carrot sticks, small box of raisins or any other fruit or vegetable
 - A portion of milk or dairy food e.g. yoghurt.
- A drink e.g. a small carton of milk, juice or squash. Water is always available.
 - One small biscuit e.g. kit-kat, penguin, club, cake bar etc.

Packed lunches at St Mary's should **not** include:

- Chocolate bars or sweets
 - Fizzy drinks.



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Snacks - All children in Years R, 1 & 2 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every day as part of the Government's School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme. As children move up into Years 3 - 6, should they wish to have a snack at breaktime, they are required to bring something from home.

A healthy snack should be:

- Fruit or vegetables
- Dried fruit
- Cereal bars
- Crackers

Crisps, chocolate and sweets are not a healthy snack.

We also request that children have a named water bottle in school.

Milk is provided for:

All under 5's

All children receiving benefit based free school meals

Children whose parents pay CoolMilk direct

Please note, no nuts are permitted on school premises due to severe food allergies.

Parents Evenings

Please ensure you sign up, via email or Class Dojo, for a 10 minute time slot to meet 'virtually with your child's class teacher.

Attendance:

Class	% Attendance from 8/3/21
Little Oaks	100
Class 1	95.3
Class 2	95.3
Class 3	99.1
Class 4	97.5
Class 5	98.4
Class 6	96.4



PE Uniform



St Mary's have some exciting news. We have found that children attending school in their PE kit on the days that they have their PE sessions has increased the time that children spend learning and being physically active. Children tell us they prefer it too. So we have revamped our PE uniform for September 2021 to allow this to continue but to ensure that the children look smart and

The uniform is as follows:

- Burgundy school hoody with logo
- Burgundy t-shirt with logo
- Black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms
- Suitable footwear (black daps or trainers)





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Dates for 2021-2022

TERM 1	
Start:	Thursday 2nd September 2021 - INSET 1 Friday 3rd September, 2021 INSET - 2 Monday 6th September for pupils
Finish:	Friday 22 nd October, 2021
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 1 st November 2021
Finish:	Friday 17th December, 2021 at 2:30
TERM 3	
Start:	Monday, 3 rd January, 2022 - INSET 3 Tuesday 4th January, 2022 for pupils
Finish:	Friday 18th February, 2022
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 28 th February, 2022- INSET 4 Tuesday 1 st March, 2022 for pupils
Finish:	Friday 8 th April, 2022 at 2:30
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 25th April, 2022
Finish:	Friday 27 th May, 2022
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 6th June, 2022
Finish:	Wednesday 20 th July, 2022 for pupils at 2:30 Thursday 21 st July, 2022 INSET - 5
INSET: 1. Thursday 2 nd September 2. Friday 3 rd September 3. Monday 3 rd January 4. Monday 28 th February - with TPT 5. Thursday 21 st July	
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 27 December 2021 - Christmas Day (substitute day) 28 December 2021 - Boxing Day (substitute day) 03 January 2022 - New Year's Holiday (substitute day) 15 April 2022 - Good Friday 18 April 2022 - Easter Monday 02 May 2022 - May Day Bank Holiday 02 June 2022 - Spring Bank Holiday 03 June 2022 - Platinum Jubilee bank holiday	