

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 1st July 2022

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Attendance Weekly - 94%

Attendance Year - 95%

Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow Matthew 5: 15-16

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

Compassion

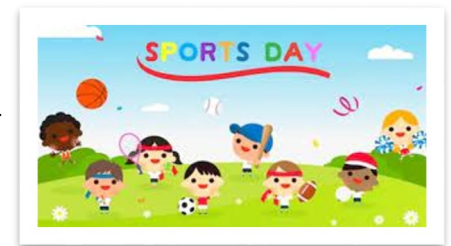
Perseverance

Respect

Dear parents and carers and friends of the school,

Sports Day

A reminder that this year's **Sports Day** will be held next week, on **Wednesday 6th July**. All Parents/Carers are welcome to come and watch, then join their child/ren for lunch on the field. **Entrance to sports day will be via the Catons Lane gates from 9.15am - due to staff setting up equipment there will not be any access before this time.**



Timetable of Events :

8.30 for 8.45 registration - Children are to arrive to school in their colour group top, PE shorts and trainers. If you are unsure which colour group your child is in, please check with your class teachers. Please make sure your child has a **named bottle of water** as they will be doing lots of exercise throughout the day!

9.30am to 12pm – Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day

12.00pm to 12.45 – All year groups will have lunch on the field between this time; pupils are free to eat with their parents/carers. If you can't attend or stay for lunch then your child/ren will be supervised by the mid-day staff as per our usual arrangements.

1.00pm – Key Stage 1 parents free to leave unless they have a child/ren in KS2

1.00pm – 3.00pm – Keys Stage 2 Sports Day

3.00pm - 3.15pm - children go back to class to collect their belongings and then go home

The wonderful PTA will be present to sell delicious bacon butties and tea and coffee from the refreshments tent and Lily, one of our Key Stage 2 pupils, is going to be raising money for the PTA on this day and she is going to be doing Face Painting on a table on the meadow. Lily will be doing the face painting between 12pm and 12.45pm and then again between 3pm and 4pm. Children can sign up for this on the day (Lily will have a special book at her table) and she will be charging from 50p upwards for each face that she paints!

We would also ask that parents/carers do not cross the running track to go over to their child/ren during the Sports Day for safeguarding reasons. Please let staff deal with any issues that arise - as they would normally do. **Please only use the signposted toilets on the school site.**

Everyone at St Mary's is very much looking forward to holding this event and being able to welcome parents/carers and friends of the school to join us for this exciting sporting competition once again!

Thank you to Miss Driscoll, our Sports Coach, for all the preparation that she has put into this special day.

Please note that if you take any photographs or videos during the day, that these should only be used for personal viewing and not posted on social media, if other children are included. Thank you.

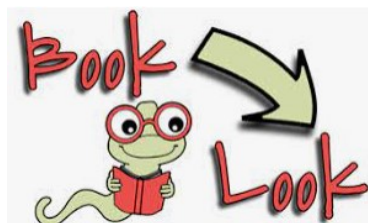


Great news!

Congratulations to Mr Brown and his wife, Tilly, who are expecting their first child at the end of August! I am sure you will join me in sending them both our very best wishes and keeping them in our thoughts and prayers at this very exciting time. Will the new arrival be a boy, or a girl - we shall see!

Reports and new class staffing team:

As you will be aware, next Friday (8th July) each child will receive their final yearly report (apart from the pupils in Year 6 - who get theirs the following week due to the SATs assessments results coming out later that week). Along with your child's report you will find a letter which shares their new class teacher and the staffing team for their new class as well as your child's attendance for the academic year up to that point.



Book Look/Share Our Work Session:

Further to the email sent earlier this week, just another reminder that we are holding a **before and after school Book Look/ Share our Work session**, on **Friday 15th July**. This will be **before and after school 8.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 4pm**.

These Book Look/ Share our Work sessions are an excellent opportunity for our lovely pupils to proudly show off the work that they have been producing in class and also how much progress they have been making throughout this academic year.

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarmain

Headteacher of St Mary's Church of England Primary school, Saffron Walden



Special ticket offer for our next concert to families at the schools who work with us at our Christmas concerts!

On Saturday 16th July, Saffron Walden Choral Society will be performing *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff and *Arion and The Dolphin* by Jonathan Dove at Saffron Hall (7.30pm). Both these pieces are highly entertaining and will appeal to all age groups.

We will be accompanied by two pianos and a whole host of percussion instruments (which will provide lots of visual and musical interest) as well as a children's choir from Cambridge.

We are delighted to offer free tickets to under-18s for this performance, providing at least one full price adult ticket is purchased as part of your order. Under-18s must be accompanied by an adult. Due to the length of the concert, it's probably not suitable for under-5s. To purchase tickets, please go to the Saffron Hall box office website

<https://www.saffronhall.com/whats-on/view/swcs-orffs-carmina-burana>

To take advantage of this offer, select your tickets, change the ticket type for any under-18s in your group to 'Under 25' then enter the promo code **SWCSJULY** on the following page.

We do hope you'll be able to join us.

With best wishes, Saffron Walden Choral Society



Parent/Carer Consultations - 11th - 14th July 2022

Appointments can now be booked for the end of year parent consultations via our Parent's Evening System which can be found at <https://stmarys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. These extended parental consultations will be held throughout the day and late into the afternoon in July, with each family having the opportunity to make a 15-minute appointment per child. See dates and timings below for each year group.

Please book your appointment before the **booking system closes on Wednesday 6th July.**

	Mon 11 th July	Tue 12 th July	Wed 13 th July	Thu 14 th July
Morning 8:30-11:00am	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1 (CP)	Reception
Afternoon 1:15-5:00pm	Year 5 (KMCl)	Year 2	Reception Year 3	Year 1 (LN) Year 4

NB: Please note that there are no parent consultations for Year 6 pupils as they receive a full end of year report instead; however, if you would like to discuss anything regarding your Year 6 child please make an appointment with Mr Clarke via the School Office.

In order to log on securely parents/carers will need to put in their name as given to the school, your child's given name (or chosen first name as given to the office) and your child's date of birth as an 8 digit number e.g. 25/09/2008.

Please use the link below to login into the Parents Evening System to book your appointment.

<https://stmarys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you need any assistance with booking your appointment, please contact the school office on 01799 523384.

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

Have your financial circumstances recently changed?

Do you think that you might be eligible for Pupil Premium?

If you are, then your children will receive free school meals all the way through Primary School (not just KS1).

This funding is known as Pupil Premium and brings in up to an additional £1385 per child that is registered.

Our school can use the extra funding to improve the quality of our children's education. This could include: exciting subsidised trips for our children; visitors to our school that enhance the curriculum; additional training for staff or employing additional staff to help us meet all of our children's needs.

To find out more information, please see the link below:

<https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/pupil-premium-information/>



Reminder - COVID-19 Guidance

We have had a few cases of COVID-19 in school this week.

Please see the latest guidance below:



In order to best protect our whole school community and minimise educational disruption, we are requesting that families follow the government's '**Measures and Guidance for Managing COVID-19 in Education and Childcare Settings**' which was updated on Friday 1st April 2022.

The updated guidance advises:

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they **no longer have a high temperature**, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is for 3 days of no contact with other people. Please note that the day of the positive test or onset of symptoms is day zero.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

The list of COVID-19 Symptoms, [COVID-19 symptoms](#), has been updated and now includes:

- A high temperature or shivering (chills)
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling tired or exhausted
- An aching body
- A headache
- A sore throat
- A blocked or runny nose
- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhoea
- Feeling sick or being sick

The key message is that if your child has a high temperature and is feeling unwell, they should not attend school - thank you for your support.

Diary Dates



- Monday 4th July - Year 6 Performance Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 5th July - Year 6 Performance 6pm - Parents Invited
- Wednesday 6th July - Sports Day (parents, carers & friends of the school welcome)
Reception & KS1 - 9.30-12.00pm & KS2 - 12.00-3.00pm
Picnic lunch on the Meadow - 12.00-12.45pm
- Thursday 7th July - Year 1 Learn to Ride**
- Mon 11th - Thu 14th July - Parents Consultations for Reception - Year 5
- Mon 11th Jul - Thu 14th Jul - Year 6 Residential - Danbury)
- Wed 13th July - Hip Hop Pop Workshop - R -Year 5**
- Fri 15th July - Book, Look, Share our Work (Parents invited)**
8.30-9.00am & 3.15-4pm
- Fri 15th July - Reception Class Graduation Assembly 9am - Parents invited**
- Fri 16th July - Year 6 Swimming (last session)**
- Wed 20th July - Meet the Teacher**
- Thursday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Service - 9.30am @St. Mary's Church
- Thursday 21st July - Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

