

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 10th June 2022

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Attendance Weekly - 97%

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,

## Parent and Carers Questionnaires:



Can I start off by saying a **HUGE** thank you to all of the parents, carers and friends of the school who have taken the time to complete one of our annual Parent/Carer surveys, which were completed throughout May and June.

The Senior Leadership Team, in partnership with our school governors, have already started the process of analysing these, and over the next few weeks we will be responding to many of the ideas, comments and suggestions that you have raised; the results, feedback and next steps will be included in future Newsletters.

## Beautiful Hanging Baskets

A BIG thank you to the fantastic Mr Connell, one of the parents of pupils Ollie and Toby, who has recently made two lovely hanging baskets for the front of our school office area. They both look really lovely and give everyone a colourful welcome as they enter the school. Thanks!



## PTA Quiz Night



We are all getting extremely excited about the PTA quiz, which is taking place from 7pm tonight! Thank you so much to the wonderful Ruth and Gemma - our PTA Co-Chairs putting this all together, especially amongst all the busy-ness of the recent Jubilee celebrations!

At the time of writing, seven tables of tickets have been sold - including a teachers table - and the staff are determined to give all of our parents, carers and friends of the school a run for your money! No pressure!

Thanks also to Richard Peet, a governor at the school for a number of years - including as Vice Chair and Chair of Admissions—for acting as Quiz Master. As ever we very much appreciate Richard's steadfast support of the school. I wish him the very best of luck as quiz master tonight—trying to keep all of those noisy adults in line!

## Recent PTA Funding

Throughout the last year our fantastic PTA have donated lots of brand-new books for the school library stock . The PTA also funded our amazing Interactive Activall Playground boards - which the children absolutely love, as well as numerous curriculum events - including the Christmas Panto - which our pupils adore!

We simply could not be without all of this outstanding fundraising. Thanks on behalf of everyone at St Mary's!

### **Replacement Roof!**

As I am sure you are aware, over the June half term holiday, the school had a completely new roof added to our outdoor decking area (which is outside the Key Stage 1 and Year 6 classrooms. I am delighted to report that they completed the work in one week (rather than the two planned) and we now have a strong, watertight roof covering this area - and it looks so much better!

### **Year 1 Phonics**

well done to the year 1 pupils and their teaching staff for all of their hard work this week on their Phonics. They should all be really, really proud of their progress and achievements!

Results to follow!

Have a great weekend - I hope to see some of you at the quiz later this evening!

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

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

## **Essex Year of READING**

### **Michael Rosen on Language and Play - Thursday 16th June 10-11 (ONLINE)**

Michael Rosen is one of Britain's best loved writers and performance poets for children and adults. He is also a broadcaster, Professor of Children's Literature and very much a national treasure. Michael has published in the region of 200 books for children and adults, including "The Sad Book" with Quentin Blake (Walker Books) - a meditation on bereavement written after the loss of his son, Eddie; "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" with Helen Oxenbury (Walker Books) - made into an animated film for Channel 4 broadcast Christmas Day 2016 - and "A Great Big Cuddle" with Chris Riddell (Walker Books) . His YouTube Channel 'Kids' Poems and Stories with Michael Rosen' has had over 55 million views.

In this session Michael will perform and discuss the importance of play and talk in language development in young children.

The session is aimed at Parents, grandparents, carers, Early Years Professionals, and anyone who works with young children and is open to all.

Places are free - to book a place and receive the link please email [Essex.yearofreading@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Essex.yearofreading@essex.gov.uk) with Michael Rosen in the subject line.

## Sports Day - Wed 6th July

Sports Day 2022 will be held on the 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.**



### Timetable of Events - Wednesday 6th July

**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 the class teachers. Please make sure your child has a bottle of water.

**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 (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

**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

## Class Photograph - Ordering Online

Kittle Photography visited school yesterday to take Class photos. All pupils were each issued with a ticket to bring home to parents/carers which tells you how to order their class photo online.



If your child did not come home with a ticket and you would like to order a photograph, please contact the school office by emailing [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk) or calling the school office on 01799 523384.



### Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Book

All pupils were issued with a free commemorative book to mark the Queens Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Your child should have brought their copy home today, so if you haven't seen it yet, do check their book bags.

Please see the link below to find out more about this special book: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/platinum-jubilee-book-to-arrive-in-primary-schools-from-mid-may>

# Diary Dates



Tuesday 14th June	-	Governor Day
Tuesday 14th June	-	Y6 Residential Meeting for Parents/Carers @ 5.00pm
Wednesday 15th June	-	Year 6 SWCHS Transition Workshop (at St. Mary's)
Wednesday 16th June	-	Reception Boydells Dairy Farm Trip
Thursday 16th June	-	KS2 French Theatre Company Visit
Mon 20th - Thu 23rd June	-	Y5&6 Bikeability
Friday 24th June	-	INSET Day - School Closed
Wednesday 29th June	-	KS2 Athletics @Carver Barracks
Thursday 30th June	-	SCARF Life Education Visit (Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3)
Monday 4th July	-	Year 5 &6 Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5th July	-	Year 5 &6 Performance 6pm - Parents Invited
Wednesday 6th July	-	<b>Sports Day (parents, carers &amp; friends of the school welcome)</b> <b>Reception &amp; KS1 - 9.30-12.00pm &amp; KS2 - 12.00-3.00pm</b> <b>Picnic lunch on the Meadow - 12.00-12.45pm</b>
Mon 11th - Thu 14th July	-	Parents Consultations for Reception - Year 5 (Timings TBC)
Mon 11th Jul - Thu 14th Jul	-	Year 6 Residential - Danbury
Thursday 21st July	-	Year 6 Leavers Service - 9.30am @St. Mary's Church
Thursday 21st July	-	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

## Community News

Please take a look at our newest addition to our school website; a Community News page, where you will find information on local events and services. See link below:

<https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/community-news-and-events/>

