

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 18th March 2022

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Attendance Weekly - 95%

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,

## Messages from the Headteacher:

### Red Nose Day – March 2022

The school council led an assembly this week, explaining to the whole school what Red Nose



Day is and all the good it does around the world!

There will be buckets by the gates at the end of the school day if you would like to make a donation.

The BBC Red Nose Day marathon begins at 19:00 this evening and can be seen on TV and iPlayer - please tune in!

Anna and Claudia even sported some crocheted red noses - produced by their nan the night before!



### Science Week

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> March and the 18<sup>th</sup> March is British Science Week, which is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. Therefore, this week at St Mary's the children have been carrying out a number of scientific activities and experiments in class. The pupils have had lots of fun exploring new ideas and challenging themselves and their peers to solve a

number of tests, tasks and trials. If you would like to have a go at any of these activities at home then please follow this link to some amazing science-based activities. <https://collectionslibrary.crestawards.org/document/download/63263936/867d9-c0ed3-f21ba-26edf-78372-dde99-c651d-2be4c>



### School meal prices

As I am sure you are aware, costs are continuing to rise for many of the goods and services that we pay for here at St Mary's. For the last few years the school has worked really hard behind the scenes to keep costs down for all of our parents and carers, which include for parental contributions for trips (including residential) and visits, as well as our delicious school meals. Unfortunately, for the first time in quite a few years, we now need to increase the cost of school meals at St Mary's to **£2.45 per day** (which will be an increase of 75p per week).

We apologise that we are having to increase our price of school meals, but hope that you can understand that the recent significant cost of living increases are also having an affect on our services at the school.

***These changes will take affect immediately after the Easter break.***

**PTA Krispy Kreme Doughnuts fundraiser!** Just a quick reminder that the he PTA are selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts on the meadow/playground after school today (Friday 18th March). They are selling these doughnuts either individually (at £1 each), in bundles of 4 for £3.50, or boxes of 12 for £10. This PTA event was incredibly popular last year. As ever, we would like to thank the PTA for all of their fund-raising activities which contribute so many 'added extras' to the children at St Mary's.



Have a lovely weekend in the lovely sunshine! Please remember that the last day of term is **Thursday 31st March at 1.30pm.**

*Mr C. D. Jarmain*



**March 20th is the UN International Day of Happiness. With our world facing unprecedented challenges, wellbeing matters more than ever.**

There are many crisis situations happening around the world in Ukraine, Yemen, Gaza and elsewhere.

Through the International Day of Happiness we are reminded that our actions matter and that each of us can help build a more compassionate world, wherever we are.

Here are some ways that you can spread happiness 😊

### **SHARE POSITIVE MESSAGES**

Spread ideas that promote peace, kindness and understanding, online and in real life.

### **CONNECT WITH PEOPLE**

Reach out to people who you know are connected to a crisis and offer your care and support.

### **GIVE DIRECTLY**

Donate to causes working on the front line of a crisis or find a way to help with local efforts.

### **SHARE A SMILE**

Sharing a smile with a friend or even a complete stranger can brighten up their day.

Share what you're doing to help create a happier world. Inspire others and spread the word using the hashtag [#InternationalDayOfHappiness](#)

# Diary Dates



Thursday 24th March	-	Y3 Colchester Zoo Trip
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Thursday 24th March	-	PTA Mothers Day Gift Shop
Friday 25th March	-	Year 5 Activities & Games Treat Evening
Monday 28th March	-	PTA Easter Rainbow Raffle
Tuesday 29th March	-	Pink Fun Run
Wednesday 30th March	-	Y1 Stansted Mountfitchet Castle Trip
Thursday 31st March	-	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish
Friday 1st April	-	INSET Non Pupil Day
Mon 4th - Mon 18th April	-	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19th April	-	First day of Summer Term - Pupils Return
Thursday 21st April	-	Lily-Jo Project Visit (Mental Health Workshop)
Monday 25th April	-	Y2 Audley End Miniature Railway Trip
Monday 2nd May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 9th - Thu 12th May	-	Year 5 Residential - Danbury
Mon 9th - Thu 12th May	-	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 13th May	-	Year 6 Swimming start (TBC)
Thursday 19th May	-	CENSUS Day Special Lunch Menu
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June	-	Half-term
Wednesday 8th June	-	New Reception 2022 Parents Information Meeting
Thursday 9th June	-	Kittle Photography Visit - Class Photos
Friday 24th June	-	INSET Day - School Closed
Monday 4th July	-	Year 5 &6 Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5th July	-	Year 5 &6 Performance 6pm - Parents Invited
Wednesday 6th July	-	Sports Day
Mon 11th - Wed 13th July	-	Parents Consultations for Reception - Year 5 (Timings TBC)
Mon 11th Jul - Fri 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