

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 4th February 2022

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*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,

## Message from the Headteacher:

### Welcome!

A very warm welcome to Miss Naunton, who has recently joined us as part of our Learning Support team in KS2 and we are very excited that she has joined our team here at St Mary's. Miss Naunton has taken over from Mrs Slade, who we are delighted has joined our Midday team and her experience will serve the school extremely well.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Naunton to our lovely school community.

### Parents and Carers Consultations next week:

A **final reminder** that the booking system for parents/carers evening is now open - please use the link below to make a booking (if you have not done so already). <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/parents-evening-february-2022/>

As cases of COVID in school are now much lower than they were a few weeks ago, **these meetings will take place in person in the school hall. We would also kindly ask that all parents/carers take a Lateral Flow Test just before coming into school to be on the safe side and not to come into school if they test positive or are displaying any of the key symptoms.** Please note that if your child is in receipt of a One Plan, these meetings will be organised separately for the week beginning 28th February. Please note some changes

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- Year 5 - Tuesday 8th February and Wednesday 9th February (3.30pm - 6.30pm)

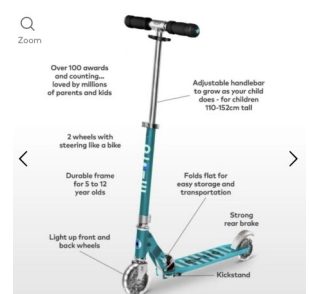
*Mr C. D. Jarmain*

Headteacher of St Mary's, Saffron Walden

## MISSING SCOOTER

We have been notified by a parent that a scooter has gone missing from outside the year 4 classroom on Tuesday after school - please see attached image. If you happen to find it, please return to the school office.

Many thanks



## Pupil Attendance

Pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their #education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.



The government expects schools and local authorities to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence;
- Ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled; and,
- Act early to address patterns of absence.

We have recently updated the Attendance Policy.

Please find the updated version under the policies section of the website:

[www.stmaryssw.org.uk/policies](http://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/policies)



### Reminder - Parents Evening

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person in the school hall.

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Due to the change of the parents evenings dates - there will **no clubs the week beginning 7th February (except for Dance and Karate)**. See the revised clubs timetable below

<https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/clubs/>

If you have any questions regarding booking an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office by email; [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk)

## Non - Uniform Day - Friday 11th February

On Friday 11th February, there will be a non-uniform day. Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes, in return, for donations towards the school Rainbow Easter Raffle.

Each class has been assigned a colour of the rainbow and should bring in a small donation of anything in that colour. It can be sweets, biscuits, toiletries, a candle, drinks for adults or children, toys, stationery, or any small new gift item that you can spare.

We will then create some lovely Rainbow hampers as prizes for an Easter Raffle.

As this is a raffle for parents, friends and family, donations do not have to be nut-free, as this is not a school time event for the children.

Please note down the relevant colour and let us know if you have any queries on [pta@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk)

**Reception - Red**

**Year 1 - Orange**

**Year 2 - Yellow**

**Year 3 - Green**

**Year 4 - Blue**

**Year 5 - Purple**

**Year 6 - Any colour**

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support and welcome any ideas or help.

Best wishes,

Ruth and Gemma

On behalf of the St Mary's PTA Event and Fundraising Team



## Fab Science Half Term Camp

Fab Science are running a half term camp at RAB and they are open to children aged 5-11 from any school. Each camp is led by a qualified science teacher and is full of hands on learning and fun!

Click on the link below for more details. flyer to your families. [www.fabscience.co.uk](http://www.fabscience.co.uk)



## Job Vacancy at St. Mary's CE Primary School

We are currently advertising a vacancy for a SEND Learning Support Assistant 1-1. For more information about this vacancy please see click on the link below:

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=71695>

Closing Date - Midnight 20th February 2022



## School Facebook Page



Please check out our school Facebook page for lots more information including local holiday clubs - on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/329775704409996>

## Diary Dates



Tuesday 8th February	-	Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm) - All Year Groups
Wednesday 9th February	-	Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm) - Year 5 Only
Thursday 10th February	-	Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm) - Excluding Year 5
Wednesday 9th February	-	Lego STEM Day
Friday 11th February	-	PTA Rainbow Non Uniform Day
Mon 14th—Fri 18th February	-	Half-term
Thursday 24th February	-	Y3 Rocks & Fossil Workshop
Thursday 3rd March	-	KS1 Explorer Day Workshop
Thursday 3rd March	-	World Book Day
Mon 7th - Fri 11th March	-	British Science Week
Tuesday 15th March	-	Tinies visit St. Mary's Church
Thursday 24th March	-	Y3 Colchester Zoo Trip
Wednesday 30th March	-	Y1 Stansted Mountfitchet Castle Trip
Friday 1st April	-	INSET Non Pupil Day
Mon 4th - Mon 18th April	-	Easter Holidays