

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 24th February 2023

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Attendance Weekly - 96.5%

Attendance Year - 94.1%

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

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

Compassion

Perseverance

Respect

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Welcome to the seventh Newsletter of the Spring Term.

Once again it has been a busy and productive week, here at St Mary's. Please read on to find out more about our own World Book Day celebrations (which will be taking place on Monday 6th March), a link to our new Walking to and from School Policy (which we sent out just before the half term break), a reminder about our Parent/Carer carers Meetings (which are taking place next week), and an advert for a new Catering Manager and Kitchen Assistant. On the last page you will also find our useful **Diary Dates** for the rest of this term—which are always on the last page of our Newsletter each week. One of the new dates added for this week is the exact time for the Easter Service—which is 10am on Thursday 30th March (the penultimate day of term). Don't forget to note all of these dates down in your own busy calendars—this term will go by before we know it! Don't forget to check out our Class Updates, which are sent out separately so you can find out what they have been learning about in class.

Book Looks/ Sharing Our Work Sessions:

Today, the school opened its doors to parents and carers to come into school to look at their child (or children's) work—some of which was their class exercise books, on display or as part of the 'ME' mental health art work, which was on display in the school hall (BIG thank you to Mr Pike for his hard work in organising and presenting these pieces of art work). As ever, we had lots and lots of visitors and it was another brilliant opportunity for the children to proudly share and talk about their work with their Mums and Dads, before the Parents/Carers Consultations which will be taking place next week.



Sad news!



At the end of this term our School Catering Manager, Riina Driscoll, will be leaving us to embark on a new career as a Prison Officer! Riina joined St Mary's in the Summer of 2017—so she has been with us for nearly 6 years! Throughout this time, she has continuously provided delicious and nutritious food for our pupils and staff, and always with a smile and lots of supportive words to whoever she meets. Riina is also incredibly organised and hard-working and she will be greatly missed by everyone here at St Mary's. I am sure you will join me in keeping her in our prayers as well as wishing her all the very best in her new career. In this newsletter there is a full page advert for this Catering Manager position, as well as for a Kitchen Assistant for 7.5 hours per week and a Midday Assistant for 7.5 hours per week. If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact the school office on admin@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk

First Aid Learning—in Action!

On Monday afternoon, pupils in Year 2 (Caterpillar Class) were very lucky to have a visit from two of our parents/carers who are nurses - this was to support the children's learning about First Aid—which is part of a PSHCE Unit of Work. Mrs Barton Taylor and Miss Johnson shared lots of interesting things about their job with the class and the

children asked some brilliant questions so that they could learn more about the role of a nurse. The children also tried on scrubs and nurse uniforms. After that, our visitors showed us some basic first aid skills, including CPR and the recovery position. They also taught us what we should do in an emergency. If you have a child in Year 2, check to see if your children can remember what they should do if they find someone who is unconscious or bleeding and if they can remember what number to call in an emergency! Incredibly important information, I am sure you will agree!

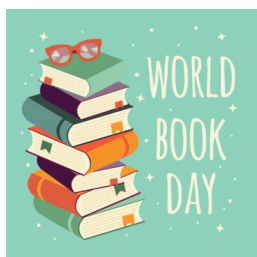
Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



World Book Day—Monday 6th March



World Book Day at St Mary's will be on **Monday 6th March**. This year we have organised a workshop for each class. The Bringing Books to Life dance workshops gives children a unique insight into books by using dance and movement to tell stories.

During the dance workshop the children work alongside a professional choreographer to explore a chosen book through movement in order to create a dance that retells the story from beginning to end.

They will use a range of dance and movement techniques alongside music that is tailored for each story, and each session is differentiated to suit the interests and age of the children. Every class session concludes with a performance moment, when the children perform aspects of their work to each other and to their teacher.

Parent/Carers Consultation Meetings (28th February and 2nd March)

Appointments for the parent consultations were available to book from **22nd February** via our Parent's Evening System which can be found at <https://stmarys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.



Please arrive promptly for your meeting. The meetings will be face to face and held in the main school hall from 3.30pm - 6.30pm (except for Year 5 on Tuesday 28th February where the meetings will run 2.30pm - 5.30pm), with each family having the opportunity to make a 10 minute appointment per child.

Please book your appointment before the **booking system closes on Monday 27th February at 12.00pm.**

If your child has already had a One Plan meeting then there is no requirement to book an appointment, as you would have already had your 30 minute meeting.

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.

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



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Our Vision: We aspire for our pupils to be the best they can be, in an inclusive Christian learning environment.

VACANCY for a Catering Manager

27.5 hours per week, 5 days a week (0845-1415hrs)

38 weeks (term time only) + 3 training days

Scale 5 Point 9-12 – Actual Salary £14,415 - £15,224 (FTE 23,194 to £24,496)

VACANCY for a Kitchen Assistant

7.5 hours per week, 5 days a week (1145-1315hrs)

38 weeks (term time only)

Scale 3 Point 4 – Actual Salary £3,591 (FTE 21,189)

VACANCY for a Midday Assistant – Part time / Permanent

1.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, fewer days or job share will be considered
(1150 – 1320hrs)

38 weeks (term time only)

Actual salary £3,433 (FTE £20,258)

To apply please find the link on our [website](http://www.stmaryssw.org.uk)
<https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/current-vacancies/>
or email the School Business Manager
on admin@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk or 01799 523384

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS 6th March 2023

Diary Dates



Week Commencing

Monday 13th February to
Friday 17th February - Half term holiday

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Monday 20th February - Pupils return to school (from 8.30am)
Monday 20th February - One Plan Meetings
Friday 24th February - Book Looks (8.30am to 9.00am and 3.15pm to 4.00pm)

Week Commencing

Monday 27th February
Tuesday 28th February - Parents/Carers Consultations
Thursday 2nd March - Parents/Carers Consultations
Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

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Monday 6th March - World Book Day Workshop
Thursday 30th March - Easter Service in St Mary's Church 10.00am (all parents/
carers welcome)
Friday 31st March - Last day of Spring term
Monday 3rd April to
Monday 17th April - Easter break
Monday 17th April - Teaching staff INSET Day

** new or amended items added are in blue*

