

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 20th January 2023

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Attendance Weekly - 94.9 %

Attendance Year - 94.3%

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

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

Compassion

Perseverance

Respect

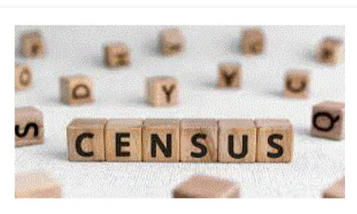
Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

SAFE, RESPECT and EFFORT

As a school we aim to embed our behaviour ethos into the environment and all adults and children within our school community. Each classroom has discussions and display boards of class thoughts around what safe, respect and effort look like in our school. Respect is our value this term, when we talk about respect we are referring not only to each other but to the school environment and property. You can help children understand what respect looks like by talking about examples of people respecting or not respecting places and things at home.

For more information please see the behaviour policy on the school website. www.stmaryssw.org.uk/policies/

Census Day



Census Day! Firstly, I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the parents and carers as we managed to total 160 meals! As I am sure you all know, each school receives a large proportion of its funding each Census Day – and there are two which record the numbers of our pupils enjoying a healthy and delicious cooked school meal. The first is always in October and the second takes place in January. Yesterday's impressive school meal numbers means that this term the school will receive a higher amount of funding – which will be used towards every single pupil at

St Mary's. Well done Riina (our Kitchen Manager) and Xenia (our Office Administrator) and our Midday team for all of your hard work in making the day go so smoothly! Thank you, once again, for your continued support of the school.

Careers advice:

At St Mary's we are always eager to talk to our lovely pupils about all of the different careers and professions, so that the children can begin to think about their own future jobs—when they are older. Over the last few years we have had parents, carers and friends of the school, as well as members of the local community, pop into school to talk to the children about their jobs—including local police officers, nurses and more! St Mary's would really love to hear from you if you would be willing to come in to talk to the children about your own job so that you can share your own passion and also your path into your chosen career. If you feel that this is something that you would be interested in doing, please contact the school office on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk and we will be in touch to explain more and (hopefully) arrange you to come into school to share your experiences with our pupils.

Reading Volunteers (or as we call them... Champions!)

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and friends of the school who have kindly volunteered to come into St Mary's on a weekly basis to hear our children read. Over the years this is something that has proven hugely successful at St Mary's, as the children enjoy nothing more than sharing a book with a friendly place- plus, it helps us to ensure that children are progressing as fluent readers— and they get to practise the key skills that they have been learning in school.



Thank you so much to the parents who have already volunteered and are currently reading with our pupils in school. We are always on the hunt for more parents to join us so if you are interested and you have some availability please email the school office on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk. Ideally, we would like to have at least 2 or 3

Reading Champions per class – from Reception to Year 6. If you have any time in the week that you would be willing to spare and join us as a 'Reading Champion' then please email Xenia in the school office. Please note that you will need to have had a DBS check completed by the school or already have a transferable DBS. Thank you so much in advance for your help, we really appreciate your time.

Coats, hats, scarves and gloves:



Just a quick reminder... please can parents and carers ensure their children come to school with their coats, as well as scarves, gloves and hats. The weather has noticeably taken a turn for the worse in the last week and it is obviously really important that the children are wrapped up warmly at breaktimes and lunchtimes! Please also note that winter uniforms should be worn, therefore no shorts or summer dresses. Can we also ask that all garments are clearly labelled with the child's full name (and if possible the child's class) so that if found they can be returned to the correct pupil! Thank you for your support in this matter!

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a **Kitchen Assistant**. If you are interested and would like to apply you can find more information on the website [here](#).



Do enjoy this week's newsletter and have a great weekend!

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

Recently, cases of head lice have been identified across the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed.

Whilst head lice are harmless, it is important that children are checked regularly so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

As there has been an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible.

Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- Check your child's hair regularly
- Treat head lice as soon as you spot them
- You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop in sessions held once a month around the Uttlesford District, support and advice offered by a School Nurse and the 5-19 Healthy Family Support Practitioner.

Parents can ask advice about behaviour and emotional needs, bed wetting and soiling issues plus other health needs that may be impacting on both home and school life.

Spring Term

7.2.23

Room A Saffron Walden Hospital, Radwinter Road, Saffron Walden CB11 3HY

15.30-17.00hrs

7.3.23

Little Goslings, North Street, Great Dunmow, CM6 1AZ

15.30 _ 17.00hrs



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WE CHANGE LIVES BY TRANSFORMING HEALTH AND CARE.

Dear parents/carers,

The school council announced before Christmas that St Mary's will be taking part in Bag2School, a clothing-drive run by a charity that sources clothes for people around the UK.

Your child will be bringing home with them a Bag2School bag. We ask that if you have any spare clothing after this Christmas break, please consider putting it in the bag and sending your child into school with it.

On the 27th of January, the Bag2School charity will arrive, weigh our bags, give us money for the total weight and then whisk the clothes away to those who need them most!

Please note: no school uniform or work clothing are allowed as part of the collection.

Thank you for taking part if you can!

St Mary's school council



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Diary Dates



Week commencing

- Monday 16th January - Spring Term Clubs recommence
- Tuesday 17th January - Year 1 visit to Saffron Walden Museum
- Thursday 19th January - Census Day and Special Lunch
- Tuesday 24th January - Sportshall Indoor Athletics tournament at Dame Bradbury's School
- Wednesday 25th January - Sportshall Indoor Athletics tournament at Dame Bradbury's School
- Friday 27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day Service at St Mary's Church Year 6

Week Commencing

- Monday 6th February - Children's Mental Health Week
- Wednesday 8th February - Road Safety Training (Reception & Year 5)
- Friday 10th February - Safer Internet Day
- Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - Half term holiday
- Monday 20th February - Pupils return to school (from 8.30am)

Week Commencing

- Monday 20th February - One Plan Meetings
- Friday 24th February - Book Looks (8.30am to 9.00am and 3.15pm to 4.00pm)
- Tuesday 28th February - Parents/Carers Consultations
- Thursday 2nd March - Parents/Carers Consultations
- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
- Monday 6th March - World Book Day Workshop
- Friday 31st March - Easter Service in St Mary's Church (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



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