

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 23rd September 2022

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Attendance Weekly - 94.4%

Attendance Year - 95.4%

*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,

As we reach the end of our third week of this term (and academic year) I am pleased to observe how well all of our classes have settled in to their new routines. I have been especially impressed by our Butterfly pupils, in Reception class and how independent and well-behaved they are being in school.

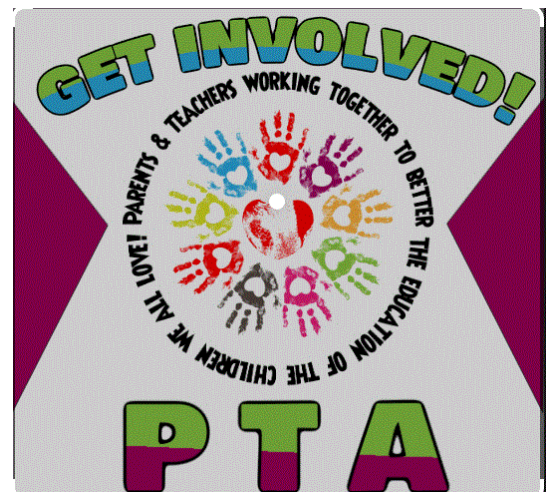
I would also like to say well done to our oldest pupils, in Dragonflies class (Year 6), who are proving to be excellent role models and great Year 6 Buddies to the Reception children and are showing all of the staff what sensible and mature pupils they are!

A **fantastic** start to the year! Keep it up everyone!

Please don't forget to note the key diary dates for this term, which you will find on the last page of this newsletter

## PTA Recruitment Plea!

As you will know, over the last few years the lovely Ruth and Gemma (current Year 6 and Year 4 parents) have acted as Co-Chairs of the PTA for St Mary's. Without a doubt, they have done a simply amazing job, leading and organising events that have raised money for every single one of our pupils—past and present, giving them a wealth of additional fun, engaging and memorable learning activities, events and resources that the school—on its own—would not be able to afford. I am sure that you are well aware that every school relies heavily on their PTA, and it is such an important part of school life.



However, Ruth and Gemma now need to step down from these roles and we are looking for a new PTA chair (or chairs), or a group of parents that can step up and take the reins to head up this vital charity that supports the school with this vital fundraising and community events. I am delighted to report that Ruth and Gemma are happy to support anyone that wants to take on the chair (or chairs) role, and do a proper hand over, but we also need parents from all year groups to volunteer as active members of the PTA. Whether its to head up an event, come up with ideas, or just support the school by communicating with your year group.

If you are interested in taking a leading role and/or to support with PTA events this year (and beyond) please contact the school office on [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk) so that we can put you in touch with Ruth and Gemma, or alternatively contact them via the Classlist App, so that you can help to drive some of the fun activities which I think we would all agree it would be great to take place this term, such as the Christmas Panto and the Key Stage 2 Disco.

We will delighted to hear from you! Go for it!

**Did you know Its second-hand September?**

Second Hand September is a campaign to encourage people to buy only second hand items for 30 days in the month of September.

Since 2019, Second Hand September has inspired thousands of people to shop in a way that is kinder to people and the planet. With climate change affecting all of us, there's never been a better time to act.



At St Mary's we have a huge amount of second hand, pre-loved school clothes. From Tuesday next week we will have the second hand shed open at various times at drop off and pick up and you are welcome to rummage through and help yourself to items your children may need for school, we ask for a small donation for any items taken.

We also have access to the Uttlesford clothing bank so if you require other items please let the school office know on [info@st-marys.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-marys.essex.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

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

# Diary Dates



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| Monday 19th Sept        | - | Bank Holiday, Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II    |
| Tuesday 20th Sept       | - | School re-opens at 8.30am                      |
| Tuesday 20th Sept       | - | Harvest Assembly                               |
| October                 | - | Black History Month                            |
| Thursday 6th October    | - | Census Day                                     |
| Thursday 13th Oct       | - | Individual and Sibling Photographs (by Kittle) |
| Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct | - | Half-Term                                      |
| Monday 31st Oct         | - | INSET day for teachers (no school)             |
| Tuesday 8th Nov         | - | Parents/Carers Consultations                   |
| Wednesday 10th November | - | Year 5 Road Safety                             |
| Thursday 10th Nov       | - | Parents/Carers Consultations                   |
| 14th-18th November      | - | Anti-Bullying Week                             |
| Wednesday 16th November | - | Governors Day (Autumn Term)                    |
| Wednesday 23rd Nov      | - | Open Morning for New Reception Parents/Carers  |
| Friday 9th Dec          | - | Christmas Jumper Day                           |
| Monday 19th Dec         | - | Christmas Lunch                                |
| Tuesday 20th Dec        | - | Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)               |