

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Thursday 22nd June 2023

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Attendance Weekly 96.9%

Attendance Year 94.9%



Our motto: 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,

Fun Run

A number of parents have asked us how they can share the fundraising link with members of their family as well as friends and neighbours.

Therefore, we are now sharing with you the links below to each class page which all our parents and carers can share with their wider families and in addition to friends and neighbours to increase the amount of sponsorship achieved by each child and our overall fundraising efforts. However, there are some important simple instructions which you will need to follow in order to create your child's own, personalised, fundraising page for this event.

Reception [Reception Fun Run by Reception \(investmycommunity.com\)](#)

Year 1 [Year 1 Fun Run by Year1 \(investmycommunity.com\)](#)

Year 2 [Year 2 Fun Run by Year 2 \(investmycommunity.com\)](#)

Year 3 [Year 3 Fun Run by Year 3 \(investmycommunity.com\)](#)

Year 4 [Year 4 Fun Run by Year 4 \(investmycommunity.com\)](#)

Year 5 [Year 5 Fun Run by Year 5 \(investmycommunity.com\)](#)

Year 6 [Year 6 Fun Run by Year 6 \(investmycommunity.com\)](#)

Friends of St Marys [Friends of St Mary's](#).



1. Click the orange 'Fundraise For Us' button (BELOW THE DONATE BUTTON ON YOUR CLASS PAGE)
2. Enter your email address and create a password
3. Add a photo, if you choose and a few lines of text.
 - At this stage you are asked for a start and end date, you can put today's date for the start date and the end date up to a week after the fun run as donations can continue after the run.
 - You will be asked what it is for – new building project at the rear of the school where we are building two new Independent Learning Spaces, or words of your own choice.
 - How much you want (this is the amount you hope to achieve) again this can be up to you eg. £20, £50, £100 etc
4. Tick the Leaderboard option and join in the fun.
5. Click the social media share buttons to connect with your friends and family.
6. Download your child's sponsorship page QR.

Please remember that the sponsored family fun run is taking place on **Wednesday 12th July** and the class that raises the most in the school will win the inaugural fundraising trophy (with individual mini trophies for each child in that class). May the best team win!

Remember there are paper copies available for parents and carers struggling to use the online fundraising pages. These can be collected from the School Office.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated to our fundraising pages.

Reports

Post covid we are returning to the parent report only for all children for the end of the year due to time restraints in the summer term. The reports will be sent out on Friday 14th July. Parents are invited to book in a parent consultation to discuss the report if they so wish which will be the following week ie the last week of term 17th – 21st July.



Sports Day

Due to the strike days that have recently been announced by the NEU, we have made the decision to move our Sports Day to **Thursday 6th July**.

Timetable of Events:

Reception & KS1

8.30am - Refreshment Stall selling hot and cold drinks

9.00am - Opening Dance by Year 1

9.15am - Races Begin

11.15am - Parent/Carers Race and Toddlers Race



11.30am - 12.15pm - Whole School Picnic for all pupils with their parents/carers

(The School Fundraising Team will be selling Burton's Bacon Butties for £2.50 each (Please pre-order via the School Money Shop)

KS2

12.15pm - Refreshment Stall selling hot and cold drinks

12.30pm - Opening Dance by Year 6

12.45pm - Races Begin

2.45pm - Parent/Carers Race and Toddlers Race

3.00pm - Whole School Winners Presentation

On page 4 of this newsletter there is a full page poster for our upcoming Sports Day— don't forget to take a look!

Please accept our apologies if any inconvenience has been caused by this change of date.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Also, as ever, on the last page of this newsletter you will find the key dates for the remainder of this Summer Term. Don't forget to take a look—as there is an awful lot going on in the four weeks, before we break for Summer!

Finally, please don't forget that **tomorrow (Friday 23rd June) is an INSET Day** for school staff so the school will be closed to all pupils. Therefore, we look forward to seeing your children back in school on **Monday 26th June at 8.30am**.

Do have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

SCHOOL FUN RUN

Wednesday
12th July



Amelia and Will
Fundraising Ambassadors



School Fundraising Team Rocket Lolly Sale



50p

Weekly

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50p

Weekly

SPONSORED FAMILY FUN RUN

Fancy dress!

SCHOOL FUN RUN

12th July

ST MARY'S SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



SPORTS DAY



Thursday 6th July



Reception & KS1

8.30am Refreshment Stall
 9.00am Opening Dance by Year 1
 9.15am Races begin
 11.15am Parent and Carer Race
 Toddlers Race

11.30am - 12.15pm Whole School
 Picnic Lunch for all pupils with their
 parents/carers

KS2

12.15pm Refreshment Stall
 12.30pm Opening Dance by Year 6
 12.45pm Races begin
 2.45pm Parent and Carer Race
 Toddlers Race

3.00pm Winners Presentation with
 Reception and KS1

11.30am The School Fundraising Team will be selling Burton's Bacon Butties for £2.50 each (please pre-order via the School Money Shop)

The School Fundraising Team will also be selling secondhand uniform

On-going Ukraine conflict creates an appeal from Rotary

14th June 2023

A dire need for basic food, household, toiletries and health supplies.

A collection for the people of Ukraine will be held by Saffron Walden Rotary on Saturday 15th July from 9.00am until 1.00pm on the Saffron Walden Common next to the car park.

As the war continues families are losing their homes and possessions and are often without a breadwinner for the family. This creates a need for everyday food items, shoes, clothes, especially underwear, toiletries, all types of personal washing and shampoo items, sanitary towels and sanitary pads. Items for children include nappies for babies and colouring books and school supplies for young children.

'The aid which the Rotary Club has been collecting over the last year is delivered to the Felsted based charity UK-Aid who in turn takes it to distribution centres in Moldova and Ukraine for the benefit of refugee and dispossessed families in those countries. Many hundreds of families have been helped, although many more are still in need' says Rotarian project leader John Tapscott.

Cash donations to assist in transportation costs are also accepted and these can also be made at the Rotary collection point in cash or by credit card on the 15th July.

John Tapscott said 'Given the tremendous support received from local people over the last year we are hopeful that we will get a good response again for those living in such hardship.'

Rotary Saffron Walden is very appreciative of all the support it gets in its many different fundraising efforts.

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Notes to editor:

1. Ukrainian flag in case you wish to use it:



2. Saffron Walden Rotary has held eight previous collections for Ukraine that have all been very well supported by residents of Saffron Walden surrounding villages and those in South Cambridgeshire.
3. Alan Hilliar, a co-founder of UK-Aid, advises that a particular beneficiary has been a centre for the care and rehabilitation of children, some with special needs, called The Revival Centre in Chernihiv. This is in the North of Ukraine in an area that was for several months occupied by the Russian army, the centre provides care and support for those in desperate need who include families raising children with disabilities, families with babies, low-income families, as well as internally displaced persons and seriously ill people.



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term:

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| Monday 12th June | - | Year 5 Geography Field trip in Saffron Walden (10.30am) |
| Wednesday 14th June | - | Governors Day (all day) |
| Friday 16th June | - | PTA Quiz (fundraiser) from 7pm) |
| Tuesday 20th June | - | Breathe Clean Air Quality Action Day (am) 9am assembly then workshop |
| Wednesday 21st June | - | KS2 French Theatre Visit |
| Friday 23rd June | - | INSET Day (for teaching staff only) |
| Wednesday 28th | - | SWAT assembly |
| Friday 30th June | - | Year 6 Secondary School Taster Day |
| Friday 30th June | - | Year 5 quiz (4 pupils) at RA Butler school |
| Monday 3rd July at 7.00pm | - | Saffron Walden County High Year 7 Transition evening for Parents and Carers |
| Thursday 6th July | - | Sports Day—see poster for timings |
| Friday 7th July | - | Reception Graduation (in the school hall) at 9am |
| <i>Monday 10th July</i> | - | <i>Moving up session meet the Teacher</i>
<i>Y1 and Y2 at 3.15 – 3.30 in Y1 and Y2 classrooms</i>
<i>Y3 3.30 – 3.45 in Y3 classroom</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 11th July</i> | - | <i>Moving up session meet the Teacher</i>
<i>Y4 and Y5 at 3.15 – 3.30 in Y4 and Y5 classrooms</i>
<i>Y6 3.30 – 3.45 in Y6 classroom</i> |
| Wednesday 12th July | - | Sponsored Family Fun Run Fundraiser (am only) |
| Friday 14th July | - | Year 4 visit to Colchester Castle |
| Friday 14th July | - | Reports out to parents & carers |
| Monday 17th July | - | Spirit of the Wild visit to the school to Reception & KS1 |
| Monday 17th July | - | Year 5/6 Dress rehearsal to the school of Olivia (1.30pm) |
| Tuesday 18th July | - | Year 5/6 Performance to parents/carers of Olivia (6pm) |
| Thursday 20th July | - | PTA Danceathon Fundraising Event |
| Friday 21st July | - | Leavers Service 9.30am in St Mary's Church |
| Friday 21st July | - | Last Day of School Year—1.30pm Finish |