

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 16th June 2023

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Attendance Weekly 97.6%

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,



Sponsored Family Fun Run

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the St Mary's **Sponsored Family Fun Run** will take place on **Wednesday 12th July**. Key Stage 1 pupils (in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes) and Key Stage 2 pupils (in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 classes) will complete their Family Fun Run altogether **in the morning**.

For this exciting event, we are inviting our amazing pupils and their parents/carers and friends of the school to fully challenge themselves and run as many laps of our Fun Run Course as they can. We would ask that each child (and family member) is sponsored to complete as many laps as possible. The more laps each runner completes, the more funds are raised. Fancy dress is strongly encouraged.

Each lap is 250 metres, so 4 laps mean that each runner will have run 1000 metres (1kilometre).

There will be refreshing water stations available throughout this Sponsored Fun Run event and yummy biscuits for all at the end. We will also sell bacon butties and tea and coffee for adults at the end. Furthermore, all runners will receive a special medal for participating and there will be an amazing trophy prize for the class which raises the most money overall. Good luck - go for it!

Throughout this week we have been asked by a lot of parents/carers to share the fundraising link for each class. Please find these below along with the link to the main fundraising page.

Main page <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrun2023>

Reception <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrunreception>

Year 1 <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrun1>

Year 2 <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrun2>

Year 3 <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrun3>

Year 4 <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrun4>

Year 5 <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrun5>

Year 6 <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrun6>



Please click the orange 'Fundraise For Us' button for your year group, then choose the first option 'Raise funds For Us' button on the right-hand side to create your own fundraising page for your child, which you can use to share with friends and family. (You will need to create an account by using an email address and creating a password)

The children are very excited about the chance to raise the most money for their class from this event and win the 2023 Family Fun Run Class Trophy along with their special individual trophies. Each Fun Run participant will also receive a special medal from the school on the day.

If you need any help with your sponsorship, please let the office team know. Alternatively, if you would like to have a paper sponsorship form, please pop into the school office to pick one up.

PTA Quiz Night

Everyone is very excited about tonight's PTA quiz, which is taking place from 7pm this evening in the school hall! HUGES thanks to Neil and Ada - our PTA Co-Chairs - for putting this all together, especially during this extremely busy time of year! Funds raised will cover the costs of the evening, as well as topping up our fundraising total for the school year. Tickets include the PTA's famous cheese & crackers and there will also be a licensed bar selling alcoholic and soft drinks throughout the evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for the parents of St Mary's to come together for some fun! We look forward to seeing you there!



At the time of writing, **eight tables** worth of tickets have been sold - including a teachers table - and the staff are determined to make a good showing following their hard-fought victory last year.

Thanks to Mr John Griffiths, the dad of one of our new Co-Chairs, for acting as this evening's Quiz Master. Thank you also to Mr Sam Le Roche for acting as Master of Ceremonies tonight. We very much appreciate John and Sam's support of the school. I wish them both the very best of luck tonight—trying to keep all of those noisy adults in line! Believe me... Our pupils are child's play in comparison!

Recent PTA Funding

Recently the PTA have kindly agreed to fund some new bikes and trikes for our reception and key stage 1 pupils as well as some new reading books for key stage 2 pupils.

As ever, we simply could not be without all of this outstanding fundraising. Thanks on behalf of everyone at St Mary's!

Careers Month

As you will know, June is Careers Month at St Mary's. Therefore, throughout this month we have invited some of our parents and carers and friends of the school to come in to talk to our pupils about their careers. This week we have had two of our parents/carers visit the school to deliver talks to our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils.

First up was Mr Marc Walker, who delivered a fascinating talk about his career as a journalist. Mr Walker talked to the children about shorthand, the Guttenberg Printing Press, about newspapers and why they are important and also how his career has developed. It was lovely to see the volume of questions that the children wanted to ask.



Towards the end of the week Mr Andrew Mynott, who is a Drug Safety Specialist, came in to talk to our Year 6 pupils about his interesting job as a member of the pharmaceutical industry: ensuring that medicines are safe for people to use. His job, which involves lots of logical thinking and analysing data, sounds very complex indeed! The Year 6 pupils found this talk engaging and stimulating. Next week we will have some further career talks to share with you all!

A massive thank you to Mr Mynott and Mr Walker for sharing their valuable time with us.

Class Photographs - Ordering Online

Kittle Photography visited school recently to take Class photos. All pupils were issued with a ticket to bring home to parents/carers which tells you how to order their class photo online. To receive free delivery to the school, orders must be placed no later than **29th June, 2023**. Orders after the 29th June will be subject to a delivery charge.

If your child did not come home with a ticket and you would like to order a photograph, please contact the school office by emailing info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk or calling the school office on 01799 523384.

Healthier Together - a community initiative

The Healthier Together programme relies upon patients and healthcare professionals working together to improve how local healthcare is delivered. The website provides advice for parents, young people and pregnant women, and clinical resources to support healthcare professionals.

Further details can be found here: www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk

Playmobil



The school is looking for any unwanted playmobil. If you have some at home that your child no longer wants, please think about donating it to the school. Donations can be brought in via the School Office.

Many thanks
Jo Crocker





Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term:

- 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
- 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
- Wednesday 5th July - Sports Day—see poster for timings
- Friday 7th July - Reception Graduation (in the school hall) at 9am
- Monday 10th July - Moving up session meet the Teacher
Y1 and Y2 at 3.15 – 3.30 in Y1 and Y2 classrooms
Y3 3.30 – 3.45 in Y3 classroom*
- Tuesday 11th July - Moving up session meet the Teacher
Y4 and Y5 at 3.15 – 3.30 in Y4 and Y5 classrooms
Y6 3.30 – 3.45 in Y6 classroom*
- 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 (timings TBC)
- Friday 21st July - Last Day of School Year—1.30pm Finish

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