

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 9th June 2023

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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,

This week's newsletter is mainly about our whole school **Fundraising efforts** over the next few months, as well as some information about **Carers Week** and the **Stoke College Summer Camp**.

Fundraising - Why we're raising money!

This year we are seeking to raise funds (£20,000) towards our new building project which is due to take place in the next few weeks and will continue throughout the Summer holiday period. This exciting development will be taking place at the rear of the school - where we are building two new HUGE Independent Learning Spaces. One will be directly linked to the rear of the school with a newly constructed pathway down to the school field. The other Learning Space will be located at the edge of the Lower Meadow close to the steps from our playground. Both of these new Learning Spaces will be over 42 square metres in size —so just over 85 square metres of new learning zones will be added to the school site! I am sure that you will agree that this new development will be amazing for our pupils as well as our whole school community!



What will this development include?

These two new Independent Learning Spaces will include: the creation of a new school library, some intervention spaces to allow for 1:1 and group work for all pupils. There will also be a parent and carers workshop area (so we can deliver bespoke training sessions to our school community before, during and after school) and there will also be some new toilet facilities, a Pastoral and Inclusion Office/ intervention area and a new interactive SEND room which will give us so much more capacity in our lovely school.

Fundraising time—how can you help?

The school has managed to secure just over **£180,000** of funding for these vital and exciting building works—but we still need even more, as we all know that due to inflation the costs of just about everything has gone up substantially over the last year or so. Therefore the school would like to raise an additional **£20,000** so that we can properly furnish and complete these works to the desired high standard (including the new link to Learning Area 1 where the new school library will be located).

Therefore, over the next few terms, the school (supported by the fantastic efforts of our PTA and our two Year 6 Fundraising Ambassadors Amelia and Will—pictured above) are going to carry out a number of fundraising events so that we can raise the additional £20,000.



How are we going to raise additional funds for our school?

The first event booked for this term will be the PTA organised Quiz Night (which is taking place on Friday 16th June, from 7pm in the school hall. Thank you to everyone who has already bought a ticket to this important event. Check the PTA Classlist for any available tickets to this really fun and engaging event.



What other fundraising have we got planned?

Following this, we have set aside a date for the **St Mary's Sponsored Family Fun Run (2023)** which is back by popular demand!

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**.



We are inviting our amazing pupils and their parents/ carers and friends of the school to fully challenge themselves to run as many laps of our **Sponsored 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 Fun Run lap is 250 metres, so 4 laps means that each runner will have run 1000 metres (1kilometre). Anyone who runs 12 laps will have run 3000 metres (or 3k); anyone who runs 20 laps will have run 5000 metres (5k).



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.



In today's newsletter we are sending out a special link to our Investmycommunity Fun Run Sponsorship page which you can access here: <https://app.investmycommunity.com/funrun2023>

If you click on the link above and then scroll down to the bottom you will find fundraising pages for each class in our school. 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



I hope you have a fantastic weekend—don't forget to check out our informative Class Updates as well as the Diary Dates, which are on the very last page of this newsletter!

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

Carers Week 5th – 11th June

This week is Carers Week, which is an annual event supporting informal carers.



A carer is anyone who looks after a family member or friend who has a disability, mental or physical illness, addiction, or who needs extra help as they grow older.

Caring's impact on all aspects of life from relationships and health to finances and work can be significant.

Whilst many feel that caring is one of the most important things they do for their family members or friends, its challenges should not be underestimated. Caring without the right information and support can be tough.

Young carers (someone aged 25 or under who cares for a friend or family member who cannot cope without their support) might carry out practical tasks, like cooking, housework, and shopping. They may also provide physical care and emotional support to the person they are looking after. Young carers could be managing the family budget and collecting prescriptions, helping someone communicate or take medicine.

For further details visit www.carersweek.org for support locally please visit Action for Family Carers: www.affc.org.uk



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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—timings TBC
- Friday 7th July - Reception Graduation (in the school hall) at 9am
- 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 - Last Day of School Year—1.30pm Finish
- 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 (leavers at 10.30am)

** new or amended items added are in blue*