

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 5th May 2023

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Attendance Weekly 96.1%

Attendance Year 94.5 %



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

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

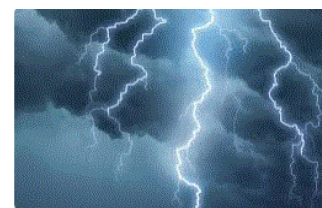
Compassion

Perseverance

Respect

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Welcome to this weeks newsletter. As you know we normally send these out every Friday (or the last day of a term, if this ends on a different day!), however, as you may be aware, the huge lightning strike which occurred in the vicinity of the school on Friday knocked out our servers as well as our internet connection—which included our school telephone systems—so it was a rather eventful end to last week! Thankfully we are now up and running again and all systems have been restored—thanks to our amazing technical support team at Computer Talk—who worked throughout the Bank Holiday weekend to rectify these issues.



Once again, I would like to thank you for your patience and support in this matter throughout Friday, whilst we were working on these challenges.

Attendance

"Improving attendance is everyone's business. The barriers to accessing education are wide and complex, both within and beyond the school gates, and are often specific to individual pupils and families. The foundation of securing good attendance is that school is a calm, orderly, safe, and supportive environment where all pupils want to be and are keen and ready to learn". (Quote from the working together to improve school attendance document.)

Attendance and punctuality are both very important at St Mary's Primary School. If you are concerned about your child's attendance please speak to their class teacher in the first instance



Coronation Celebrations



On Friday, the children had a fantastic celebratory lunch to mark the King's upcoming coronation and the hall was beautifully decorated in red white and blue as well as a host of Union jack flags. You can see some of the photos later in this newsletter. To mark the important occasion, the PTA have very kindly gifted each child with a celebratory bookmark to keep as a souvenir. Please note that the bookmark is made from recycled leather, which promotes the Kings sustainability ethos and also is particularly appropriate as this is The Essex Year of Reading which is a countywide campaign created to help children and young people discover a lifelong love of reading and ensure every

Essex child can read at their age level or better.

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.

06.06.23 Saffron Walden Hospital Clinic Room in Outpatient Department 15.30- 17.00

The Next Chapter

Next Chapter provide free and confidential services to support people who are currently experiencing, or have previously experienced domestic abuse.

They are passionate about ensuring that every person has the opportunity to live their life free from domestic abuse. You can contact them on 0330 333 7 444 or 01206 500585 or visit the website: www.thenextchapter.org.uk



On Friday, I notified the parents of pupils in Year 2 (Caterpillar class) of the sad news that Miss Allin (our Year 2 class teacher and RE/Worship Leader) will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term. Miss Allin will be moving to a new teaching post in September, which is closer to her home. Therefore, the school is now recruiting for this role and we will keep you updated when a new teacher has been recruited.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Allin all the best for the future in her new role, and to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

I hope you find this week's newsletter informative. Please don't forget to check out our class updates—which is sent out as a separate document.

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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





Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term:

Monday 1st May	-	Spring Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May	-	King's Coronation Celebrations
Monday 8th May	-	Bank Holiday (for King Charles' Coronation)
Wednesday 10th May	-	Reception, Years 1-3 Coram Life Education Zoom Meeting
Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May	-	SATS Week (for Year 6 pupils)
	-	Year 5 Residential Trip
Thursday 18th May	-	Ascension Day (and assembly)
	-	KS1 Multi Skills Event
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May	-	Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 24th May	-	Fit4Kids workshop (all classes)
Tuesday 6th June	-	Reception 2023/2024 Parent Information Meeting (9.30)
Friday 16th June	-	PTA Quiz
Friday 30th June	-	Year 6 Secondary School Taster Day
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
Thursday 20th July	-	PTA Danceathon
Friday 21st July	-	Last Day of School Year—1.30pm Finish

** new or amended items added are in blue*

