



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Parent Newsletter

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A belated welcome back to the Spring term which, being shorter than the other terms, means it has been a very busy few weeks. This term sees our Parents' Evenings which will take place at the beginning of March. Further details are provided in the panel below.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings for the Spring term will be held on 7th and 8th March and you will be able to book a time for one of these evenings at the school office from **Monday 12th February**. They provide an excellent opportunity for you to discuss the progress that your child has made so far and for us to share and set targets to support further progress during the remainder of the year. We will also have a range of your child's work available to look at and discuss. We look forward to seeing you on one of these evenings.

Important Dates

A reminder of term dates for the remainder of the year:
Half-term begins: Friday 16th February
Children return: Monday 26th February
Spring term ends: Thursday 29th March
Summer term begins: Monday 16th April
Local Elections: Thursday 3rd May – closed to pupils
Half-term begins: Friday 25th May
Children return: Monday 4th June
Summer term ends: Friday 20th July
Children return for 2017/18 academic year: Tuesday 4th September

Key Dates – Spring 2018 onwards

Tuesday 13 th February	3Falcons parent evening 3.40pm-5pm
Wednesday 14 th February	3Falcons parent evening 3.40-5pm
Thursday 15 th February	3Falcons parent evening 3.40-5pm
Wednesday 14 th February	1S class assembly 9am
Thursday 15 th February	1P class assembly 9am
Thursday 15 th February	Encourage church service 2.30pm
Friday 16 th February	Inspire church service 9.30am
Monday – Friday 19 – 23 February	– school closed half term holiday
Wednesday 7 th March	Reception class assembly 9am
Wednesday 7 th March	Parent consultation meetings 3.30-6pm
Thursday 8 th March	Reception class assembly 9am
Thursday 8 th March	Parent consultation meetings 3.30-6pm
Tuesday 13 th March	Parent Autism group 9.15-10.30am
19-23 March	Book fair
Thursday 22 nd March	4Dolpins class assembly 9am
Wednesday 28 th March	4S class assembly 9am
Thursday 29 th March	Inspire church service 9.30am
Thursday 29 th March	Encourage church service 2.30pm
Friday 30 th March	School closed for Easter holidays
Monday 16 th April	school re-opens to pupils

Safeguarding

The school takes its safeguarding duty very seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, then you must contact the school or the Birmingham Children's Advice Service on 0121-303-1888 in confidence.

A Prayer

The school is continuing on its journey to achieving the **UNICEF Rights Respecting Award**. This month's prayer reflects this:
 Dear God,
 Thank you for the opportunities you have given to us to grow and learn in our school community. Guide us to show kindness and compassion to all of those we meet so we can work together for the common good.
 Amen.

Attendance

Our attendance figure to date is 96.1%. A reminder that late children report to the office and not the classroom doors. The current figures are below:

RKoalas	94.6%	RWallabies	92.2%
1Penguins	95.7%	1Seals	95.2%
2Foxes	96.4%	2Hedgehogs	97.2%
3Eagles	95.7%	3Falcons	97.9%
4Dolphins	97.9%	4Starfish	97.8%
5Giraffes	95.8%	5Lions	95.5%
6Tigers	97.8%		

Winter Weather

A further reminder of the procedures we will follow in the event of adverse weather. **The first step is to assume that school is open unless you are informed otherwise.** In the event of a closure we will inform you through text message, the school website, Twitter and e-mail by 7.15am.

Mrs Shore

Mrs Shore begins her maternity leave next Friday and we are sure you will join us in wishing her well for the next few weeks and we look forward to hearing happy news very soon. Mrs Precious-Li will be taking 3Falcons for the remainder of the academic year later this month.

Friends of St Mary's

The school owes a huge debt of gratitude to FOSM. Last week's fair was a huge success raising a total of £1,593 which will directly benefit children in the school. Thanks to all who came along to support this. Special thanks go to Mrs Hartley, Year 5 parents and FOSM volunteers. FOSM are already planning for next year and are seeking parents who may be interested in taking on a committee and organising role from September. Please contact the school if this is something you are interested in and we can provide more information.



