



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Parent Newsletter

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Parents' Evenings

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended these earlier this month – the attendance rate was 89% which was the highest we have had for some time. We hope it was useful and provided information on your child's progress and the areas they will be working on for the rest of the academic year.

Further thanks to all who supported our book fair which was held at the same time. It raised over £1000 in sales which in turn generated over £500 of free books for the school – these will be used to replenish the stock in our library areas. Thanks to Mrs Peat, our librarian, for her excellent work in organising this event.

Attendance

Our attendance figure to date is **96.8%**. A reminder that classroom doors open at 8.50am and close at 9.00am. Roadworks on Bristol Road, Harborne Lane and Chapel Lane mean that there will be delays in the local areas for some months so please allow extra time for your journey if you do not walk or cycle to school.

Our current attendance figures are below:

R Moles	93.3%	R Badgers	96.4%
1 Wallabies	96.9%	1 Koalas	97.6%
2 Penguins	96.3%	2 Seals	97.7%
3 Turtles	98.0%	3 Whales	96.8%
4 Eagles	97.7%	4 Falcons	97.8%
5 Dolphins	97.5%	5 Starfish	97.9%
6 Giraffes	95.9%	6 Lions	95.7%

Nut Allergies

We have several children in school who have allergies to nuts of different kinds and for this reason we do not serve any food containing nuts or that has been prepared in an environment where they may be present.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please make sure that it follows the same guidelines as we do for our meals and that items or products containing nuts are not part of the lunch.

Medicines in Schools

If your child requires medication to be taken during the school day, it is essential that you contact the school office in advance of this so they can supply you with the appropriate consent form.

Term Dates 2019/20

Aut 1: Tues 3rd September – Fri 25th October 2019
Aut 2: Tues 5th November – Fri 20th December 2019
Spr 1: Tues 7th January – Fri 14th February 2020
Spr 2: Tues 25th February – Friday 3rd April 2020
Sum 1: Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May 2020
Sum 2: Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July 2020

Staff training days (where school will be closed) are:

Monday 2nd September 2019; Monday 4th November 2019
Monday 6th January 2020; Monday 24th February 2020
Monday 20th July 2020.

An Easter Prayer

Dear God,

O Lord Jesus Christ, help us learn how to carry Your teachings into our daily lives.

Give us the courage to stand up against the things that come between You and us.

Help us to be confident and trusting in our quest to lead a good life. Amen

Easter Activity Morning at St Mary's Church

This is taking place on Saturday 20th April between 10.00 and 11.30. All are welcome to come along.

Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)

We are currently exploring the possibility of using funds raised so far this year to build a new climbing frame in the Frederick Road playground, more information will follow soon.

Planning will soon get underway for the Summer Fair and we are looking for local businesses to donate raffle prizes. If you own a local business or have good contacts with one, we would be delighted to discuss this with you. Please contact the school for further details.

Parking

Once more we have had a near collision between a car and a pupil on Lodge Hill Road recently and we continue to see a minority of parents parking in a dangerous and inconsiderate manner.

The local PCSOs have stepped up their patrols of the roads outside school and they encourage any parent who sees illegal and dangerous parking to contact the local police who can then take action.

Online Safety

The last month or so has seen several stories in the media about the risks and dangers of young people accessing inappropriate content online. Please make sure that you monitor your child's online activity closely, especially the age-appropriateness of the material they access, games they are playing and the people who they are engaging with online.

Safeguarding

The school takes its safeguarding duty very seriously and 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. This number must also be used if you suspect any unlawful or inappropriate contact has taken place with either your child (or other children) online.

Important Dates**(these dates may be subject to change)**

Monday 1st April	4 Falcons to King Edward School
Thursday 4th April	4 Eagles class assembly 9.10am
Friday 5th April	Inspire congratulations assembly 2.45pm
Monday 8th April	Encourage Easter assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 9th April	Inspire Easter assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 9th April	Easter lunch (separate letter sent – deadline for orders is 2nd April).
Wednesday 10th April	4 Falcons class assembly
Wednesday 10th April	Y2 SATs workshop 2.30pm
Thursday 11th April	Church service 2.30pm Inspire group (parents welcome)
Friday 12th April	Church service 9.30am Encourage group (parents welcome)
Monday 15th – Friday 26th April	School closed for Easter holidays
Monday 29th April	School re-opens
Friday 3rd May	Encourage assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 8th May	3 Turtles class assembly 9am
Thursday 9th May	3 Whales class assembly 9am
Friday 10th May	Inspire assembly 2.45pm
Monday 13th – Friday 17th May	Y6 SATs week
Monday 13 – Friday 24th May	Y4 Falcons swimming at University of Birmingham
Friday 17th May	Encourage assembly 2.45pm
Friday 24th May	Inspire Church service 9.30am (parents welcome)
Friday 24th May	Encourage Church service 2.30pm (parents welcome)
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May	School closed for Half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens
Monday 3rd – Friday 14th June	Y4 Eagles swimming at University of Birmingham
Wednesday 5th June	School class photos
Monday 10th – Friday 14th June	Bikeability for Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 12th June	1 Wallabies class assembly 9am
Thursday 13th June	1 Koalas class assembly 9am
Friday 14th June	Year 1 charity event
Friday 14th June	Encourage assembly 2.45pm
Friday 21st June	Year 2 charity event
Friday 21st June	Inspire assembly 2.45pm
Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th June	Y6 Giraffes to Viney Hill
Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June	Y6 Lions to Viney Hill
Wednesday 24th June	Y4 visit to Somerville Primary School
Thursday 27th June	2 Seals class assembly 9am
Friday 28th June	Encourage assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 3rd July	2 Penguins class assembly 9am
Monday 8th July	Y6 leavers service at St Martins 11.15am
Friday 12th July	Inspire congratulations assembly 9am
Friday 12th July	FOSM (Friends of St Mary's) SUMMER FAIR
Friday 19th July	Leavers Church service 9.30am
Monday 22nd July	School CLOSED to pupils – teacher training day
Tuesday 23rd July	Summer holidays – School closed

