



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Parent Newsletter

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A belated welcome back to the Spring term. Already it has proved to be a busy one with several trips and visits taking place as well as seeing our pupils represent us in a variety of competitions. This term is always one where we really begin to see strong gains made by children in terms of their progress having had a good foundation given to them during the Autumn term. For this reason, we strongly encourage you to attend one of our Parents' Evenings in early March to see how well your child is doing. Further details are provided in the panel below.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings for the Spring term will be held on 1st and 2nd March and you will be able to book a time for one of these evenings at the school office from **Monday 6th 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. These sessions are always very important and 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 17th February
Children return: Monday 27th February
Spring term ends: Friday 7th April
Summer term begins: Monday 24th April
Local Elections: Thursday 4th May – closed to pupils
Half-term begins: Friday 26th May
Children return: Monday 5th June
Summer term ends: Friday 21st July
Children return for 2017/18 academic year:
 Wednesday 6th September

Key Dates – Spring 2017 onwards

Thursday 2 nd February	Bags 4 Rags collection
Thursday 9 th February	3D class assembly
Thursday 9 th February	3pm Viney Hill Parent meeting
Friday 10 th February	Non uniform day
Friday 10 th February	3.20 KS1 FOSM Disco
	4.45pm KS2 FOSM Disco
Thursday 16 th February	Y2 fundraising event
Friday 17 th February	NO congrats assembly
Monday 20 th February	Half term break
Monday 27 th February	School reopens
Monday 27 th February	Book fair all week
Wednesday 1 st March	3S Class assembly
Wednesday 1 st March	parent consultations 3.30pm
Thursday 2 nd March	parent consultations 3.30pm
Tuesday 7 th March	YR trip to Wonderland
Friday 17 th March	FOSM 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Wednesday 22 nd March	RZ Class assembly
Thursday 23 rd March	RE Class assembly
Friday 31 st March	Y1 fundraising event

A Prayer

The school has just embarked on its journey to achieving the **UNICEF Rights Respecting Award**. This month's prayer reflects this:
 Dear God,
 We thank you for the people who have gone before and showed us the way,
 For those who refused to give up when times became hard and for those who gave their lives for what they believed in.
 We pray for all who continue to work for peace and justice, seeking to follow the teaching and example of your Son, Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

Attendance

Our attendance figure to date is 96.8%. A reminder that any late children are to report to the office and not the classroom doors as office staff must have an accurate picture of attendance each day. The current figures are below:

Zebbras: 94.1 %	Elephants: 96.5%
Foxes: 95.8%	Hedgehogs: 98.0%
Robins: 95.7%	Bluebirds: 96.9%
Dolphins: 97.3%	Starfish: 97.6%
Giraffes: 97.9%	Lions: 95.6%
Tigers: 98.4%	Monkeys: 97.3%

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 7.15 at the latest. These are the quickest methods of communication and would advise you to access one of these sources in the first instance. We will also leave a message on the school's main telephone number (option 3).

Farewell

Mrs Beckett is going to be leaving us at the end of this half-term having served the school so well for many years. She is off to warmer and sunnier climes and we wish her every happiness in the future and thank her for everything she has done for so many children at St Mary's.

Christingle at St Mary's Church

The Christingle service is being held on Sunday 5th February at 4.30pm. All are most welcome to attend. www.stmaryssellyoak.org



