



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Parent Newsletter

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A brief but eventful term comes to an end today, not least with continued poor weather and the two-day closure at the start of the month - we'd like to thank you for your support as we know closures can be difficult situations for parents to manage. The recent parents' evenings and today's church services were both well-attended and showed the home/school partnership at its best. We wish you a peaceful Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back in a (hopefully) warmer summer term.

Attendance

Our attendance figure to date is **96%**. 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:

R Wallabies	92.5%	R Koalas	93.7%
1 Penguins	95.6%	1 Seals	95.3%
2 Foxes	96.4%	2 Hedgehogs	96.9%
3 Eagles	96.0%	3 Falcons	97.7%
4 Dolphins	97.4%	4 Starfish	97.7%
5 Lions	95.3%	5 Giraffes	95.4%
6 Tigers	97.8%		

Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)

FOSM's excellent fundraising work has enabled us to purchase new resources for our Forest School area and some electronic dictionaries and thesaurus for use by our older pupils. We are looking for volunteers for the discos next term and to serve on the committee during the 2018/19 academic year and would be pleased to hear from any family members interested in supporting the important work of the group.

Term Dates 2018/19

Aut 1: Tues 4th September – Fri 26th October 2018
Aut 2: Tues 6th November – Fri 21st December 2018
Spr 1: Tues 8th January – Fri 15th February 2019
Spr 2: Tues 26th February – Thurs 11th April 2019
Sum 1: Mon 29th April – Fri 24th May 2019
Sum 2: Mon 3rd June – Fri 19th July 2019

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

Monday 3rd September 2018; Monday 5th November 2018
Monday 7th January 2019; Monday 25th February 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019

Term dates for the remainder of this year can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy to join our lunchtime team from next term. The post is a permanent one, Monday to Friday (term time only) between 11.35 and 1.30. If you are interested, application forms will be available from the school office from Monday 16th April.

An Easter Prayer

Dear God,
Blessed are you, Lord our God. We thank you for all of your springtime gifts and we ask you to help us to be kind to our earth and all of creation. Teach us to recognise the wonders of this time and to help make the world a place of and peace. Amen

Easter Events at St Mary's Church

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm: holy communion with the blessed oils, stripping of the altar and Watch.
Good Friday 12-3: Reflections round the Cross.
Holy Saturday 10-11.30am: Children's craft morning.
Easter Sunday 8am/10am: Holy Communion

Parking

You will be aware that we had a near collision between a car and a pupil on Lodge Hill Road. Despite this, we are still seeing a minority of parents parking in a dangerous and inconsiderate manner. We continue to ask that parents park with safety at the forefront of their mind so we do not have a repeat of this distressing incident in the future.

Successes and Achievements

We are always looking for opportunities to make St Mary's a better place so it always pleasing when our work is recognised by those beyond the school. Last month we received a letter from Nick Gibb MP (Schools Minister) congratulating us on our standards in Maths at the end of Year 6 in 2017 and last week the school was awarded Silver status for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Award. The latter is something we have been working towards for over a year now and, under the leadership of Mrs Joel, has had a significant impact on our school. We now begin our journey to Gold status. These successes, along with the excellent ambassadorial qualities shown by the Year 5/6 children who went skiing in Switzerland last week, have brought us a great deal of pride in recent weeks. Well done to all concerned.

Congratulations...to Miss Bulmer who is getting married during the holidays. We hope she has a fantastic day and wish her and her husband every happiness for the future. We welcome her back as Mrs Woods from the start of next term.

Important Dates

Friday 30 th March	School closed for Easter holidays
Monday 16 th April	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 20 th April	FOSM Disco -3.20-4.30pm - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 see separate letter
Friday 20 th April	FOSM Disco – 4.45-6.00pm -Y3,4,5, & 6 see separate letter
Wednesday 25 th April	3E class assembly 9am
Thursday 26 th April	3F class assembly 9am
Thursday 3 rd May	School CLOSED – Elections
Monday 14 th -Friday18 th May	SATs week
Monday 14 th – Friday 25 th May	Swimming Year 4 Dolphins
Friday 25 th May	Church Service – at St Mary’s Church - Inspire (RW, 1P,2H,3F,4D,5G,6T)
Friday 25 th May	Church Service – at St Mary’s Church - Encourage (RK,1S,2F,3E,4S,5L)
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	School CLOSED – Half Term holiday
Monday 4 th - Friday 15 th June	Swimming Year 4 Starfish
Wednesday 6 th June	Class photos
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd June	Bikeability Y5 & Y6
Thursday 21 st June	Senior choir concert 4pm
Friday 29 th June – Monday 2 nd July	PGL residential visit for Y5 & Y6
Monday 9 th July	Y6 leaver service 11.15am
Wednesday 11 th July	KS1 sports day
Thursday 12 th July	KS2 sports day
Friday 20 th July	School finishes for summer holiday at 3.20pm/3.30pm

