

St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Greation

Friday 9th September 2021

Newsletter 01

Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

Headteacher's Message

It has been wonderful to welcome everybody back to school this week. We have loved seeing the children back in school, with smiles on their faces. The children are settling well into their new classes and new learning routines. They have enjoyed seeing the upgrades and improvements to the school that have been going on over the summer. It has been especially pleasing to note how well our new Ducklings Class have settled into St.Mary's. Seeing all of the excited faces in Ducklings each day they have arrived at school has been a

We are delighted to announce that our on-site nursery has officially joined the school! 'Hedgehogs' Nursery will be an additional class in the school. We are looking forward to having the Hedgehogs join the Ducklings, Rabbits, Badgers, Foxes, Lions and Eagles in the St Mary's family.

I had written this before the sad news broke that our Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, had died yesterday. Both in classrooms and in our Collective Worship this morning, we have paid our respects to our incredible Monarch - remembering the joy of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations earlier this year, and acknowledging our own feelings of sadness at her passing. There will be many opportunities for us all to demonstrate our Christian Values in the coming days and weeks, as we support each other with Compassion, Friendship, Courage and Respect, and go forward as a nation with our new King leading us.

Mrs Parsons

Wellies

Please can all children have a pair of named wellies in school at all times. We have lots of storage to keep them safe and this means that the children can use our fabulous grounds all year round without ruining their lovely new school shoes! If you have any unwanted wellies that your children have grown out of, we would really appreciate donations for spares.

House Points Winners



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to the whole school this week, attendance has been superb!! thank you all.

Clubs

We are looking forward to an enhanced club offer this year. There are 13 different clubs available starting next week. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and will be available on Parentpay. Clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm (unless stated). Please note that many of the clubs are lunchtime clubs, to enable a broad and rich offer for all children. As part of a continued effort to widen opportunities for children, some clubs are run by external providers. Continuing from last academic year, the school is subsidising the cost of the external provider clubs, which means we are asking for a blanket £1 per week for every club (50p for lunchtime clubs). This will hopefully allow for more children to attend after school clubs and hopefully, it will allow the cost of the external providers to be covered. No refunds will be allocated after the clubs have beaun.



Office News:

Please see attached list of term dates for the next school year.

School Lunches

We have a new lunch management system in place, which means it is more important than ever that parents book their child in for a school lunch, from w/c 19th September lunch ordering must be done by Friday midday for the following week. If you do not have a ParentPay login, or are having trouble accessing it, please let the school office know.

Car Park

Our car park gate is now automated but will be held open during drop off and pick up for pupils to access the bike rack.

Communication

There are several ways we communicate with our parents / carers.

- Seesaw will be used for both class communication and the Office.
- Parentpay It is extremely important that all parents have access to Parentpay. We will use this to communicate all events, letters, announcements, club information and many other things you need to be aware of.
- Teachers bring the children out at the end of the day are available then if you need to speak to them directly.
- A member of the Leadership team is on the gate every morning and also at the of the

- day should you wish to discuss anything with them.
- The school office is open from 8.15am to 4pm every day, pop in and see us and we will do our best to help!
- If you would prefer to email, please use office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk and we will forward your email to the relevant member of staff.
- Answer machine or telephone call 01761 470245

Data Collection forms

These have been sent home with your child/ren. Please check the details we hold on file for your child/ren (including contact details for yourself and any other family members listed), amend if necessary, SIGN THE BACK OF THE FORM and return to the school office as soon as possible. It is a requirement that we ask you to do this at the start of each school year. Many thanks.

Packed Lunches

Please see link below for some healthy ideas for lunchboxes brought into school

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

Please also see the attached letter sent home this week regarding a new member of staff who has a severe airborne nut allergy.

Parents Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a parents' coffee morning on Thursday 29th September. We are planning on hosting one each term, starting with a SEND coffee morning. Future coffee morning themes will include internet safety, play and mental health. Other suggestions are warmly welcomed. All parents are welcome to join us to ask any questions about SEND, our approach at St. Mary's and specific time to talk to the SEND team. This will be an informal event around a cup of coffee/tea and some cake with time to chat and mingle. It would be great to see lots of you at this event.

Ducklings



Class News:

Congratulations to our brand new little Ducklings on completing their first week at school. First day nerves have subsided fast as the children have begun to get to know their new teachers, environment and peers really well.

This week has been all about our first class text The *Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas. We have explored lots of different emotions and talked about how colours make us feel. From the calm of green to the love of pink, the children thought of some great words to describe how they were feeling. Maybe have a go at home too.

All of the children have taken starting school in their stride this week and we cannot wait to see how they grow together as a class this year. Well done Ducklings - a fantastic start for you all! Mrs Winney





Rabbits



Class News:

Wow! What a great first week Rabbit Class has had. They have settled back into school brilliantly and have risen to the challenge of year one.

In Maths we have been busy sorting different objects, this helped us get to know everything in our classroom. We have had our first Forest School session where the class learnt the forest school rules and had great fun making homes for little animals.

The children have made me feel so welcome, giving me a tour of the school and helping me learn the values of St Mary's. I have been so impressed with the class's kindness towards each other and their team work. It is going to be a great year!

Mrs Roberts

Badgers



Class News:

What a super start the Badgers have made to the new school year! I have been so impressed by the calm, confident way they have come into school each day and how well they have settled into their new classroom and new routines.

We have got stuck into our learning and in Maths, we have enjoyed learning about statistics and how to present information in tally charts and pictograms. In Forest School, the children explored the wonderful outdoor area we have here at St Mary's and joined in with a number of outdoor games and activities.

I am looking forward to meeting you all through the rest of the term and at the Year 2 Parent Meeting next week (Thursday 15th Sept).

Mrs Brown



Foxes Class



Class News:

What an amazing start Foxes have made to the new school year! I have been so impressed by the way they have settled into year three and how well they have learnt their new school routines.

In Maths, we have enjoyed learning about statistics and how to present and interpret information in pictograms and bar charts. In Art, the children have been learning about *Austin's Butterfly* to illuminate the power of critique to consider how each draft can be improved. The children then began drawing their shoe (in four drafts) using a range of artistic techniques to show the progress that is made from the first draft to the impressive final draft.

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon. Our Year 3 Parent Meeting is on Wednesday 21st September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. This will be a fantastic year for the Foxes!

Miss Neal



Lions





Class News:

What a fantastic start to the new academic year. The children all look taller and are ready to take on the new challenges this year will bring. We have enjoyed catching up with classmates and sharing our thoughts about the warm summer holidays.

In Maths, we have started this year looking at statistics where we have been investigating tables and timetables. We had great fun pretending to travel to different locations to help us embed our learning of how a timetable works.

During English lessons, we have reflected on what we would like to achieve this year and written a letter to our future self. We have also started to read our class text, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling.

We were fascinated to learn about Austin. He created many drafts drawing the same butterfly, improving each time, based on suggestions from his friends. We were amazed at the difference between his first draft to his final piece. Inspired by Austin and his friends, we have been drawing lions. I am impressed with how the children have used positive language alongside helpful comments to improve the sketches with each new draft. This has helped them become more resilient, well done Lions.

I am delighted to invite you to the Y4/5 Lion's Parent Meeting straight after school on Wednesday 14th September. This is a great opportunity to catch-up with you all and let you know about some of the exciting learning opportunities which your child can look forward to this year.

Mrs Hayward



Eagles





Our new Year 6 pupils have made a very promising start to their final year at St Mary's and are already showing that they possess the positive learning behaviours and high expectations that should make this a very successful finale to their primary years. July 2023 will come around all too soon and we will need to ensure that we make the most of every exciting opportunity that comes our way in between, beginning of course with our residential visit to PGL at Osmington Bay in a couple of weeks' time.

Having taught them before, albeit only up until the very first lockdown in March 2020 when our school year together took that unexpected turn, I know how good the teacher/pupil relationships are with this cohort. It's brilliant to have the opportunity to teach them again and indeed all of the new pupils too who have joined since then.

Our first few days together have been spent establishing the standards and expectations we have at St Mary's and the extra responsibilities that go along with being the eldest pupils in the school. Our new convocation of Eagles is definitely up for the challenge and we have every faith in them achieving their goals and finding the success they deserve.

In this first week, the children have enjoyed beginning our work on a whole school art project involving producing several versions of the same still-life picture, having received supportive critiques from their peers between each stage. And we also had fun at our first swimming session at Midsomer Norton Sports Centre.





A note about safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Thomson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Miss Guest or Mrs Purnell. The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Jeans for Genes!

We will be taking part in this year's 'Jeans for Genes' 2022 on Friday 16th September. We are taking part a week earlier than some other schools due to the year 6 trip to PGL next week. Jeans for Genes works with schools, companies and individuals all over the UK to provide services and support for the children and their families affected by genetic conditions. 1 in 25 children – on average one child per classroom - has a genetic condition that makes their life very challenging. Together, through fund and awareness raising, we can help make a real difference to their lives. All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans on Friday 16th September. We'd really love to see as many classes and students as possible in their jeans, so please encourage your child to come into school on the day wearing their jeans and with their £1 donation.

Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 1 onwards

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 12th September	Eagles Parent Expectation Meeting. 3:30pm	
Wednesday 14th September	Lions Parent Expectation meeting 3:30pm	
Thursday 15th September	Rabbits Parent Expectation meeting 3:30pm	
Thursday 15th September	Badgers Parent Expectation Meeting. 3:30pm	
Wednesday 21st September	Foxes Parent Expectation Meeting. 3:30pm	
Friday 16th September	Jeans for Genes Day	Whole School
Thursday 29th September	Parents coffee morning. SEND focus.	
Monday 19th September - Friday 23rd September 2022.	Year 6 Residential PGL Osmington Bay	
End of term 1	Thursday 20th October	
Inset Day	Friday 21st October	
Start of Term 2	Monday 31st October	



This term we will be focussing in school on the value COMMUNITY.

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore
the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER ABOUT COMMUNITY...

There are many different kinds of community and most of us are part of several. We may belong to a school, a church, a club or a village or town. Belonging to a community means that we are not just an individual, separate from everyone else, but we are in relationship with others.

- Which communities do you belong to?
- Why is it important to you that you belong to them?
- How would life be different if you did not belong?



The bread we eat

The 5 loaves that the boy in the Bible story gave to Jesus were made from barley. Most of the bread we eat is made from wheat, but bread can be made from a number of different grains and have all kinds of shapes.

Match the loaf shapes with their names:

tin, farmhouse, cob, bagel, baguette, bloomer, cottage



READ TOGETHER.

Jesus feeds 5000 people

nobody wanted to go home.

Everyone loved to see and listen to Jesus. So everywhere Jesus went, many people followed.

One day a very big crowd gathered to see Jesus -more than five thousand people! There were men, women and children everywhere: sitting on the grass, standing under the trees, all trying to catch a glimpse of Jesus and hear what he had to say. Later when he had finished teaching, Jesus went around meeting people. Everyone was having a great day and

But the discliples began to worry. "Jesus, you need to send these people away now," they said, "they are a long way from home and will soon be getting hungry and we don't have any food to give them."

"It's alright," Jesus said, "You can give them something to eat."

"How can we do that!" exclaimed his friends, "It would cost loads of money to feed all these people! One young boy has donated his lunch but 5 barley loaves of bread and 2 fish won't be nearly enough."

"Tell everyone to sit down ready for a picnic," said Jesus. Then he prayed to God "Thank you for this food," he said, before he gave the bread and fish to his friends to share among the crowd. They looked at each other mystified, knowing that the bread and fish would soon run out. But they began to hand out the food...and more food, until at last they realised that everyone was happily eating. "Where did all that bread and fish come from?" they wondered. "How did so little food manage to feed so many people?"

Later, when the crowd had gone home, Jesus' friends went round with baskets to pick up the leftovers. What an amazing day it had been. They had seen Jesus teach people, help people, and somehow turn 5 loaves and 2 fish into enough food for a feast that no one could ever forget!



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

'I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
Together we can do great things.'

Mother Teresa

Can you think of a task that can be done with others but not alone?



FAMILY FOCUS

I'm good at woodwork. I make things for our house.

I love gardening. I grow fruit and vegetables for everyone.

Think about Mother Teresa's words of wisdom (overleaf). What are the special gifts and talents of each member of your family?

How do each of you use your gifts and talents for the benefit of everyone in the family?

I enjoy painting. I make pictures and cards for presents

I like singing and making up plays. I put on shows for the family.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Become a Baker

Bake some loaves of bread or bread rolls together as a family. Eat some at home and take others to school. You can find a recipe by entering 'easy bread recipes' into a search engine.



FASCINATING FACTS About bread

Bread is perhaps the food most associated with community. For thousands of years it has been an essential part of the family diet. Bread is also part of many religious and cultural ceremonies.

Jewish families celebrate the start of Shabbat (the sabbath) by eating a special loaf called challah.



In Russia, when an important or respected guest arrives at someone's home, as a symbol of welcome they are presented with a loaf of bread with a salt shaker placed on top.

In Christian worship bread has a particular significance:

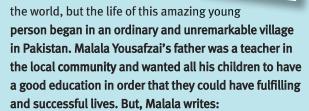
- As part of the service of holy communion, a loaf of bread is broken, shared and eaten to remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- Spiced and fruited hot cross buns (so called because of the cross across the top) are eaten in Lent, the period leading up to Easter.
- At Harvest Festival a loaf in the shape of a sheaf of corn is often a focal part of the decoration of the church.



HALL OF FAME

Malala Yousafzai

Malala is now so famous that her name is known right around



"Everything changed when the Taliban took control of our town in the Swat Valley. The extremists banned many things like owning a television and playing music - and enforced harsh punishments for those who defied their orders. And they said girls could no longer go to school. I spoke out publicly on behalf of girls and our right to learn. And this made me a target. In October 2012 on my way home from school, a masked gunman boarded my school bus and asked "Who is Malala?" He shot me on the left side of my head.

I woke up 10 days later in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The doctors and nurses told me about the attack and that I had been flown to the UK for medical treatment. They said that people around the world were praying for my recovery.

After months of surgeries and rehabilitation I knew I had a choice. I could live a *quiet* life or make the most of this *new* life. I determined to continue my fight until every girl could go to school."

Malala has been true to her word and in December 2014 she became the youngest ever Nobel Prizewinner in recognition of her work as a fearless and sacrificial campaigner for girls' education, not just in her own community but across the world.

Malala says "There is still a lot to do. Even today, 130 million girls across the globe do not have the opportunity to go to school."



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 12 September

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

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NHS Better Health August - September

Roald Dahl Day, 13 September

Children's Book Review 18 September Bathnes Libraries Blog











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25th November 2021

Term Dates Academic Year 2022/2023

Term 1

Thursday 1st September 2022 Friday 21st October 2022

Term 2

Monday 31st October 2022 Friday 16th December 2022

Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Friday 10th February 2023

INSET DAYS

Inset day 1

Thursday 1st September 2022

Inset day 2

Friday 2nd September 2022

Inset day 3

Friday 21st October 2022

Inset day 4

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Inset day 5

Monday 17th April 2023

Term 4

Monday 20th February 2023 Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5

Monday 17th April 2023 Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2023 Friday 21st July 2023

National Bank Holidays:

Monday 26th December 2022 Tuesday 27th December 2022 Monday 2nd January 2023 Friday 7th April 2023 Monday 10th April 2023 Monday 1st May 2023 Monday 29th May 2023 Monday 28th August 2023



















































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5th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a new school year begins and we welcome new children and new school staff, we would like to remind you that we aspire to be a **nut free school**. We have a new member of staff who has a **severe airborne nut allergy**, this could result in admission to hospital if they come in to contact with any form of nut product.

Please can I ask that you read the below information and ensure **no items containing nuts are brought into school.**

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats. For example

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Some Asian food, including satay Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Parsons Executive Head





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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Clubs Term 1

We are looking forward to an enhanced club offer this year. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and will be available on Parentpay from 6pm today. Clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm (unless stated) starting next week. Please note that many of the clubs are lunchtime clubs, to enable a broad and rich offer for all children.

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Please check closely whether the club is an afterschool or a lunchtime club. <u>Clubs will end with last sessions during the week of the 12th December (i.e. no clubs in the last week of the Christmas term)</u>. Please look specifically at the club timetable and keep a copy of the dates for reference should you book your child on a club.

Kind regards,

Mr Thomson Deputy Headteacher

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School Clubs Term 1

Club	Provider	Timing	Dates	Year Groups	Cost
Football	PH sports	3:15-4:15pm	Monday 12.9.22 - 5.12.22	1, 2 and 3	£1 x 12 weeks = £12
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Netball	Mrs Brown	3:15 - 4:00pm	Wednesday 14.9.22 - 7.12.22	3,4,5,and 6	£1 x 12 weeks = £12
Journalism	Mr Daniels	12:30-1:00pm	Friday 16.9.22 - 9.12.22 (Not PGL Week so no club on 23.9.22)	3, 4, 5 and 6	50p x 12 weeks = £6
Textiles	Miss Guest	3:15 - 4:15pm	Monday 12.9.22 - 5.12.22	4-6	£1 x 12 weeks = £12
KS1 Play	Mrs Winney	12:30-1:00pm	Monday 12.9.22 -	1-2	50p x 12 weeks = £6
Sign Language	Mrs Hayward	12:30-1:00pm	Wednesday 14.9.22 - 7.12.22	3, 4, 5 and 6	50p x 12 weeks = £6
Gardening	Mr Thomson	12:30-1:00pm	Tuesday 13.9.22 - 6.12.22	All	50p x 12 weeks = £6
Paper craft Quilling	Mrs Munro	3.15-4.00pm	Wednesday	4-6	50px 12 weeks= £6
Junior Choir	Mrs Thomson & Mrs Munro	12.30-1.00pm	Thursday	3-6	50p x 12 weeks = £6
Chatterbooks	Miss Neal	12:30- 1:00pm	Tuesday 13.9.22- 6.12.22	3, 4, 5 and 6	50p x 12 weeks = £6
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