

St Mary's Newsletter Issue 6 – 17 May 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all the Year 6 children who undertook their SATs so brilliantly this week. We are all very proud of the efforts you made and the way you conducted yourselves during this assessment period. You can now look forward to the Residential in June and the end of year production.

Next term we have various trips for the children to look forward to. If you are able to pay the contribution, please do so. We are not able to subsidise these trips so without sufficient funds, the trips will be cancelled.

Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 5th June**. KS2 will be in the morning at Bradon Forest School and EYFS and KS1 will be in the afternoon on our school field. There will be no parking available at St Mary's or Bradon Forest for this event. Further details will follow.

In line with our uniform policy we would request that children do not come to school with "Jo Jo" bows in their hair please. Hair adornments should be plain, small and in school colours please. Thank you for your support in this matter

Please ensure that children are not bringing mobile phones to school. If your child absolutely has to bring a phone, then please make an appointment to discuss this.

Dates for Diaries: We have our PTA Summer Fayre scheduled for Friday 21 June at 3.30pm and then the PTA are holding a Family Barn Dance in the Village Hall on Friday 5 July at 7.30pm. Please see posters around school for more details.

Staff News: At the end of this academic year we will say farewell to Miss Jones and Mrs Campbell. Miss Jones has a new job in Swindon and we wish her well in her new school. Mrs Campbell returns to Wales with her family, something she is very much looking forward to.

Miss Harries will be taking maternity leave at the end of Term 6.

Mrs Lawrence is also leaving us, as she is retiring - we wish her all the best. She will be greatly missed, and I am not sure that the school will manage without her!

Regards,
Naomi Clarke, Head Teacher



Wake n Shake Festival

St Mary's were pleased to host the annual Wake and Shake Festival last Wednesday. This year's theme was 'Space' and our two groups of dancing aliens certainly put on a performance that was out of this world! A big 'well-done' to everyone who took part. Mrs John



EYFS News

Our 'Early Years Foundation Stage' have been awarded **The Bristol Standard** again for 2019-2020. The validation group commended "*the opportunities and learning experiences that children access within your school,*" and added that St Mary's staff, "*demonstrate a strong insight in the children and families you have.*"

We'd like to send a great big 'thank you' to Moovahome in Swindon, who donated 6 huge containers for our EYFS outdoor equipment! As our outside cupboards aren't airtight, these will protect this equipment which is vital for the children's learning environment.

Mrs Fudge and Mrs Hill

SPORTS NEWS

Netball

St Mary's competed in the North Wilts Cluster Netball Festival in April. Miss Heal and Mrs Lambe were incredibly impressed with their sportsmanship and outstanding netball. The team consisted of 13 children ranging from Yr 4 to Yr 6. They won 3 out their 5 matches and finished third out of 8 teams. An amazing result. The team played Longleaze this week and won 10-0. So, having won all but one game this season, final placings have come down to goal difference! We await the final results. Mrs Lambe

Tag Rugby

St Mary's took a Yr 4 team and a Year 5/6 team to the North Wilts Cluster Tag-Rugby Festival. Miss Heal and Mrs Lambe witnessed teamwork and St Mary's spirit at its very best. The weather was atrocious, the first match saw the heavens open and a freezing biting wind begin to blow. Despite this, the children stayed positive and treated the spectators to an inspiring afternoon of fantastic rugby. Both teams returned to school with first place cups!



Football

The Year 5/6 football team have had another brilliantly successful season, coming runners up in the League. They have won all of their games bar one and have played throughout the season with great flare and dedication. Well done everyone. Mrs Bounds.

Darcy Bussell Dance Fitness Competition

We are delighted to announce that our dancers have progressed to the finals of the Darcy Bussell Dance Fitness Competition which will take place on Friday 31st May in Salisbury Cathedral. We wish all our dancers' luck and we look forward to hearing about their experience next month.

Important Reminders:

Please remember to settle any Breakfast Club debts for Term 5 on ParentPay [at the end of next week](#) please.

Year 3 swimming payments are still being accepted on ParentPay and we would appreciate any contributions from Year 3 parents.

Trips for EYFS Yr 3, and Yr 4 are on ParentPay ready for parents to pay for please.

Please remember to book meals for Term 6 on ParentPay before the cut off (in the half term holidays) of **Thursday 30th May**.

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Weds 22 May to take Year 6 and Sports Team photographs. Could all sports kit be returned to school by Monday 20th May please.

Please do start to order any uniform for September on ParentPay as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Diary Dates

Term 5

Week beginning 20th May - Whole School Art week

Tues 21st May - Y6 Parent/Carer Meeting for Residential trip 6pm (School Hall)

Weds 22nd May – Tempest visit for Year 6 & Sports Team photos

Friday 24th May – Parent Hub Mtg at 2pm - 3pm in DT Room

Last day of Term 5

Term 6

Mon 3rd June - Start of Term 6

Tuesday 4th June

Class 9 & 10 Trip to Braeside

& EYFS Trip to We The Curious

Weds 5th June - Sports Day

KS2 at Bradon Forest AM & EYFS/KS1 at St Mary's PM

**** NO Parking available at Bradon Forest ****

Week beg 10th June - Y1 Phonics Screening Check

Thurs 13th June - Year 5 Open Afternoon at 2pm

Fri 14th June - Parent Carer Art Walk 3.30pm

(Reserve day for Sports Day)

Fri 21st June - PTA Summer Fayre 3.30pm-5pm

Success at the Dwarf Games



Reuben, one of our Year 3 pupils, competed for the first time in the 26th National Dwarf Games in Birmingham, where 225 athletes took part. Reuben competed in running, throwing, bike races, football, hockey, new age curling and swimming. He was placed in every event winning 6 Golds, 2 Silvers and 1 Bronze. What an incredible achievement!