



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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SOME DIARY DATES

07/02/18 2WC Class Mass
@9am

09/02/18 Pancake Races
organised by our PTA.

09/02/18 4BM Class
Assembly @ 1.45pm

12/02/18 – 16/02/18
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

23/02/18 Netball festival
2 teams entered

27/02/18 Phonics
workshop for parents in
Class 2WC

YEAR 4

SWANAGE TRIP

Thank you to all those that have already sent in the £20 deposit for your child's Year 4 residential trip to Swanage. If you have not yet done this, please can you forward your payment to the school office at your earliest convenience. If you would rather your child did not take part in the trip, please can you let either your child's class teacher or a member of the admin team know ASAP. Thank you.

HEAD'S VIEW

A very brief Head's View this week. You may have visited the school website recently and seen that we are working on ensuring that it is up to date and reflects what is going currently going on in our school. The credit for that lies almost entirely with Charlotte Backholer who, for a long while, has given up her Friday mornings voluntarily to work on the website. Our next steps are to update the photos which Cathy Holmes, another of our parent volunteers, will be helping us with. Their support for the school, along with all our other volunteers, is very much appreciated.

I have had the pleasure of catching up with our PTA team and the 100 Club leaders in the past couple of weeks, and it was very obvious to me that, again, we have parents giving up a significant amount of time and effort to support St Mary's. I urge everyone in our school community to do everything to support them because the beneficiaries will be our children. To that end, please see the article below regarding the 100 Club. Please join up via the email attachment sent out with this newsletter, have the chance of winning a monthly cash prize and, at the same time, support our school!

PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE 100 CLUB!

Lisa Barker and Suzie Doig would like to this opportunity to thank all past and present members of the St Marys 100 Club. In the three and a half years we have been running this club we have donated many thousands of pounds, directly to the school. Much of the money in recent years has gone towards providing much needed things as iPads and new gym equipment, to name but a few. All of which benefit our wonderful children on a daily basis.

Unfortunately the last year has seen a huge decrease in membership. This is a direct result of children leaving at the top end of the school and very few new members coming on board from the lower years. This next year's donation has been ear marked to boost and update the schools reading scheme and add vital books to the library. This again, will benefit each and every child at the school.

We would ask that any parent/guardian/grandparent or anyone else that has not yet joined, take a look at the membership form attached to this newsletter.

Not only will your membership benefit all children at our very special school, you will get the opportunity to win one of three cash prizes in our monthly draws.

1st Prize £150 2nd Prize £50 3rd Prize £25

Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming some new members in the coming year.

Pancake Races reminder: Friday 9th February, 2018

Join us on Friday for some pancake-flipping fun! Please can all children have their sponsor forms and P.E. kits in school on the day. And don't forget to ask friends and family for sponsorship... Please refer to the separate letter for details of class times. Spare letters and sponsor forms are available in reception.

Next PTA meeting: Wednesday 7th February, 8.30am. Meet in main reception.

Library tidy-up!

We are organising a tidy-up of the school library and we need a couple of helpers. If anyone can spare some time on **Wednesday 7th Feb from 10am** and would like to help, please contact Melinda Biro directly at bmelindahu@gmail.com for more information.

Second hand school uniform sale

The next sale is planned for 21st February at 2 pm at the Reception area.

Access to St. Mary's School

We have been asked by a concerned resident of the Quadrangle to draw your attention to the matter of the use of the private road serving the Quadrangle to reach the public footpath leading to the entrance of the school.

The road serving The Quadrangle properties is a private road. It is not adopted by Wiltshire County Council as The Highway Authority and there are no public rights of way over it. Maintenance of the road is the responsibility of the owners of The Quadrangle properties.

As a result of the road not being adopted and not being a public right of way, parents and children have no legal right to use it in order to gain access to the school. Furthermore, the road is very narrow and has no pavement. Only one vehicle can pass at a time. There is, therefore, a real danger to children and parents who use the road to gain access to the school from Lowden Road.

As there is an alternative access by a footpath which is approximately 50 meters along Lowden, we have been asked by the owners of the private road to request that parents and children should not use it at any time when entering or leaving the school. There is a sign saying the road is private and that there is no access without permission for any reason. In the event of an injury being suffered by any parent or child on the road, its owners would not be liable.

For your and your children's safety, can we therefore please request that you do not use the road at any time in the future when attending or leaving the school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

St Mary's school requires a Kitchen Assistant for 10 hours per week permanent contract, term time only. In addition there will be a need for 4.5 hours extra per week until July 2018. These extra hours will be on a fixed term contract. Grade C point 11 £8.19 per hour

Hours are Monday-Friday:

Monday –Wednesday 10.00-13.30

Thursday and Friday-11.30-13.30

The successful candidate will be subject to a DBS clearance and safer recruitment procedures. Application forms available from school.

Please contact Carron Keohane 01249 460231

Closing date for applications: Thursday 8th February 2018

KS1 Parents Phonics Workshop

Change of
date!

This will now be
held for parents on
Tuesday 27th
February from 8.45
– 9.30. It will be well
worth attending!

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Nursery: Mollie M – solving tricky maths problems
1S: Emily C – learning 3D shapes so well
1F: James E – a wonderful, positive attitude & super effort
2WC: Eleanora C – excellent presentation and focus
2J: Stanley B – super effort in writing and maths
2G: Eli M – amazing ideas in literacy & great resilience
3S: Thomas B – fantastic hard work all week
3D: Ben B – being a wonderful member of 3D
3EG: Toby B - being an outstanding member of 3EG
4BM: Oliver S – spectacular results in his grammar paper!
4B: Aidan W – great involvement & resilience in his learning
4D: Cordelia T – taking initiative & responsibility in lead up to class assembly
Headteacher Award: Annie F (Early Years) – comes in every day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. Superstar!



HOUSE OF THE WEEK!

St
David's

WELL DONE!

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

In light of the increase in numbers of public being affected by Flu this year, NHS England have made the decision to provide more vaccine and extend the school aged children vaccination programme. Please see their message below:

"In view of the increased cases of Flu this year, NHS England have taken the decision to extend the vaccination programme and make more vaccine available. Therefore there will be unexpected extended opportunities for your child to be vaccinated in community clinics; this is for those who have not already been vaccinated and are in the eligible cohort Year R, 1, 2, 3 or 4. This is regardless of whether you filled in a negative consent form in the first instance. If you would like to take up this opportunity please contact the immunisation team on: 0333 234 1125 to book into a community clinic. Please note that this will be offered in first come/first serve basis until vaccine has run out, therefore early contact is advised."