



'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'

Newsletter 14th Sept 2018

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This week has been bursting with fantastic learning from our youngest to our oldest learners. I have been on my own learning journey and had a lesson from one of our Priory Learners on Roman Numerals! I found it very challenging but am persevering and am being tested on my knowledge and skills next week! I learnt about different sketching techniques and shading in Priority class, what it could be like to step back into the Stone Age in Conygar class, letter writing in Sheepway class, how music can help us concentrate when we are changing for PE in Windmill class and how we can use paint in creative ways in Bluebell class.

Learning has well and truly taken off and it is wonderful to see our children so happy and settled. This is something the whole school community should be **really** proud of.

As always, please do come and see me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

With warmest wishes,
Sophie Westerwijk

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 18th September – Individual School Photos

Monday 8th October to Friday 12th October – Morfa Bay Residential Camp (Priory)

Friday 26th October – End of Term 1

Monday 5th November – Inset Day

Tuesday 13th November – Raise the Roof @ High Down Junior School (Conygar)

Our value this term

Thankfulness

Time to reflect:

How can we show someone we are grateful?

Is there only one way?

How does it feel when someone thanks you?

Individual School Photos

Our school photographer will be coming in on Tuesday 18th September to take individual photos. If you would like photos with younger siblings, the photographer will be available in the hall from 8.30 am.

Learning for our Year 1 children

We are all really pleased with how well our year 1 learners have settled in the afternoons. As you are all aware, because of large numbers this year, we have decided to split our year 1 class into two different learning bases in the afternoons. I have observed this closely and they are all settled and enjoying a range of exciting activities alongside their peers. We are very fortunate here at St Mary's to be able to do this and provide the very best learning experiences for all of our children.

Our school website

Teachers have been working hard to update their class pages, so please do keep an eye on them for new information. We will also be updating and changing other areas, so do use our website and tell us how it could be improved.

Let's get creative!

I am looking for some art work to display in my office. If your child(ren) would like to, please could they paint/draw/create an image on A4 paper/card of something that makes them feel happy. Our cooks and lunchtime staff will select one piece from each class to be displayed. Please hand this into your child's teacher by Friday 28th September 2018.

Health and well-being

What talented cooks we have! I was lucky enough to have a school lunch with the children this week. It was an absolutely delicious pasta bake! Thank you to Zena and Noemi for putting so much love and care into our food.

Our Prayer Tree

We would love you to come and add a prayer to our tree in our reception area if you would like to.

School Admissions Applications – Reception and Secondary School Transfers

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31st August 2015 need to apply for their 2019 Reception school places now. **Application deadline is 23:59 hours on the 15th January 2019.**

Children transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2019 also need to make their applications now. **Application deadline is 23:59 hours on Wednesday 31st October 2018.**

After School Clubs

Monday

Hockey

Tuesday

Gym

Wednesday

Badminton

Thursday

Football

Friday

Bowls

Emergency Contact No
(during club hours only)
07598 037991

Secondary School Open Evenings/Open Mornings

Gordano School

Open Evening - Thursday 27th September from 5.30 pm until 8.30 pm

Open Morning - Friday 5th October at 9.45 am

St Katherine's School

Open Evening - Thursday 20th September from 6 pm until 9 pm

Open Mornings - Tuesday 25th September, Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th October from 9 am until 11 am.

Clevedon School

Opening Evening - Thursday 4th October from 6 pm until 9 pm

Camp Parents Meeting – Provisional Date

We are hoping to have a camp meeting on Monday 24th September (around 6pm) but are waiting for confirmation that someone from Morfa Bay can come to give you a presentation. More details to follow.

Safe Parking

We are proud of our community links and value the relationships we have with our local residents. I have been approached by people living close to our school about parents/carers blocking the road with their vehicles. Please can you ensure that you park safely so that other vehicles can pass along the road. Thank you.

YOU SAID...

Many of you have mentioned you would like to be given the opportunity to meet with me and share some of my hopes for St Mary's Primary School.

WE DID...

We are finding a date for us to meet and will share this with you shortly.