

St. Mary's Mail



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Bi Weekly News from St.Mary's

Dates For Your Diary

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year, we hope you had an enjoyable break. The children have returned to school eager to learn and making the most of the summer term with their current classes. With visits from Secondary school staff underway, the year 6's are being prepared for their transition to their new schools and we will endeavour to make their last term at St Mary's as memorable as possible.

A reminder that Friday 25th June will be an INSET day, school is closed to all children in order that staff can make preparations for next academic year. We hope the sun is shining and you enjoy your long weekend.

25th June	INSET day
29th June, 1st July, 6th July, 8th July	2021 Reception starters visits to school
12th-16th July	Y6 Activities Week
21st July	End of term 6
2nd & 3rd Sept	INSET days
6th Sept	Start of term 1
13th - 15th Sept	Yr 5 Kilve Court Residential
13th - 17th Sept	Yr 6 Deanfield Residential

School Lunches

From the 28th June our new catering provider AiP will be in situ, the new online ordering system Schools Food United will start, you need to pre-order and pay for your child's lunches here:
<https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login>

All meals are required to be ordered in advance and we will no longer be taking payment via Sims-Pay therefore we would encourage you to only add funds for the actual meals taken next week.

All information regarding the new system was provided in the email sent to everyone on 16th June. It is imperative you pre-order meals for your child(ren), if a meal has not been ordered the office will have to contact you and ask you to provide a packed lunch for that day.

Packed lunches

NHS guidelines state that children between 4 –6 years old should consume no more than 19g of sugar a day. A child's yoghurt alone can contain 11g of sugar. If children consume too much sugar the break time is not long enough for it to be digested and research has shown that this will have a negative impact on their behaviour in class and they will then have a dip in the afternoon when they are requiring a high level of concentration for learning. We ask that you consider healthy options avoiding chocolate & chocolate coated items. Chocolate flavoured or chocolate chip could be included.

Action for Children say that "there is no need for a child's lunch box to contain chocolate, sweets, crisps or other unhealthy snacks"



Attendance

You should have all received an email on 11th June with a copy of the school attendance policy attached. Over the past few weeks we have had an increasing number of children missing school due to family holidays. Can we please remind you that holiday in term time will not be authorised. For any planned absence from school, you need to complete a Leave of Absence form which you can obtain from the school office or which can be found on the school website and hand this in within 1 month of your requested leave to the office.

As with any other year unauthorised time from school for a period of more than 5 days will result in a penalty notice issued by the local authority.

The admission policy, request for absence forms and a parents guide to penalty notices can all be found on the school website.

Excel Daily!

We continue to have our weekly celebration assembly each Friday. Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates:
George E, Wes B, Rose K, Louis L, Zac d N, Rosa B, Martha D, Mia W, Joshua K, Charlie S, Ethan B, Olivia S, Keira J, James W, Stanley E, Matthew B, Willow R, Lacey T-P, Charlotte B, Skye D, Caitlyn H, Edie S, Mason W, Robert C. Amelia L, Esmee K, Robyn G, Edith S, Jack S, Erin B, Summer S, Emelia W, Max C, Edward R, Charlie W, Charlie M, Mya B, Noah G, Jade B, Zac G, Riley W, all of Lime Class, Neve B, Lila E, Charlotte G, Olivia Ea, Freya L & Jack L.

Job Vacancies

We currently have some job vacancies for Lunch break Supervisor staff and also a cleaning position. If you or someone you know may be interested in these roles please contact the school office for more information.

