

St. Mary's Mail



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Bi Weekly News from St.Mary's

Dates For Your Diary

This time last year I was writing our end of year newsletter with some children in school and some still learning from home. Whilst this year has been challenging with a lockdown and some bubble closures, it feels so wonderful to be ending the year with all our classes in school. Reflecting over the last 16 months I am still in awe at the resilience that our children have shown and how they have adapted to the changes in school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for your support this year; it really has been a year like no other. I also want to say a massive thank you to our St Mary's team. You have worked tirelessly for the good of our children. You very much deserve a break. I look forward to seeing our whole

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
22nd November	INSET Day
14th March	INSET Day
27th May	INSET Day

Summer Reading Challenge

As previously shared, we would love the children to take part in the Library's summer reading challenge during the holidays. We will be holding a special award ceremony on Friday 17th September and will be inviting children to bring their challenge certificates and medals into school. We will also award 5 Dojo points to those children who complete the challenge. If you would like to know more, you can watch the assembly that we shared with the children in school.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koEsE7TZtPU&t=328s>

Moving On

Ordinarily at this time of year, your children would have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and visit their classrooms. Owing to the restrictions this has not been a possibility this year so the teachers have recorded a message for their new classes. Within the message, the teachers have set the children a summer challenge which the classes will share at the start of the year. Can we please ask that you provide an opportunity for your child to watch the videos below and support them in completing their challenge.

Cherry (Mrs Oakley and Mrs Stephens):

Mrs Oakley: https://youtu.be/xQGog_U_Gos

Mrs Stephen: https://youtu.be/FGua_YocWpc

Pear (Mrs Hill): <https://youtu.be/z7zoGMJMwVk>

Apple (Mrs Humphreys): https://youtu.be/LCL8Xf_1jvQ

Ash (Mrs Silverthorn): <https://youtu.be/zPm7e0I3Ifs>

Beech (Mrs Eggleshaw and Mrs K Timms):

<https://youtu.be/15wqQCnRp8s>

Sycamore (Mr Moon): <https://youtu.be/OMRe5y6XHyI>

Maple (Mrs Evans): <https://youtu.be/ydhHQkYKcuU>

Birch (Mr Higginson): <https://youtu.be/XSDsswXG6bM>

Chestnut (Mr Leeming): <https://youtu.be/ZtDGaQGkVno>

Oak (Miss Stell): <https://youtu.be/BFLfnMaE2PU>

Staggered Times

We plan to communicate with you in more detail over the summer but we are able to confirm that school will be returning to our usual start and finishing times.

Gates open: 8:40am

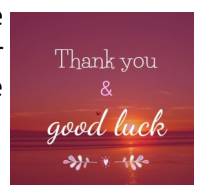
Registration: 8:50am

Home time: KS1 3pm KS2 3:05pm

Staffing

We are delighted to share that Miss Norman (from Cherry class) will now be staying with us in September. Miss Norman will be working across the school covering PPA and will be supporting our catch up programme.

We are also saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Rigarsford, Mrs Bernhardt & Miss Bradley. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best in their future careers and thank them for their valuable contribution to the school during their time with us.



Dojo, SpellingFrame and TTRS accounts

Mrs Oakley has been working hard in the background to ensure that the children are in their new classes on Spelling-Frame and TTRS. She has also set up the new Dojo pages ready for September. You should already be able to see this in your parent account.

Excel Daily!

We had our last celebration assembly of the year last Friday. Well done to the following children who received certificates: Jem, Louis, Carson and Edie, Sienna and Gracie, Darcey, Marley S, Declan, Ewan, Christopher, Riley W, Ayesha, Tayton, Lexi and Arthur and Alfie.

WELL DONE

Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6

We would like to take this opportunity to say a sad farewell and good luck to all of our year 6 children. We are very proud of the progress you have made during your time here and want to pay tribute to the resilience you have shown, particularly in such a challenging year. We wish you all every success in your new secondary schools where we are sure that you will continue to do well on your academic journey.

