

St. Mary's Mail



Date: 26th January 2024

Bi- Weekly News from St. Mary's

Dates for the Diary

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us in our mission to tidy up the pond area last Saturday. It looks as though this space will be ready to use this Spring. Look out for future dates as we continue to develop our outside space.

Mrs B Scriven

Safer Internet Day

6th February

We consider different aspects of e-safety every week as part of our computing curriculum as we are committed to supporting children to be independently safe online. We will be taking part in Safer Internet day which this year will be focusing on Inspiring Change. Find out more by [clicking this link](#).



Bollard Update

As you may be aware the bollards are currently out of action. Whilst we wait for them to be fixed, we urge our community to put the safety of our children first and park elsewhere.

Attendance

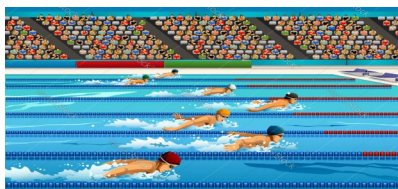
This is a reminder that we can not authorise any requests for absence for holidays. Any period of absence of more than 10 sessions/ 5 days in a 7 school week period may result in penalty notices being issued. The fine is currently £60 (per parent, per child) if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Further guidance can be found on the school website along with a copy of the request for absence form that **MUST** be completed before the absence, email's on the day of your child's absence are not acceptable.

Every missed day of school equates to missed learning, every day in school counts!

Swimming Gala

Well done to everyone who took part in the South Gloucestershire Schools swimming gala last Saturday. All the children were great ambassadors for St Mary's, many stepping in to cover at the last minute due to sickness and injuries. They all showed great determination and team spirit, we are very proud of them all.

We would also like to thank Miss Wilkes who gave up her Saturday evening to manage the swimming team.



Children's Mental Health Week

5th- 11th February

This year children's mental health week follows the theme My Voice Matters. Classes will engage in a short activity each day to help build their toolkit and raise awareness to the importance of speaking our about our emotional health. [Click here](#) to find out more.

7th & 9th Feb 2024	KS1 African Drumming & Dancing Workshop
9th Feb 2024	End of Term 3
19th Feb 2024	Start of Term 4
6th Mar 2024	Book at Bedtime
7th Mar 2024	World Book Day—Dress Up as book character
15th Mar 2024	INSET day
22nd Mar 2024	Easter Disco 6-8pm
13-16 May 2024	Y6 SATs
15-17 May 2024	Y4 Greatwood
20-21 May 2024	Reception Medical Screening

SEN Parents WhatsApp Group

A parent has offered to set up a WhatsApp group for parents of children with SEN. The aim of the group is to build relationships with others who are in a similar situation and to share advice and support to each other. If you would like to be added to the group please let the office know and we can pass your details onto the organiser.

Excel Daily

Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates :

Elena, Naomi, Piper B, Mila Mo Grace B, Cooper, Leo H, George L, Eddie B, Mila Ma, Ellaria, Martha B, Faith L, Darby, Samaya, Riley W, Aidan, Florie W, Rosa B, Sophia W, Ava H, Cali, Charlie Siv, Piper J, John, Poppy H-Y, Frank, Blue-Ivy, Emily W, Theo M, Nina, Maxi, Archie B, Alex J, Livie, Lucy F, Casey B, Jack D, Toby S, Faith P, Ella S, Olivia Ev, Sam R, Thomas P, Elizabeth B & Emelia W.



Volunteers NEEDED

ST MARY'S 5K AND SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 13TH JULY (AM)

We need help with

- Running stalls
- Marshalling
- Registering runners

If you are a Tech Wizard and able to provide us with some support we would love to hear from you

Know of a local business who would like to sponsor the event? Please ask them to get in touch or pass us their details

Let us know

Come along to the PTA event planning meeting Thursday 22nd February, The Lawns Pub 7.30pm

Speak to one of the Friends Committee in the playground

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