

St. Mary's Mail



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Bi Weekly News from St.Mary's

Dates For Your Diary

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing the final newsletter of term 4. What a joy it has been to have an uninterrupted term in school and we are so much looking forward to the final term following next week's half term break.

We kick start term 6 with a parent's evening. We want to strongly encourage all parents to make an appointment. Since returning to school following the lockdowns, we have been assessing against the most important objectives in English and Maths to make sure children have a good foundational understanding of concept. We now want to talk to you all about how we will be supporting children in school and what you can be doing at home through the final term so that the children end the school year securely. The parents evening booking system <https://stmarysyate.schoolcloud.co.uk/> is open until Sunday 6th June.

7th June	Start of term 6
8th & 9th June	Parents Evenings
16th June	2021 Reception Intake Parents Meeting
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

E-Safety

As a school we have become increasingly concerned with how children are responding to the e-safety element of our computing lessons and Jigsaw. Children are able to talk about the need to stay safe online, they often know about staying safe online but speak openly about some of the things they are doing that could potentially put themselves at risk.

Please can we remind parents that age restrictions are placed on APPs and Games for good reason. I will share some of these risks in our newsletter over the next term. You can look at a range of apps through the Webswise site:

<https://www.webwise.ie/category/parents/explainers/>

These programs and apps are always evolving so please be aware that the information in on this site may not include recent updates.

Snapchat



Age: 13

Snapchat is a mobile messaging application used to share photos, videos, text, and drawings.

Risk:

The temporary nature of the photos means that users may send frivolous or inappropriate photos without there being a record. Without the correct privacy settings, children could receive images from unknown people.

The 'Discover' section allows users to flick through small snippets of news stories and trending articles that are not always appropriate for young users. There is no way to turn off this feature and many of the articles are tabloid in nature with adult content.

More information and a videos and support in using privacy settings:

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/parents-a-guide-to-snapchat/>

<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/snapchat>

Seeds of Hope

We would like to thank Morrisons for their kind donation of plants and seeds.

The reception children have been busy planting the seeds and are looking forward to watching them grow.



Excel Daily!

We continue to have our weekly celebration assembly each Friday. Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates:

Lily F, Jacob M, Elizabeth H, Darby W, Harper L, Anna S, Logan B, Theia G, Mya B, Danielle A, Aniah W-G, Shanaya C, Louisa G-M, Winston H, Byron G, Dylan P, Lily F, Millie R, Ronique P, Martha D, Tyrrell M-E, Livie W, Alfie T, Emerson N, Cali J, Holly S, Jaxson R, Sophie F, Amelia E, Rose T, Aiden H, Willow H, Sapphire B, Jacob C, Olivia Ev, William B, Sam L, Daniel R, Samaya P, William R-F, Laila F, Charlie B, Lucas F, Ella S, Louis F, Frankie N, Sienna H, Hannah We, Tommy N, Madeline B, Travis R & Harrison F.

