

St. Mary's Mail



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Dates for the Diary

15 Feb 2022	Y4 Greatwood meeting
18 Feb 2022	Last day of term
28 Feb 2022	Start of term 4
3 Mar 2022	World book day— dress up character day
W/C 7 Mar 2022	Parent's Evenings
14 Mar 2022	INSET day
18 Mar 2022	Comic Relief—dress as a hero
28 Mar 3pm	Curriculum Showcase *
27 May 2022	INSET day
8 June 2022	Am KS2 sports day*
8 June 2022	PM KS sports day *
15 June 2022	PM EYFS Sports day*

Having said our goodbyes to Mr Spens last week, on Tuesday we welcomed Mr Cockle who will be our interim Executive Head teacher.

Welcome to our wonderful community Mr Cockle.

Bethan Scriven

Firstly, I am delighted to have joined the St Mary's community and I have been so warmly welcomed by everyone I have spoken to so far. Mrs Scriven and the leadership team have taken the time to get me up to speed on all the exciting things we are currently focusing on this year. On Tuesday I had the chance to meet all the staff and pupils. I was taken aback by how welcoming the pupils were and the lovely conversations we had about their learning, classrooms and varying aspects of the whole school. I had particular fun being on the playground and seeing all the different types of play available to the pupils and especially the music.

I hope to arrange a time where you can come in, meet me and ask any questions you may have. In the meantime, I am always on the playground at the beginning and end of Tuesday so please introduce yourself. I promise I will learn everyone's faces soon. This week has been another busy one for our children especially the year 1 and 2's who really enjoyed Noah's Ark. I know there are lots of exciting activities planned to support our curriculum in the coming terms which I have no doubt the children will love.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Many thanks,
Mr Cockle

KS1 Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo

This week the children in KS1 visited Noah's Ark Zoo to see the Big 5 animals and explore their habitats. This is linked to the whole school Global Theme: Social Justice and feeds into their topic question 'Is it fair for animals'.

Owing to the disturbed years we've had, this was the first school trip that our Y1 children have been on and the first one since reception for the year 2 children. The teachers felt incredibly proud of how polite the children were and how inquisitive they were during the visit. It is fair to say the children were exhausted by the end!



Safer Internet Day

Next week St Mary's will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday (8th) promoting the focus of "together for a better internet". If you would like any resources to share with the children at home, take a look at this website, they provide brilliant videos, conversation prompts and guidance.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/a-deep-dive-into-our-resources-parents-and-carers-edition>.

School Uniform

Please could we remind families that children should only be wearing their PE kits on the days that they have PE lessons.

Also, can we ask that children do not wear jewellery or nail varnish in school.

Events

We are keen to plan community events and share dates so that you are able to make necessary arrangements to be able to attend.

* We will continue to monitor cases of Covid and apply our risk assessments to determine whether or not the events can take place at the time.

Excel Daily

We continue to have our celebration assemblies every Friday. Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates

William C, Bella G, Amy G, Dexter P, Cherahleigh, Paige W, Dylan, Hugo, Harrison A, Martha B, Ria, Freddie W, Whole of Cherry and Pear, Casey, Darby, Olivia D Hadley, Jenson, Magie, Harper, Frankie, Gabriella, Harriet, Rosa, Olivia Ev, Ella, Keira J, Mollie, Juddy, Thomas P, Sophie A, Charlie B, Hugh, Leo M, Eddie, Lily-Grace, Harrison F, Harrison W, Oscar, Gino, Lydia S, Mason J, Byron, Marianne, Sofia & Hannah Wi.