

St. Mary's Mail



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Bi- Weekly News from St.Mary's

Dates for the Diary

Happy New Year!

I think it is fair to say that with just three days back at school the children (and staff) are ready for a break this weekend! Everyone has come back with such a great attitude this week and are already enjoying learning about their new topics.

Attached to this email, you will find a whole school overview of our Connect Curriculum topics. To find out more, you can look at your class page on the website or follow the children's learning via Dojo.

Mrs Bethan Scriven

Attendance

Education is the greatest gift you can give your children and will make the biggest difference to their future. Schools can **NOT** authorise any leave for holidays during term time, please only book holidays for the 13 weeks school holiday. Penalty notices may be issued for anyone having more than 10 sessions (5 days) of absence in a 7 school week period.

17th Jan	Choir trip to Birmingham
20th Jan	Year 3/4 Explorer Dome
27th Feb	World Book week — Dress up day
17th Mar	INSET Day
9-12th May	Y6 SATS
Wed 10th—Fri 12th May	Y4 Greatwood Residential

Parking

Thank you so much for your support and kind words in regards to the installation of the bollards.

Families have shared that there is a much calmer, safer feel to the school entrance this week.

We do understand the issues surrounding parking locally but ask that you park safely and with respect to the local community and businesses.

I must also remind parents that it is an offence to drive on pedestrian walkways and doing so is putting others at risk.

School Shoes & uniform reminders

As those of you have been with us for some time will know that we changed our uniform policy in recent years to include ALL BLACK trainers. It is important that children are comfortable and are able to be active in their footwear but we are keen to maintain our high standard of presentation. As such can I remind you that trainers must have black soles and either no logo or an all black logo. Children must not wear high heels in school.

Also, can we take this opportunity to remind families that nail varnish and jewellery (other than studded earrings and watches) are not permitted in school and PE/leavers hoodies are only to be worn on PE days.

Census Day

It is the schools census day on Thursday 19th January and we receive funding based on the number of Reception & KS1 children having a school lunch this day. Each meal equates to nearly £500 worth of funding so it is imperative we have all our children booking a lunch in order to maximise the funding for the school.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends in the run up to Christmas by either giving up your time to help at the Christmas Fair, purchasing Christmas cards designed by the children or by attending the KS1 Movie night and/or Christmas Fair. Thanks to your generosity the Friends raised £2,631.75 which will go towards new play equipment for the school.

Your kindness also resulted in us raising £295.40 for the British Red Cross through donations made at singing carols at the shopping centre and the collections at the KS1 Nativity performances.

An effective way of managing our emotions is by noticing what we feel, acknowledging it and giving words to it – as Dr Dan Siegel says 'name it to tame it'.



HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY? #POSITIVELYPRESENT



Excel Daily

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

Nina B, Charlie N, Jack W, Eddie B, Tate B, Isla-Rose B, Grace B, Whole of KS1 for an amazing Nativity performance, Esmee K, Archie S, Maddison T, Faye W, Koda W-G, Oliver H, Rio H, Adam J, Elizabeth B, Toby S, Archie J, Emerson N, Ash Class, Poppy M, Harry T, Freddie W, Ella S, Dakota Z-C, George J, Mason C, Max C, Sapphire B, Keira S, Arthur F , Ethan S, Birch Class, Harper L, Thomas P, Megan R, Ebony E, Ayesha F, Oakley C, Laila F, Daniel S, Harvey S & Liam M.

