

St. Mary's Mail



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Dates For Your Diary

Wow what a term! This 8 week term has been full of exploration, fun and we have been really focused on our learning after having such a lot of time away from school. I have been really impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into school routines and have adjusted to the new systems we have in place. I think parents will agree that the children are ready for a break and I sincerely hope that you have some time off work yourselves to recharge as a family.

As we look ahead to next term we will be focusing on the value of Forgiveness. You are very welcome to have a look at how this looks through our collective worship by visiting our St Marys and St Helens Primary School YouTube channel.

Bethan Scriven

House Point Winners

You may remember that at the start of the year we invited you to take part in a poll to select our House icons. We used this information in choosing 5 individuals who have brought about change in different areas eg social, political, environmental, health. These selected brave changemakers are:

- David Attenborough -green
- Mary Seacole- red
- Martin Luther-King -blue
- Emmeline Pankhurst -yellow
- George Muller -purple

From next term you will be able to follow the progress of our House Point Competition on our new school website.

I am pleased to announce that Attenborough have won the Term 1 competition and as such we invite all children in this House to come to school on Friday 6th November dressed in their own clothes but in celebration of their victory, wear something of the their House colour— green. I am hoping to see some examples of children dressed head to toe in green!



2nd Nov 2020	Reception 2021 online meeting 8pm
4th & 5th Nov 2020	Online Parents Evenings
6th Nov 2020	Flu Immunisations
9th Nov 2020	Reception 2021 Socially distanced tours
16th Nov 2020	Reception 2021 Socially distanced tours
20th Nov 2020	Individual school photographs

#Bekind

When we are feeling under pressure or things feel out of our control, it sometimes feels helpful to be able to vent our frustrations to those closest to us. We often say things that we may not say in a public forum or directly to an individual. I am increasingly becoming aware of comments being made in Whatsapp groups or on Facebook timelines that are criticizing our staff. Believe me when I say that our team work tirelessly to ensure that the children at St Mary's are happy and successful. We are passionate about our school and the work that we do. Many of our teachers live within the community and have personal connections to St Mary's parents and sadly some of these comments get fed back to them.

I ask that you funnel your frustrations directly to the school via the office email so we can take action where necessary. Please THINK before you type—is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind.



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

Face Coverings on the School Grounds

Due to the rising number of cases in South Gloucestershire, along with many schools, we will be strongly advising parents to wear face coverings when picking up and dropping children off at school from after half term. Staff will also be wearing visors or masks on the playground and at the gates but not at the classroom doors

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for your donations!

Harvest is always an important celebration at St. Mary's. We love to sing and create poems and artwork to give thanks. Whilst we missed out singing this year, we celebrated with a cross partnership virtual assembly where the children were able to see the inner workings of the Food Bank. Again, our families did us proud in collecting items for donation and the kitchen made 12 Harvest loaves for the children to enjoy.



DIWALI FESTIVAL

A community celebration

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER
4.30 - 5.15PM

STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK
SEARCH FOR PATCHWAY
FESTIVAL
YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE
VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BRADLEY STOKES
COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AVON
INDIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
PATCHWAY FESTIVAL
SOUTHERN BROOKS COMMUNITY
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