

St. Mary's Mail



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Dates For Your Diary

19th Oct 2020	Reception 2021 Socially distanced tours
20th Nov 2020	Friends AGM 8pm
22nd Oct 2020	Harvest Festival
2nd Nov 2020	Reception 2021 "Welcome to St Mary's" online
9th, 16th & 28th-Nov 2020	Reception 2021 Socially distanced tours
20th Nov 2020	Individual school photographs

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding during this challenging week.

Bethan Scriven



Christmas Card Orders

A message from the Friends:

The children have produced beautiful designs this year with great support from staff and wonderful ideas from Mrs Rigarlsford.

Your child would have been sent home with a copy of their design and a unique code to your child to be used online. Please place orders via the website sforders.co.uk. This is the ONLY way of making orders this year, different to the previous years.

All orders need to be made by Monday 19th October. There can be no late orders. Items ordered will be delivered by early November, so in plenty of time for the Christmas season.

This has been one of our larger fundraisers over the last couple of years. With the extra difficulties of organising events at the current time this fundraiser will be crucial to being able to support the school this year. And don't forget how precious it is to have these memories of what our children designed!

New Website

We are very excited to announce the launch of our brand new website! We have been working in association with FSE design to create a site that is easy to navigate on all devices and promotes our school ethos and values. From the front page you can stay updated with the school calendar and our social media feed. You will also be able to see how well our House Point competition is progressing across the term but just to pre-warn you that the points displayed at present are not accurate!

Please head over to our website to take a look: www.stmarysyate.org.uk

Harvest Assembly

On Thursday 22nd October, we'll be holding an online live harvest festival in all of our classrooms across both schools, St Mary's and St Helen's.

On this day, both schools will be collecting food donations for the North Bristol Foodbank, which works with the Yate and the Thornbury Foodbank. We'll be taking food donations in boxes on the way into school by the entrance and they'll be collected by the foodbank. If you're able to donate, please pick up one or two of the items on your next trip to the shops and bring them in on Thursday 22nd October in the morning. Most needed items include:

Deodorant, shampoo, rice pudding, custard, washing up liquid, sponge pudding and tinned fruit.

PE Days

You would have by now heard which days your child will need to wear their PE kit to school.

Some of these days will change following half term as the coaches will be working with different classes but you will be informed of this before November.

Whenever possible, PE will be outside so it is advisable that children wear trousers or leggings. Can we take this opportunity to remind children and parents that these should be plain black with no branding or pattern—not even white stripes. Children should be either wearing their school jumpers, cardigans or the new PE hoodie available from Initially Yours.

AGM

The Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on October 20th at 8pm on Zoom and we will be voting in a brand new Committee to run the Friends of St Mary's school.

The Friends run a range of events including the Yate Scarecrow trail, St Mary's 5K, Christmas Fair, You've been Flocked, school discos and lots of other activities to raise money and bring the school community together.

Would you like to join and share your ideas? We're looking for a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasure, Secretary and Public Secretary. If you are interested in one of these roles, or just getting involved in events and fundraising then please let us know by completing this short [online form](#).

We would love to see you at the meeting to help vote in the committee, celebrate the success of this year and hear about the end of year reports.

No Parking

Could we kindly request parents do not park in the Church Road car park next week. This will allow us to provide a drop off zone for parents dropping children to school and having to manage an isolating infant/reception child. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Parents Evening

Virtual parents evening will take place during week commencing 2nd November. More information will be send out in a letter next week.