

Weekly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Baby News!

I'm delighted to inform you that Miss Phipps had a baby boy yesterday weighing 9lbs 7oz. Baby name is still undecided but we are so happy that mum and baby are doing so well. Miss Phipps has asked me to pass on her thanks for all the thoughts and prayers she has received from the whole school community.

David Garrido – CEO SELCAT

Many of you will have seen Mr Garrido on the gate this morning with me welcoming the children into school. I hosted a successful meeting with St Thomas More School Chaplin, Miss Desbruslais and Mr Garrido to discuss ways that we could help our children deepen their faith and spirituality.

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 13/09/2021

Monday 13th

Reception children will have their lunch at school and parents can collect them at 1pm.

The nursery children attending full time will have their lunch and parents can collect at 12.15pm.

Tuesday 14th

Class Mass: 10am – 5L. Due to space restrictions, parents are unable to attend.

HARVEST MASS

We are happy to say that the Annual Harvest Mass will take place on Tuesday 28th September. Due to space restrictions parents cannot attend the Mass. St Mary's collects food/toiletry items for Providence Row, a charitable organisation that supports homeless and vulnerable people, so please give generously. You can start bringing items in to school from Monday 13th September. Food must be non-perishable, sealed and in date e.g., tinned meat and fish, rice, pasta, dried herbs and spices, tea and coffee. Cleaning products, toiletries and plastic cutlery are always needed too. One item will make a difference to someone's life.

Thank you very much for your support

WORLD CAR FREE DAY WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

This is an important day for all of us. We are encouraging parents to leave their cars at home on this day and walk to school. We do understand that this may not be possible for some families but we must try to do our best. Our environment needs our help. Our children are the future custodians of our planet so please set a good example on 22nd September by leaving your car at home.

Many thanks for your support.

SCHOOL FUND

Each year we ask parents for a voluntary contribution (£10 per family) to subsidise extra events. If you are able to contribute, please log onto your child's Wisepay account where you will see "school fund 2021/2022".

This fund helps to subsidise visiting theatre companies, merit awards etc. All children in the school benefit from these special events.

Many thanks for your support.

UPDATED TERM DATES

The updated term dates for this academic year has been sent to parents. Please note the new inset dates which have been added (Friday 8th October and Friday 22nd October).

These days are important training days for all staff.

Children will not attend school on these days.

Y6 SECONDARY TRANSITION MEETING

There will be a meeting at St Mary's for Y6 parents and their children to explain the application process for Secondary School on **Thursday 23rd September at 6pm.**

Staff members from St Thomas More Comprehensive will attend to answer any questions you may have.

The closing date for application to secondary school is Sunday 31st October. Please ensure all your paperwork is completed and returned to all schools by this date.

Should any parent need help with the forms or need any information about applying to secondary school, please get in touch with the main office. We will gladly help.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jameson & Sicily Morrison (5k & 3G) completed the summer reading challenge by reading over 6 books each during the summer holiday.



Well done to Alice Huille (6M) who has qualified to compete in the National School Biathlon competition in Bath on 16th October. The very best of luck to Alice as she trains for this event.

RE NEWS

Please read the latest parent newsletter from TenTen resources. Talk to your children about the readings and take time together to pray as a family.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/REapS6cTFMjHG/>

FAITH FRIENDS

Mrs Kingdon led the Faith Friends in prayer to celebrate our Mother Mary's birthday on Wednesday 8th September. Take a look at more pictures and a video on Twitter.



BOOK CORNER

National Poetry Day is taking place on Thursday 7th October. Dust down those poetry books you have hidden on your shelves and read some poems on that day!

Poetry is so important because it helps us understand and appreciate the world around us. Poetry's strength lies in its ability to shed a "sideways" light on the world, so the truth sneaks up on you. ... Poetry teaches us how to live.

Here at St Mary's we will be raising awareness of poetry as all of KS2 children will study one poem per month. This month's poet is Liv Torc, who writes all her poetry on bananas!

Used Uniform

If you have any school uniform that you no longer want please take it to the Main Office.

Mrs Kingdon will be holding a uniform sale very soon (date to be confirmed). We are aware that many parents are interested in purchasing our uniform so look out for information.

MUSIC NEWS

The music tutors will be back on site from Monday 13th September. If your child was having lessons in school last year, they will continue to be given lessons.

Y4 children will be invited to take up instrumental lessons this year. A letter has been emailed to parents with information about instrument lessons so please return the slip to indicate preferences should your child wish to start lessons.

Mrs McGarry, our music co-ordinator, will be inviting new children to audition for the chamber choir in October. More details will follow.

WALKING TO/FROM SCHOOL

Please make the school aware if your Y5 and Y6 child is coming to/going home from school on their own. A letter or email is required so we can keep this information on file.

PA NEWS

St Mary's Parent's Association are very excited to be able to plan some events this year. Please put the following dates in your diary. Details to follow.

PA Meeting	15/09/21
PA AGM	07/10/21
Bags2School Collection	08/11/21

Fireworks Evening	06/11/21
Wreath Making	03/12/21
Christmas Fair	04/12/21
Children's Disco	10/12/21

All parents are invited to the PA meeting on Wednesday 15th September at 8.15pm in the Dining Hall. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.

New parents to St Mary's are particularly welcome. The PA are a very proactive group and welcome everyone.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs will resume week beginning Monday 13th September. The timetable with the clubs is attached with the newsletter. Clubs are available to children in Y1 – Y6.

Emails have already been sent to parents with details of booking children into specific clubs and making payment.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please contact the main office to discuss the after school clubs. We may be able to assist.

French club will resume week beginning Monday 11th October for KS1 and KS2 children.