



# St. Mary's News

## 31st January 2020



### Snow and Ice Procedures

Following the slight covering of hailstone that we had earlier in the week, it seems apt that we take this opportunity to remind you of our Snow and Ice Procedures. We do always try to be prepared for the possibility of snow disruption/adverse weather during the winter months. Our key objective is to ensure that school is able to be opened and that the site is safe and adequately staffed.

School will only be closed if conditions are very severe. In the event of a closure a decision will be made as early as possible and the school website will be updated with a closure notice. A text message will also be sent to all parents.



In the event of heavy snow during the school day a decision may need to be made to close school. This decision will not be made lightly, but the overriding principle is the safety and well-being of pupils and staff. When a decision is made during the school day to close, parents will be informed via text message and the school website will be updated with an immediate closure message. Parents and carers will be expected to make arrangements for their children to be collected as soon as possible, in order to ensure that everyone can get home safely.

On icy/snowy days, our caretaker works hard to spread grit and to clear pathways. We ask that when dropping your child off at school, you and your child keep to the cleared pathways in order to avoid any accidents. It is also anticipated that, on snowy and icy days, parents will bring their children to school in suitable footwear, warm coats, gloves and hats. School shoes can then be changed into once safely inside the school building and can be put back on again for the journey home.

A more detailed information sheet can be found on the school website.



### Year 6

#### Stay and Pray

Many thanks to the Y6 families who joined their children on Tuesday for their morning prayers. We hope that you enjoyed having the opportunity to take time out of your busy day for a moment of quiet prayer and reflection.



#### School Nurse Drop In

Our school nurse will be in school on Thurs 27th Feb from 3.00—4.00pm for any parents who would like to discuss any concerns they have about their child's health and well-being. No appointment is needed—just sign in at the office.



### Toddler Group

#### Volunteers URGENTLY Needed

We are in desperate need of new volunteers to help set up and run our Wednesday Toddler Group.

Our existing volunteers are unable to continue to run the group after the February half-term and unless any new volunteers are able to offer their time, the group will unfortunately have to close.

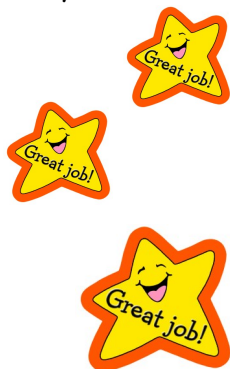
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have given up their time over the last months and years to help make the Toddler Group such a success.



### Good Work

Well done to the following children who were chosen to share their good work with the rest of the school in assembly today.

- Reception Ralph
- Year 1 Sophia
- Year 2 Michael
- Year 3 Heidi
- Year 4 Oliver
- Year 5 Dylan
- Year 6 Harry



### Class Attendance

- Reception - 99.57%
- Year 1 - 98.89%
- Year 2 - 97.04%
- Year 3 - 100.00%
- Year 4 - 98.52%
- Year 5 - 100.00%
- Year 6 - 100.00%



Well done Y3, Y5 and Y6—you all have 100% attendance this week. FANTASTIC!

## House Points

### Infants

- Matthew** Howie
- Mark** Tristan
- Luke** Molly
- John** Robert

### Juniors

- Molly
- Amelie
- Maya
- Leah

The overall winners were: Robert (Y1) and Amelie (Y5)

Well done everyone!



### Lunchtime Stars

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as our lunchtime stars for this week:

- Rec - Evie
- Year 1 - Oliver
- Year 2 - Freddy P
- Year 3 - Sonny
- Year 4 - Emily
- Year 5 - Lucy S
- Year 6 - Ben O'B



### Our Reception Stars

Our Reception children have their own class reward system. A child will be chosen as their House Star of the Week and an overall Class Star will be chosen. The class star will be given a trophy to take home for the week. (To be returned next week.)

Our winners are:

- Matthew House Star: Alanna
- Mark House Star: Jessica
- Luke House Star: Romeo
- John House Star: Freddie
- Overall Star of the Week: Jessica

Well done to all of our winners.



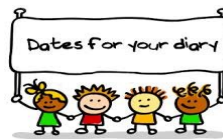
### Next Half Term's Sporting Clubs

The following sporting clubs will be on offer after the half term break. Letters and booking forms have been sent out earlier this week.

Zumba will continue as normal on a Monday lunchtime.

Wednesday	Friday
<b>Before School</b> Gymnastics KS2	<b>Before School</b> Tag Rugby KS2
<b>Lunchtime</b> Dodgeball KS2	<b>Lunchtime</b> Tennis Rec & KS1
<b>After School</b> Tag Rugby Rec & KS1	<b>After School</b> Netball KS2

- Wed 5th Feb 2020 Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening 1
- Mon 10th Feb 2020 E-Safety Week in school
- Wed 12th Feb 2020 Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening 2
- Fri 14th Feb 2020 School closes for February Half Term
- Mon 24th Feb 2020 School re-opens after half term
- Wed 26th Feb 2020 Parent Workshops Y1-Y6 4pm—5pm
- Thurs 5th March 2020 World Book Day. Come to school dressed in pyjamas.  
Competition—Recreate a book character using a potato—ideas to follow
- Mon 16th March 2020 Coffee and Tea with SLT—9.00am—10.00am
- Tues 17th March 2020 Y5 Stay and Pray - families invited (9.00-9.10)
- Fri 3rd April 2020 Finish for Easter
- Mon 20th April 2020 School re-opens
- Mon 11th May 2020 SATs Week
- Tues 19th May 2020 Y4 Stay and Pray—families invited (9.00—9.10)



**Extra Curricular Clubs**  
**Spring Half Term 1**



	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Mon		Zumba Mindfulness	
Tues	Fun fitness		
Wed	Glow in the Dark Football	Benchball KS2 Y2 Recorders	Glow in the Dark Football Rec & KS1
Thur	Fun fitness	Guitars Recorders	Choir
Fri	Dodgeball	Dodgeball Rec & KS1	Glow in the Dark Football KS2



## Literacy and Numeracy Workshops Advanced Notice February 26th 2020



We will be holding Literacy and Numeracy workshops for the parents of our Y1–Y5 children on Wed 26th February from 4pm–5pm. Each workshop will last approx. 20/30mins and will focus on the Four Rules of Number, Phonics, Reading Comprehension and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Our Reception parents have already attended Phonics and Number workshops this year, so there will not be any workshops for Reception parents. Our Y6 parents have had the opportunity to attend two Maths workshops, so the focus of the Y6 workshops will be Reading Comprehension and SPaG.



## Open Afternoon—Advance Notice

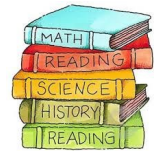
We will be holding two open afternoons on Wednesday 5th February and Wednesday 12th February at 2.15pm–3.15pm. Our open afternoons are a wonderful opportunity for you to come along and share your children's work with them.



## Parents' Evening—Advance Notice

Parents' Evening for the Spring Term will be held on Wednesday 5th February and Wednesday 12th February from 3.40pm–6.30pm.

The majority of appointments have now been made. If you have yet to make an appointment, please contact the office to do so.



## Bucket Filling



Mrs Ryan has chosen Annabelle from Y2 as her bucket filler this week. She said that Annabelle is so reliable and can always be trusted to act sensibly at all times. Annabelle is a great help in class and she always does jobs to the best of her ability.

Wow Annabelle. This is lovely to hear.

Intelligence is not thinking that you know everything without questioning, **BUT INSTEAD** questioning everything that you think you know.



## A Thought for the Weekend







# upcoming events



## Velocity—Spring into Spring — Friday 6th March

Following the success of the Velocity Night last year, the PTFA have organised another St. Mary's event at the venue. Just like last time, the venue will be closed to the general public and the facilities will only be open to our families. Tickets cost £10 per child. Further details to follow.



## Easter EGG Hunt and Bingo —Thursday 2nd April

We will be holding our very popular Easter Hunt and Bingo on Thursday 2nd April from 3.45pm—5.15pm. Tickets will cost £3 each and will include a book of bingo tickets for the adults and a book of bingo tickets and an Easter Egg Hunt voucher for the children. Numbers will be limited to 100 tickets. Further details to follow closer to the event.



## Quiz Night— Friday 24th April

We will be hosting a quiz night (adults only) on the evening of Friday 24th April from 7pm in the Infant Hall. Tickets cost £5 and teams are restricted to 6 members. You are welcome to bring your own drink and nibbles and prizes will be awarded to the winning and losing teams. It should be a great night, so please do try to join us as this is a new event for the PTFA.



## A BIG Shout Out for Amelie and Lily

We end the newsletter this week with a big shout out for Amelie and Lily from Y5 who both recently had their hair cut in order to donate it to the Little Princess Trust who provide free real hair wigs to children and young people with hair loss, and funding for vital research into childhood cancers. Well done girls. This is a lovely gesture and we love your new hair styles.

