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St Mary's Catholic Primary Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023

Half-term

Just a reminder that we break-up on Friday 17th February for half-term

Whatsapp Groups

It is illegal in the UK to use Whatsapp unless you are 16 years old. There have been several issues that have come about from children using Whatsapp. Children in primary schools are mostly unable to use chat apps without becoming involved in issues that they shouldn't, being privy to or participating in the writing and sending of hurtful messages, reading or using of bad and sexualised language, and arguments. Primary aged children have not got the level of maturity to deal with the fallout of chat apps and groups and online behaviour is causing some children a great deal of high anxiety. Children do not understand the far-reaching impact that messaging can have and how quickly content can be screen captured and shared on other apps. They have little understanding that everything on their phones is everlasting and once shared, they lose control over what they have written or shared. It is an increasingly worrying issue that we are addressing systematically in school. Please consider taking your child out of group chats as they appear to be doing more harm than good.



Worried about a child?

If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for free support and advice. Call us on 0808 800 5000 or contact us online.

Snow

If school is forced to close due to snow, we will list St Mary's as closed at this web address:

<https://schoolclosures.telford.gov.uk/> and we will do our utmost to send a Parentmail out also.



Diary Dates

13.2	Tuesday 14 th February 9am-9.45am Internet Safety Parent Workshop	All parents are invited to a session ran by Mrs Lambie and Mrs Griffiths on Internet Safety.
27.2	Monday 27 th Test My Best	Children are invited to create something – a photo, knitting, a cake, a craft project and enter it into our termly competition. All children will receive a certificate and winners will get a prize. This term's title is 'Summertime'.
	Thursday 2 nd March Year 1 Trip to Ancient High House	Information has been sent via letter.
	Friday 3 rd March World Book Day	The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. We ask that all children dress-up as a character from their favourite book and bring that book to school too if they have it. All children will receive a book token on the day too.

6.3	<p>Tuesday 7th March 8.50am Year 5/6 ALC Curriculum Assembly</p> <p>Thursday 9th Mini Vinnies Lent Walk</p>	<p>Parents are invited to our assembly to see all the work that your child's class have been doing and to celebrate achievement and progress. It lasts about 45 minutes. You do not need to book places to attend. We hope to see you there.</p> <p>We will be raising money for Mini-Vinnies and Cafod by doing a lent walk. All children will need their wellies and we ask that they collect as many pennies as they can from family members to participate. All money goes to those most in need.</p>
13.3	<p>Monday 13th March Year 5/6 HL Space Centre Trip</p> <p>Tuesday 14th March 8.50am Year 1 Curriculum Assembly</p> <p>Thursday 16th March Reception Curriculum Assembly</p> <p>Tuesday 14th March Parents Open Afternoon 3.15-4.15pm</p> <p>Friday 17th March at 11.50pm Mother's Day Lunch</p>	<p>More information has been sent via letter</p> <p>Parents are invited to our assembly to see all the work that your child's class have been doing and to celebrate achievement and progress. It lasts about 45 minutes. You do not need to book places to attend. We hope to see you there.</p> <p>All parents are invited.</p> <p>Letters have been sent home to book places.</p>
20.3	<p>Monday 20th March Year 5/6 ALC Space Centre Trip</p> <p>21st – 28th March Sustainability Week</p> <p>22nd March 8.50am 5/6 HL Curriculum Assembly</p>	<p>More information has been sent via letter</p> <p>Parents are invited to our assembly to see all the work that your child's class have been doing and to celebrate achievement and progress. It lasts about 45 minutes. You do not need to book places to attend. We hope to see you there.</p>

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30th March Easter Egg Hunt

We ask that parents donate Easter eggs if they can. We do purchases hundreds of eggs for the children to find but the bigger eggs are usually donated. Thank you in advance.

31st Easter Service in hall