



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 14 – 24/3/2022



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This term's Christian Value is Respect:

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4:1

Calendar events:



March

- 24th Class 5 visit to Shepton Mallet Prison
- 25th Class 4 visit to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery
- 28th Dance Umbrella at Bath Forum
- 29th Class 3 visit to The Roman Baths

April

- 6th PTA Easter Trail and Bake Sale 3-4pm
- 8th End of term 4: 2.30pm
- 25th **Start of Term 5**
- 25th Young Voices Concert at The O2 London (KS2)

**SAVE THE DATE: ST MARY'S SUMMER FAYRE
JULY 2nd 11am – 2:3pm**

St Mary's Stars

Little Acorns: Arthur for showing kindness during outdoor learning.

Little Oaks: All of Little Oaks for being so good without Miss Hamblin and Mrs Martin

Class 1: All of Class 1 – Radstock Museum told us how impressed they were by their amazing behavior during their visit.

Class 2: Zack for always making the right choices in all aspects of school life.

Class 3: Erin for being on task and ready to learn.

Class 4: Jemima for having resilience when finding fractions of qualities.

Class 5: Riley for being an excellent role model all the time

Class 6: All of Class 6 for working so hard all week

Kenny, Archie, Niamh, Betsy and Leia for helping with Nursery hot dinners every day.

Elsa for gaining her pen license.

Riley for achieving his 25m swimming award

Ukraine and Red Nose Day



Thank you for all your kind donations towards the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), in support of those suffering in Ukraine.

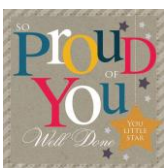
So far we have raised a whooping **£220.85**

Thank you pupils, staff, parents and extended families for your support.

Children wore their red clothing and accessories to school last week and raised money for Red Nose Comic Relief.

Pupils raised a grand total of **£120.72**

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The Queen's Green Canopy

As part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative to celebrate her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, St Mary's have planted a Silver Birch tree in our school field.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the Queen's Green canopy scheme will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, *The Queen's Green Canopy* will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

Covid- Staff/Children Absences

Well what a few weeks we have had at St Mary's with a significant number of staff and pupils testing positive for COVID. We are pleased to hear that cases have been very mild and, fingers crossed, most people have now returned. Despite the number of staff having to isolate we have managed to maintain consistency for the children with all remaining staff offering to help, being flexible with their hours and roles etc. and working above and beyond to teach and support the children. Parents, we thank you for your patience and offers of support, we really do appreciate it.

We have said it before but....what a team! **Thank you!**

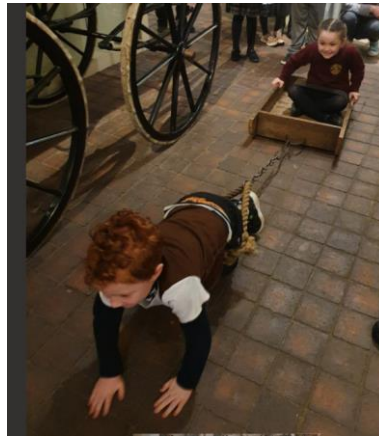
Class 1 Trip to Radstock Museum

Last week Class 1 walked down to Radstock Museum to support this term's topic *What's Under Our Feet* in which we find out about what Radstock was like in Victorian times and learn about the mining community. At the museum, we found out what life at school would have been like - learning the 3 Rs; slate boards and chalk, wooden desks with lids, how to behave in a Victorian classroom and how to avoid being disciplined! We also experienced what it may have been like to have been a miner; what a Victorian house was like and what the Co-op used to be like. We learnt so much and had a great time. Well done to the children of Class 1, the museum told us how they were impressed by their behaviour and how fantastic they thought the children had been. Mrs Roberts was so proud too as they walked all the way back up that hill in the pouring rain - and not one complaint. Amazing!





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Parking on Yellow Lines – keeping children safe

With so many school trips out and swimming for Key Stage Two classes it is vitally important that we keep the zig zag lines free for busses to pull in so children can disembark safely.

Please do not park on the painted zig zag lines outside the school

Nursery Spaces for September

Our wonderful Nursery is very popular and almost fully booked for September, particularly for 2-year-olds. If you wish to enroll your child, or increase your hours, please let us know as soon as possible as we have limited spaces left available.



PTA NEWS

Easter Activity Trail and Bake Sale, Wednesday 6th April, 3 – 4pm

This year we'll be holding a special new Easter Trail after school on Wednesday 6th April, starting from 3pm for Little Acorns and normal finishing time for the rest of the school.

Children will be able to follow the trail around the school grounds and visit 10 different activity stations before claiming their Easter prize!

At the same time, Class 1 and 2 will be running a Bake Sale, with cakes available for 20p or 50p each. The Easter Trail will be completely FREE to attend for all St Mary's pupils and younger siblings.

(Those parents and children who attend The Hub at Writhlington Village Hall after school on Wednesdays please note that the organisers have been informed and they have requested that you order your food before this day).

Easter Trail
and
Bake Sale

Wednesday 6th April 2022
Straight after nursery (3 pm)
and school (3.15pm) until 4pm

Children can follow the trail around 10 different activity stations then claim their Easter treat!
The trail is completely FREE
for St Mary's pupils and younger siblings.

1. Egg pen decorating

2. Egg rolling

3. Hop, hop hoppity hop

4. Balancing

5. Obstacle course

6. Willow dome prayers & thanks

7. Mindful moments

8. Nature sculpture

9. Senses in the sensory garden

10. Chalkerama

Class 1 & 2 Bake Sale

- Cakes 20p - 50p each
- Teas and coffees sold from the servery in the hall

Questions? Email pta@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk



Community Notices:

(We bring these to your attention, without necessarily recommending them)



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c March 28 2022 For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library
Storytime Sessions, Family Fun
 Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 29 Mar
 Thursday 12.00 - 12.30 pm 31 Mar

Art in the Library - Bath Artist Printmakers
 Monday - Saturday 2 - 30 Mar

Keynsham Library
Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
 Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 29 Mar
 10.30 - 11.00 am

Keynsham Rotary 'Young Photographer Competition' 1 - 28 March

Midsomer Norton Library
Storytime Sessions, Family Fun
 Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.00 am 30 Mar

Mobile Library
 The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation and choose something new to read. You can do all this and more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

'Share a Memory'
 We're asking for you to share your memories and photos of the Coronation, Jubilees and Royal visits in BaNES
 Online or in Libraries 1 March - 18 April

Digital All Social Media

- Women's History Month
- Free Wills Month
- World Autism Awareness Week 29 March - 4 April
- Great British Spring Clean 25 March - 10 April
- International Children's Book Day 2 April
- Unboxed Festival March - October
- Children's Book Review 2 April
- Bathnes Libraries Blog

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Weekly Groups for all

Bath Children & Family Centre	Radstock Children's Centre	Keynsham Children's Centre
Wednesday <i>Baby & Toddler Hub</i> See Health Visiting website (back page) for further information	Tuesday 10.00-11.30am <i>Outdoor Play & Explore Together</i>	Wednesday <i>Baby & Toddler Hub</i> See Health Visiting website (back page) for further information
Coming Soon! <i>Outdoor Play & Explore Together</i> See Facebook for updates	Thursday <i>Baby & Toddler Hub</i> See Health Visiting website (back page) for further information	Friday 10.00-11.30am <i>Outdoor Play & Explore Together</i>

Communication Learning Social skills
Respecting boundaries Concentration
Fun *Outdoor Play Supports* Self-esteem
Mental health Healthy immune system
An active lifestyle Sleep

Health Visitors

Health Visitors are qualified nurses or midwives who work alongside families offering support and information around parenthood and early parenting, from pregnancy right through to when your child starts school. The service offers support for all parents of all children (0-5), whatever their circumstances, including; Hello Baby course, Baby & Toddler Hubs and Infant Feeding Circle, as well as a programme of health and developmental visits and reviews, known as 'The Healthy Child Programme'. Find out more about the Health Visiting service including latest news and contact details for your local team;
bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk/childrens/health-visiting/



Your Children's Centre and Health Visiting Service is accredited under the Unicef baby-friendly initiative: www.unicef.org.uk/babyfriendly/about/

Children's Centre Courses

Family Support & Home Learning programmes

- Bright Beginnings** Supports attachment, early learning through play and meeting other parents, includes baby massage, for babies 18 months and under and parents/carers
- Ready Steady Talk** Communication & language development for babies 18 months to 3 years, with their parents/carers
- Our Time, Our Space** Antenatal arts group for women experiencing low mood, anxiety or depression in pregnancy
- My Time My Space** Postnatal arts group for women experiencing low mood, anxiety or depression in first year after birth
- Step by Step** Supports families of a child with additional needs
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- Theraplay Families** Time to think, about your relationship with your child & discuss current challenges
- Freedom** Supports women to understand controlling relationships
- Family Links Nurturing Programme** 11 week parenting course for families facing the challenges of parenting young children
- Family Links Parenting Puzzle** 4 week parenting course
- Catching Confidence** Supports confidence building for parents to set new goals for the future

Looking for further support?
You can contact us or your Health Visitor and we can refer you to one of our programmes or courses

General Family Support	Flying Start	Portage Home Learning	Theraplay	Personal & Employability Skills Support
One-to-one practical support and advice on a wide range of parenting issues.	6-week, home-based programme, using play activities to help parents/carers and child enjoy time together.	10-12 week home-and play-based educational programme for young children who have SEND.	10-12 week play-based programme supporting child and parent/carer to form positive healthy attachments.	Tailored support for parents/carers to develop skills and gain access to training and employment opportunities.

Bright Start Children's Centre Services

Bath Children & Family Centre
12 Charlotte Street, Bath BA1 2NE
Tel: 01225 396662

Radstock Children's Centre
Church Street, Radstock BA3 3QG
Tel: 01225 396660

Keynsham Children's Centre
65 West View Road, Keynsham BS31 2UE
Tel: 01225 395400

Email: brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk
www.bathnes.gov.uk/childrens-centres

BrightStartChildrensCentres

Did you know that your local Children's Centre also offers...

- Breastfeeding and infant feeding support, and space to feed your baby
- Healthy Start vouchers or card - to exchange for healthy food, milk or vitamins
- Dolly Cups for sale
- Foodbank Vouchers
- Refill water station

Health Visiting teams

Bath & North East Somerset
www.bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk/childrens/health-visiting/

Somer Valley West: 01761 408358	Somer Valley East: 01225 395371
Keynsham: 0117 9461076	Chew Valley: 01225 613887
Parkside: 01225 831829	St. Martin's Garden: 01225 831844
Twerton & Moorland: 01225 831694	

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Download the free BANES Early Help app to discover local organisations and resources offering Early Help and support for families



Family information & activities including, Ofsted registered childcare and, local information for families with a child or young person with additional needs, a special educational need or disability (SEND)
www.livewell.bathnes.gov.uk/



HANDi app, download for free and get expert advice, support and guidance for common childhood illnesses

PLEASE NOTE:
Our groups & courses are subject to change. Please check Facebook for latest updates

Bright Start Children's Centre Services
What's On
In Bath East, Somer Valley and Keynsham & Chew Valley areas
for children (0-5 years) and their families
April - July 2022

