



St Mary's of England Primary School & Nursery

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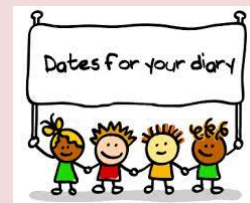


Please note that should you wish to receive this newsletter in a different format please ask at the school office.

This term's Christian Value is Compassion:

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3.12

School Diary Dates



December

10 th	Christmas Nativity filming (EYFS and KS1 only)
16 th	Colouring Competition Judging by School Council
16 th	Christmas Dinner
17 th pm	St Mary's Virtual Pantomime (and snacks) in each Bubble
17 th	Christmas raffle Draw
18 th	A Special Visit to St Mary's (sssh!)
18 th	End of Term 2

Compassionate Achievers

Little Oaks: Millie for always encouraging and helping her friends
Class 1: Lexi, chosen by Mrs Lock and Mrs Appleby, for helping when someone fell over by taking them to wash their hands
Class 2: Faith for helping others is they are upset
Class 3: Jemima for thinking of others
Class 4: Ember for demonstrating compassion on the playground
Class 5: Will for reassuring his classmates during assessments
Class 6: Fergus for being a quiet voice of reason.



PTA Christmas

❖ Children's Colouring Competition

This is coming home today. ALL children who enter will receive a prize. The winners will be judged by School Council on Wednesday 16th December.

❖ Virtual Christmas Market- organised by the children.

Please look out for a flyer from your child's class. Should you wish to purchase your Christmas gift please send money into school with your child.

❖ Christmas Raffle

Please return the slips and payment to your child's class.

❖ CHRISTMAS SPARKLE TRAIL

Please let the PTA know if you would like to be involved and add your home to the trail. The trail map will be available soon from the school office.

Any money should be sent into school with your child, in a named envelope or handed to the class teacher.



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End of Term Arrangements

Traditionally at the end of every 'big term' (Christmas, Easter and in the Summer) school finishes a little bit earlier for children. Please see timings below for our staggered finish to the end of this term:

2.10 Class 2
2.15 Class 1
2.20 Class 6

2.20 Class LO
2.25 Class 4
2.30 Class 5

2.30 Nursery
2.35 Class 3

Donation of Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Coming home with your child today are toothbrushes and toothpaste donated to the school from Colgate who are committed to helping families in making good oral health a permanent part of their lives. With a focus on prevention, building life-long habits and inspiring children to take control of their own oral health:
To become TOOTH DEFENDERS.

Online Learning and Bubble Closure

We are strictly adhering to our COVID risk Assessment but wish to reassure parents that should we find ourselves in the position that we have to close a class bubble, following advice from the Department for Education and Public Health, we are committed to ensuring that all children continue learning (assuming they are well).

Teachers and teaching assistants would be in contact with the parents of children in their class via Email and/or Class Dojo/Tapestry.

Work will be communicated to children and parents via these channels and a daily registration meeting via zoom. All work will be collected in and marked to allow teachers to provide feedback and plan further teaching to challenge or support. This would be handed in via Class Dojo/Tapestry (or through our online learning platforms for example Purple Mash) in the form of worksheets completed on line, photographs of work or other methods. Teachers will make use of online teaching tutorials and videos (set by the DFE) to support learning- Oak Academy or White Rose Maths.

For those children entitled, we will order Free School Meals and ring parents to arrange collection.

Individuals who are isolating for 14 days receive a pack of work that is aligned as closely as possible to work continuing in the class (a new pack is prepared each term). Teachers would love to look at and celebrate the work achieved at home during this time and it should be brought to school on your child's return. Again, parents are able to contact teachers through Class Dojo/Tapestry or through email.



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Do you have a child
starting school in
September 2021?



Places available for
September 2021

For a personal tour, please contact us:

☎ 01761 434548 ✉ office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk

St Mary's C of E Primary is tucked away in the historical, rural village of Writhlington. Our school has the most amazing grounds - including a sensory garden and a conservation area with fire pit and pond. Our early years 'Woodland' building has both an inside and outside classroom.

'Pupils in Reception are well prepared for their next stage of education'

'Pupils develop the self-confidence and enjoyment of learning needed to help them in the future'

- Ofsted 2019 -

We would love to offer you a **personal tour** - please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

All social distancing guidelines will be adhered to

Know someone with a child starting school in 2021?

We have spaces in Nursery and Reception now and for September next year.

Should you know anyone who would like a school tour please ask them to ring the school or contact the school office to arrange a convenient time for a COVID safe visit.



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Punctuality

Please try to ensure that your child is on time for their class entry in the morning. Teachers try to start promptly to fit everything into the day (with the differing finishes and handwashing this can prove difficult) and at times morning lessons are delayed.

School Closure Procedures in the Event of Snow – an early (hopefully) reminder

As the weather turns colder, this is a reminder for parents that, should it snow, a decision whether the school can be open to pupils will be made as promptly as possible. We have a number of things to consider at this time, for example safety of children, how many staff are able to travel to school (many travel a significant distance) and pupil/staff ratios. Please be assured that the safety of the children is ALWAYS our priority.

Parents will be able to find information on school closures from a number of places:

1. The school website
2. Our school facebook page
3. Telephoning the school – phones will be manned when/if staff are able to get to school
4. Email

Christmas Tree Donation

HUGE thanks to John at Bath Christmas Tree Farm for the offer of a Christmas Tree for the children at St Mary's!!!! ☺

We are so excited and looking forward to decorating it.

Bath Christmas Tree Farm

Come and enjoy the experience of walking through the farm and select you tree!!!

We will cut and net it for you and we can deliver!

Opening Saturday 28th November 2020 or by prior arrangement. Open 10am till dusk everyday.

T: 01225 872908

M: 07588076775/07376768091

Facebook: Bath Christmas Tree Farm

Located off the A367

Dunkerton to Peasedown St John Road. Entry via the Lay-by on the Hill towards Peasedown St John.
Postcode BA2 8BP

Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December

Please book my child/children:

a delicious Christmas lunch for Wednesday 16th December.

☐ My child is entitled to a Free School Meal.

☐ My child is in EYFS or KS1 and is entitled to Infant Universal Free School Meals

☐ I enclose £2.60 (KS2 not entitled to FSM)



Signed..... date:.....



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PTA - St Mary's C of E Primary School Christmas Bonanza

For everyone getting ready for Christmas and wondering what we'll do without the lovely school Christmas Fair; we've been working hard with Ms Lampert to create some Christmas magic for the children and find opportunities to do a little fundraising along the way.

The PTA supports St Mary's by enhancing or creating experiences for the children, offering our time and fundraising.

We always welcome new members, new ideas or support of any kind. This year, as we are all spending so much time outdoors, we have lots planned for the school grounds.

If you would like to help please send us an email...

sign up
Here
↓

ptastmaryswrithlington@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A ticket-free COVID safe raffle?!?

We couldn't approach lots of businesses as usual this year, so we have decided to run a special, ticket-free raffle to give you a chance of winning one of these fabulous prizes!



Prizes!

- 1st prize: Chocolate house
- 2nd prize: Christmas cake
- 3rd prize: Hamper



To enter, fill in a raffle slip with you name, number and child's class and return it to school.

You can enter as many times as you like!

If you run out of raffle slips, just put the info on a piece of paper and send it in with your child, along with the £1 entry.

Names will be drawn at the end of term.

£1

per ticket

Colouring Competition

Look out for our specially designed St Mary's Christmas colouring competition.

Just 50p to enter.

Everyone entering receives a prize, plus a first prize is up for grabs for one lucky winner in each class.



Writhlington CHRISTMAS SPARKLE

For the first time, St Mary's PTA are coordinating a fundraising Christmas Sparkle trail around Writhlington.

Do you live within walking distance of school? Do you add a bit of sparkle to your home at Christmas? Are you planning to decorate the outside of your house this year?

We would love to add your house to the trail map!



email

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or let a PTA member know if you would like to be involved.

Letters will be displayed at the 'Star Stops' to spell out a 'Winter' word.

Find the word and email it to the PTA email address (above) to be entered into our prize draw!

1st Prize: £25 Entertainer Toyshop voucher

2nd Prize: £10 Entertainer Toyshop voucher

Send in the money for a map to your class teacher or buy one from Fillerup (next to the Fromeway).

£2

per map

Special Visitor

For everyone missing the much-loved Christmas Fair and Grotto this year, there will be a special (socially distanced) visit to spread a little bit of joy and Christmas magic...

