



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 13 – 11/3/2022



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This term's Christian Value is Respect:

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

Matthew 7.12

Calendar events:



March

- 1st Start of term 4
- 3rd World Book Day
- 16th Class 1 trip to Radstock Museum
- 16th Parents evening
- 17th Parents evening
- 18th Red Nose Day
- 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: Kylo for amazing listening.

Little Oaks: Luca for being such a great friend and showing that he cares about others.

Maddie: for amazing creativity in crafts and her knitting.

Class 1: Neda for settling in so well.

Oliver for great improvement in his handwriting and always working so hard.

Class 2: Bertie for always trying to do his best in his work.

Milo for always showing respect

Class 3: Tommy for excellent Maths, especially tally charts and pictograms.

Nathan for persevering in rugby.

Class 4: Izzy for using a fronted adverbial with punctuation in her chronological report.

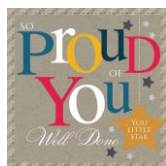
Jade for her dedication to home learning.

Class 5: Kiki for excellent vocabulary choices in writing.

Oscar for having resilience when multiplying mixed numbers by integers.

Class 6: Beth for always being a fantastic role model and putting so much effort onto everything.

Matthew for his fantastic writing in English





Other amazing achievers:

The following pupils completed Twosday sponsorships during the half term holiday and raised money for the school PTA funds:

Kizzy: Raised £50 by writing '22/2/22' in stones on the beach and walking 2222 steps.

Bertie: Raised £42.50 by completing sporting activities such as 22 star jumps in 22 seconds.

Seb & Will: Raised £12.40 by collecting donations

Aaron: Raised £27.20 by cycling 22km

Also: Skye, Erinn, Efa, Felicity and Beth for raising money for The British Heart Foundation by taking part in a swim 'treadathon'.





World Book Day

The whole school enjoyed World Book day and dressing up as book characters. We had a wonderful character parade and some of our youngest students had fun listening to stories read to them by their 'Buddies' in character.





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Curo Donation

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Curo this week presenting St Mary's with a cheque for £1,200. As part of their English curriculum, whilst in Year 4, our current Year 5 pupils put their 'persuasive letter writing' skills to the test and wrote to Curo asking for help purchasing some new picnic benches. Their hard work paid off and representatives from Curo arrived in school this week to award a grant for £1,200. We are extremely grateful to Curo for this donation and look forward to the arrival of some new outdoor seating, just in time for the children to enjoy the warm weather.





Little Oaks Trip to Ammerdown

Class 3 enjoyed a trip to Ammerdown as part of their Geography Topic 'Marvelous Maps'. The sun was shining as the pupils navigated their way using sketch maps.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and staff were very proud of the behavior and enthusiasm shown by all.



Ukraine

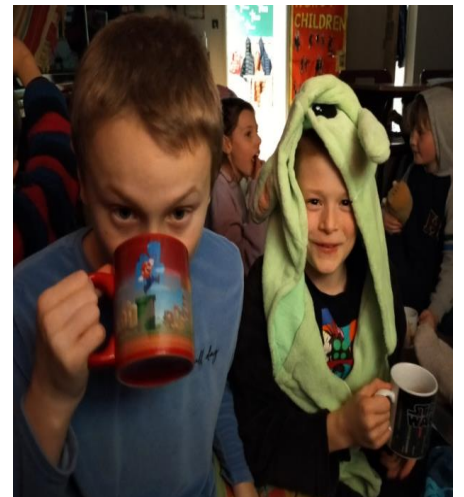
Whilst we know that many individuals and families will be thinking about and supporting those suffering as result of the war in the Ukraine, we have been considering what to do as a school community! It is important that we do not cause any worry with children and we are careful that conversations in school are appropriate for the age of the children in each class.

With this in mind, staff and our School Council thought it would be lovely for each child to paint sunflowers, the National flower of the Ukraine, to show our support. Each child will bring a unique and original sunflower painting home to share! In return we are asking for a donation which we will forward to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), along with our staff collection!



Bed time Stories

Students and staff across the school had a lovely time coming back to school in their pyjamas to listen to bedtime stories whilst snuggling up with hot chocolates and biscuits.





Cross Country

Well done to those who participated in the cross country event. Their attitude and resilience was outstanding throughout! Superstars!



Covid Update

I am sure that you are aware of the recent announcement regarding the changes to the self-isolation guidelines. It is wonderful that after two long years, we are edging towards life without Covid restrictions, although as a community we must be mindful that this elicits different responses in those around us.

The DfE wrote to schools sharing information which I am sharing with you. The bold text comes directly from the DfE email.

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

From Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will:

No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.



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You will see that the advice is for people who have Covid to remain at home for at least 5 full days and then follow the guidance until they have received two negative lateral flows.

Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, we hope that parents will choose to adhere to these guidelines. This will help to ensure that our staff remain covid-free and therefore able to continue to provide high quality education to your children. Your support will hopefully allow us to avoid a situation where, as before the half term break, we were struggling to staff our classes.

A few weeks ago we asked parents to continue to wear masks when they were on school grounds in order to help reduce the risk of transmission. As I mentioned earlier, members of the school community feel differently about the changes in restrictions so if you feel able to do so, it would be appreciated if parents would continue to wear masks.

Many thanks for your support with this matter.



Red Nose Day

Student Council have decided to take part in Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. Children, please come in wearing something RED on that day and, of course, if you have bought any Red Nose Day merchandise you can bring that too!

All donations should be handed into classes in the morning and School Council will count the money donated at lunch time.



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).

Community Notices:

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c March 7 2022

Bath Central Library
Storytime Sessions, Family Fun
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 8 Mar
Thursday 12.00 - 12.30 pm 10 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 8 Mar

Midsomer Norton Library
Storytime Sessions, Family Fun
Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.00 am 9 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

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Digital
Women's History Month
All Social Media
Free Wills Month
All Social Media
Food Waste Action Week
7-13 March
All Social Media
British Science Week
11-20 March
All Social Media
Unboxed Festival
March - October
All Social Media
Children's Book Review
12 March
Bathnes Libraries Blog

Facebook @BathnesLibraries1
Instagram @bathnes_libraries
Twitter @BathnesL
Pinterest @BathnesLibraries
Blog bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

CREATIVE MINDS

Easter Holiday Club

April 11th - 22nd
The Hive Community Centre
Peasedown St John
8am - Breakfast Club
9am - 4pm - Holiday Club

SIGN UP NOW! From £16.50 a day!*
*Terms and conditions apply

Email: creativemindshc@gmail.com
Tel: 07713 933507 or 07792 582699



Seedy Saturday

The 12th Seed Swap Potato Day & Green Fair

Entry £1
UNDER 16s
FREE

**Saturday 12 March 2022
10am - 2pm**

The Conygre Hall, Timsbury, BA2 0JQ

- Bring seeds to swap or make a donation if you have no seeds to exchange
- Browse heritage and organic seeds, potatoes, onions, shallots, garlic and plants for sale
- Purchase local preserves, crafts home-grown and plant-based products
- Pick up growing tips with inspiring expert talks and advice from local growers
- Fun crafts for all the family!
- Find out about and get involved locally with groups dedicated to gardening, recycling and sustainable lifestyles
- The Kitchen Café serving drinks, snacks and homemade cakes



Get Seedy! with Seedy Saturday

Swapping • Sharing • Growing • Learning

www.seedysaturday.org.uk • seedswap@getseedy.co.uk

Seedy Saturday

12 years of SWAPPING & GROWING LOCAL SEEDS

Seedy Saturday is a local event for growers of all stages and ages to share seeds, exchange tips, browse local products, get expert advice, and enjoy fun family activities. By growing, saving, and swapping seeds we can keep wonderful old and local varieties alive. So bring your seeds, family and friends, and let's have fun swapping, sharing, and growing!

Stallholders

Avon Wildlife Trust www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

Locally based environmental charity, dedicated to securing a sustainable future for wildlife and people through nature reserves, events, education, voluntary opportunities, monitoring and research.

Beans and Herbs www.beansandherbs.co.uk

Specialising in organic seed of vegetables and herbs for home growers and allotment holders. Huge range of bean and herb seeds.

Flamingo Paperie
- Sarah Hamblin

www.flamingopaperie.co.uk/web/sarahhamblin

Exceptional quality, beautiful cards and gift wrap for everyday and special occasions that you simply cannot do without!

Hebe Oil

www.hebeoil.com

An organic, handmade body, face and hair oil - an all in one beautiful, natural product for everyone, made entirely from plant-derived ingredients.

Hives and Herbs

www.hivesandherbs.com

100% beeswax candles, lip balms, hand-creams, 100% cotton and beeswax eco-friendly food wraps, tinclures and gift sets that are as 'natural as can be'.

Malago Medicinals

<https://malago-medicinals.business.site>

Herbalist and Indian Head Massage therapist. Small batch herbal creations.

Pennard Plants

www.pennardplants.com

Potatoes, potatoes, potatoes - all varieties sold by the tuber. Also, heritage vegetable and flower seeds, onion sets, rhubarb crowns, fruit bushes and trees and unusual tubers to grow and eat. "Grow what you can't buy!"

Weleda

www.facebook.com/WellbeingAdvisorStefMillsSomerset

Wellbeing Advisor
- Stef Mills

Offering advice and demonstrations on the organic and natural cosmetic range from Weleda - the oldest organic, biodynamic skin care company in the world.

Wild Thyme

Small nursery in the heart of Somerset, growing a range of beautifully scented perennials, shrubs and climbers. Also wildflowers from around the British Isles that encourage bees, butterflies and other wildlife back to your garden.

Plus!

Expert Talks & Craft Sessions

Visit www.seedysaturday.org.uk for full details, timings and updates.

All advertised activities and stallholders are subject to change at any time.

WRITHLINGTON FLOWER SHOW

PRESENTS QUIZ NIGHT & Raffle

**SATURDAY 26th MARCH
AT WRITHLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

FUN NIGHT FOR ALL

DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM FOR 7.30 START

£6.00 PER PERSON. Face covering optional.

All Teams Welcome.

EVENING TO INCLUDE SUPPER.

TEA'S COFFEE'S WILL BE AVAILABLE

WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

All proceeds go towards Writhlington Flower Show Funds. PLEASE BOOK
YOUR TEAM or more information contact Mr R Langley 01761 431406, and
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