



# St Mary's Church of England Primary School & Nursery

## Newsletter – Issue 1 – 11.09.2020



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**This term's Christian Value is Friendship:**

**"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11**



### School Diary Dates:

#### **September:**

**15<sup>th</sup>**

**Individual's school Photos**

**29<sup>th</sup>**

**School Council Elections (candidate speeches in class prior to this date)**

#### **October**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Harvest 'Zoom' Assembly in Bubbles**

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

**End of Term 1**

### Message from Ms Lampert

Goodness what a busy second week back. I expect you are all ready for the weekend! Certainly after many months of lockdown and home learning we are all building our stamina and resilience for being back at school full time.

It was unexpected to find ourselves working so closely with Public Health England, BANES and the Partnership Trust so early in the term regarding a pupil with a positive COVID test result but feel reassured by all that our Risk Assessment is robust and that all procedures are in place to ensure the highest safety standards possible.

Our isolating year group have started on their home learning programme with their class teacher and teaching assistant. It was lovely to join a Zoom meeting this morning where the children were introduced to their work for the day and enjoyed a Scavenger Hunt to earn Class Dojo points. Well done children for your commitment to learning and the effort you are making at home!!!

I wanted to say a huge thank you once again for the support you have showed the school. Parents have ensured they have kept in contact, offered support, been patient and have made all the changes necessary work. I believe that we, as a school community, quickly adjusted to this new way of working and hope to continue to move forward with exciting developments to ensure we provide the best teaching and learning possible for ALL children at our school.

### Parent Payments

Please send payments for dinners, nursery or otherwise into the school office via your child in an envelope with your child's name on, what it is for and how much money is enclosed (cash or cheque). We will be looking into a parent pay system and hope to roll this out to parents next year.

### Dance Umbrella Refunds

Mrs Lynch in the school office has asked if there is any remaining queries regarding the Dance Umbrella Refunds that parents contact the school office: [office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk](mailto:office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk)



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### SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING

Goodies - our school uniform provider is now trading again and I would urge parents and carers to be prompt in ordering so that uniform is ready for September. Whilst we are being flexible with uniform for the 1<sup>st</sup> term to allow more frequent washing of clothes to prevent the spread of the virus, we would expect children to be in full uniform by Term 2. Should you wish to remind yourselves of the requirements, there is a dedicated page on the school website.

**<http://gooddies.co.uk>**



Orders placed before midnight on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will be delivered approximately the end of the month. Orders placed before midnight on the last day of the month will be delivered approximately the middle of the following month. Please allow up to 20 working days from cut off during the busy months of June - September.

Deliveries into school are free, however you do have the option to pay for home delivery at a cost of £6.50

### Staffing Updates

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Buchan who has been our office administrator and caretaker for a number of years. She has been a caring, friendly and central part of our school and we are sorry to see her go. Additionally, June, the crossing patrol officer, has retired. If you are interested in applying for this position, there is more information on the BANES website. (Please take extra care when crossing near the shop as this junction is very tricky to navigate. We have spoken to Bath and North East Somerset to inform them).

Many of you may have noticed that Mrs Dart is expecting her second child. Congratulations!

We are pleased that Mrs Dobson has offered to work full time and so disruption to the children will be minimal. We welcome Mrs Kate Shipway who has taken up a temporary position in the office and look forward to appointing a permanent member of staff soon. If you are interested please see the application and job description on our school section of The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust website.

You may see George Knapp around school as a regular visitor as he is our new caretaker. Working with the office he will be keeping us all safe with Health and Safety checks and additional maintenance around the school grounds. Many thanks to all our volunteers who have assisted us over the past year in the many improvements to the site.

### The Partnership Trust

St Mary's Church of England School and Nursery are now officially part of The Partnership Trust. The day-to-day running of the school will be as it always has been with the benefits being seen through a more collegiate approach to the operational and strategic running of the school. We are looking forward to working with colleagues in the trust for the benefit of our children. The main offices of The Trust are based at Fosseyway School. Emily Massey has taken over from David Gregory as the new CEO.

### School Camp

We are still hopeful that we may be able to go to Great Wood on March 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will continue our payment scheme now for parents to pay in installments should you wish. It is also possible to pay in full!

A letter containing further information will follow for all Year 5 and 6 parents and carers.

### Reading at St Mary's

A reminder to all our wonderful school community that Mrs Martin, who leads on reading development, has set up a wish list - a dream list of books, that we need.

Many people have already donated books - THANK YOU!

Please see the facebook post or follow the link - and send it to anyone you know. If everyone bought just one book we would almost double our reading library.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WYQY1F3SQKZL?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WYQY1F3SQKZL?ref=wl_share)



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### Please don't burst our bubbles

We realise that things are very strange at the moment; children back in school but social distancing required in the community, restaurants and team sports back on but a limit on how many people can meet. It is up to us, as individuals, to follow the government guidance as best we can to limit the spread of the virus and keep everyone safe in the community. The government has opened parks but we would ask that should children have any symptoms that they do not play in the park after school. Additionally, you may wish you ensure your child washes their hands thoroughly after use and avoids touching their face whilst playing.

### Community Notices:



## Bath and North East Somerset Food On Our Doorstep

Good-quality food at a low price

Family Action and Bright Start Children's Centre Services are running weekly **Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) clubs** at three Children's Centres to provide families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste.

It costs just £1 a year for your family to become a member. Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

To become a member, you must live or work within 15 minutes of the club and have a child aged 0–11.

### Where and when

- **Keynsham Children's Centre:**  
Thursdays, 2 - 4pm
- **St Martins Children's Centre, Bath:**  
Fridays, 10 - 12pm
- **Radstock Children's Centre:**  
Fridays, 1.30 - 3.30pm

### Find out more

To find out more, please email:  
[banesfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk](mailto:banesfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk)  
[brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk)



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