



St Mary's of England Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter – Issue 6 – 23.10.2020



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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:

October

23rd

End of Term 1

31st

Deadline for Secondary School Applications

November

2nd

Start of Term 2

5th/6th

Fire Pit Forest School

11th

Flu Immunisations

18th

Bubble Film Night

December

18th @ 2:30

End of Term 2



Thank you so much for your support over this first half term. Despite COVID and all the necessary changes and worries this has presented many families, feedback from children and discussions with parents and staff have been overwhelmingly positive about the return to school.

I hope all have a restful holiday and return to school ready for the new term.



Fire Pit Forest School

On November 5th or 6th all the children will attend a 'Forest School' session at the fire pit; toasting marshmallows and carrying out activities outside to coordinate with Bonfire Night.

Nursery, Class 1, Class 4, Class 5 and Little Oaks will have their session on Thursday and Class 2, 3, and 6 on Friday.

On their allocated day please could children come into school in play clothes; with footwear and coats suitable for being outside in the conservation area.

Wellies

Please ensure that your child has a set of wellies in school as children are able to access the school field, in their bubbles, if they have suitable footwear. The field can be muddy so to ensure that classrooms stay clean, we ask that children change their shoes.



PTA - Film Night

All the children are invited to Film Night, with party Bag snacks, on November 18th.
£2.50 per child.

From Monday 2nd November, please send your child into school with £2.50 and permission slip attached, to their class teacher who will keep a register.



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(Please note that should you be unable to print the permission slip at the end of the newsletter, permission can be written on a slip of paper and included in a name envelope with the payment).

Letter from the Chair of Governors

Please see attached a letter from Sarah Gilliam, newly elected Chair of Governors at St Mary's

Friendship – Our Christian Value

This week, again, children were chosen, in our Friday ZOOM assembly, by the teachers and their peers for demonstrating that they are a good friend.

Little Acorns	Arthur
Little Oaks	Aeryn
Class 1	Rowan
Class 2	Lexi
Class 3	Isaac
Class 4	Emily
Class 5	Alex
Class 6	Gethin

Attendance

Please be reminded that due to government restrictions we are unable to authorise absences during term time unless there is exceptional circumstances. We are pleased that our attendance remains above the national average.

Harvest

A whopping £86.36 was raised during Harvest. We 'twinned a tap' in Ethiopia so that they are able to keep safe in their community; washing their hands – just like all the children at St Mary's.

Sporting Champion

A HUGE well done to Violet Askew in Year 6 for coming 3rd in a Quad Kids competition across all schools in the area. WOW!

Her medal is on its way.

Uniform

A reminder that after half term we will be returning to **full school uniform**. However, on PE days children are still able to attend school in their PE uniform. This uniform is black or dark joggers/leggings or shorts, a white t-shirt or school PE t-shirt, jumper and trainers. We are currently looking into adding a school PE sweatshirt to our uniform for PE days.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that have not already done so; deadlines for applying for a place for your child is 31st October, 2020

St Mary's School Council

School Council met today and had some super ideas for school improvements and things they would like to do to make St Mary's EVEN better.



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Thank you to Vice Chair – Isabella, Elsa, Seb, Athalie, Olivia and Jemima for all of your ideas and a very productive meeting with Ms Lampert. We will write up the minutes and share them with teachers and children next term.

Children- look out for new Bubble Play Time Boxes coming soon.

Flu Immunisations

Thank you to parents for kindly chasing information regarding these vaccinations. A date is now set. Nurses from Virgin care will visit the school on November 11th to administer the NASAL Flu Vaccination. Please see the letter below from Virgin Care explaining how to provide consent for your child to be vaccinated. ONLY children with completed permissions will be vaccinated. Please follow the link to sign your child up.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/banes>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Name of Child / Children: _____

Class (classes): _____

I give permission for my child/children to attend the PTA Film Night on November 18th,
3:15pm – 5p.m.



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I enclose £2.50 per child).



Signed _____

All profits will go to the PTA fund to benefit all the children at St Mary's School.