

31st January 2022

# St. Mary's Primary and Pre- school Newsletter

Can we politely remind parents that school begins at 8.55am and that the children need to be here on time. Children turning up late for lessons disrupts everyone in the classroom and school. Unless an After School Club is booked, school finishes at 3.15pm.  
Pre school hours are 8.45am-3pm (Morning session 8.45-11.45am & Afternoon session 12-3pm)



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

We will be celebrating the Year of the Tiger on Tuesday 1st February with a lunch of Chicken & Veg with Noodles made by the children, as well as other activities. Regular school meals will not be provided by Brabins Shop on this day.

## PARENTPAY

Please keep your Parentpay account up to date. Please make regular payments, and keep your account in credit. School lunches are to be paid for in advance, or at the very least weekly.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

- ☀️ Poppy - for sharing really nicely with her friends
- ☀️ Harry - for always being ready to learn with an excellent attitude
- ☀️ Daisy-May - for growing in confidence and super improvement

## ASSEMBLIES - 2.30PM

We would like to invite parents and friends of our children into school to share our Celebration Assemblies on the following dates at 2.30pm:

Years 1,2,3 - 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Years 4,5,6 - 11<sup>th</sup> February

Please can we ask that you only attend the assemblies in which your child is taking part in for now. We are desperate to keep everyone in school for as long as we can so if we take small, measured steps, this may hopefully reduce the chances of Covid transmissions.

## READING BOOKS

Thank you for hearing your child(ren) read at home and signing their reading records. As we move into the Spring term, we are having a big push on reading in school and at home. We are asking the children to bring a bag into school with their reading book and reading record every day. We will also be doing guided reading in school most days where the children will be reading in small groups. If you need more books, please do ask.



## What's Happening?

### SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS

#### This is now 1<sup>st</sup> March

On the 10<sup>th</sup> February, we welcome James Ball, Paralympian, into school to talk to our children about being an Olympian, and also to do a sponsored fitness circuit. Some of the sponsor money that the children raise helps to support these athletes as they progress in their sporting careers. We will be asking for the completed sponsor forms to be returned to school soon.



**James Ball**  
Para Tandem Cycling

**Year of Birth:** 1991  
**Coach:** Tom Hodgkinson  
**Representing:** Great Britain & England

### QUEENESQUE

Friends of St Mary's have booked "Queenesque - Queen Tribute Band" to play at Chipping Village Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets can be ordered via [wearefosm@mail.com](mailto:wearefosm@mail.com).



Our Bingo is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall. For those who haven't been before, all the prizes are food & drink and the top prizes are Roast Dinner hampers. Please come along and support. Children are welcome as long as they are able to play along, as some of the people who come are quite serious about it all.

We will be holding non-uniform days on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February and asking you to bring prizes in on these days. We will need biscuits, coffee, tea, wine, beer, sweets, chocolates, tins etc.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February - School Closes for Half Term  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - School Re-opens  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Queenesque @ Village Hall  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Sports for Champions Visit  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - World Book Day  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Bingo @ Village Hall