

17th 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)

PE kits also need to be in school at all times. We are happy for them to have long jogging bottoms and hoodies for the winter months as long as they have their blue shorts and white t-shirts as well for indoor PE lessons. Please can you check that their kits fit them still including their trainers or pumps.

Swimming continues this term for years 4,5 & 6 on Fridays. Please ensure they bring their costumes/trunks, towels etc. in.

Some of Miss Doherty's class are attending a Football Tournament this Thursday (20th). Please ensure they have their PE Kits with them, and shin pads. They will have their lunch in school as usual.

PARENTPAY

Please keep your Parentpay account up to date. Please make regular payments, and keep your account in credit.

Gift Amnesty

Parents, staff and friends!

Can you help us raise funds for the school this year?

If you received any gifts this Christmas or have anything stashed away that aren't quite to your taste we'd love any donations that can be used as prizes or at future events. We are looking for gift sets, alcohol, bottles, smellies, and anything else you find!

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:

Pre-school and Reception - 28th January

Years 1,2,3 - 4th February

Years 4,5,6 - 11th 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.



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What's Happening?

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

On Friday 28th January we will be taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch which is a survey organised by the RSPB. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>



CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

Friends of St. Mary's are holding a Cheese and Wine Night in the school hall on Friday, 28th January from 7pm. Tickets are £16 each. They are limited, so do let us know if you want tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. They will need to be paid for upfront to secure your reservation.



SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS

On the 10th 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

A circular portrait of James Ball, a Paralympian, wearing a white Great Britain cycling jersey, set against a background of the Union Jack flag.

QUEENESQUE

Friends of St Mary's have booked "Queenesque - Queen Tribute Band" to play at Chipping Village Hall on Saturday 26th February. Tickets are priced at £17 and can be ordered via wearefosm@mail.com.



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