



Advent/ Autumn Term 22

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back for the 22-23 Academic Year at St Mary's.

The warm weather was lovely over the summer holidays, and we do hope you enjoyed it.

It was wonderful to hear all the news and see all the children and families for the start of this Academic year. All classes have settled well. Do have a look at the class pages on class dojo. Please ensure you are linked up to class dojo and can receive class and school messages on it.

Welcome to our new EYFS class, who had their first full day on Thursday. Welcome too, to; Mrs Brown, who is covering Mrs Hill's maternity leave in Year One, Miss Buttarazzi who is teaching Year Two and to Mr Bray, who is the new Year Five teacher and SENCO.

We do hope you will come along to the Achievement Assemblies on Fridays and Liturgies on Thursdays at 9a.m in the school hall.

Key Dates for your diary

Clubs begin: from the 5th September- please collect from the front entrance

Meet the teacher: Thursday 8th September: 3.30p.m- 4p.m- after school. Please do come along after school and see your child's new classroom and hear about their curriculum- what they will be learning this year.

Progress Evening: 12th October 2-6p.m in the school hall. Individual appointments to meet your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress this half term.

Friday 30th September: McMillan Coffee Morning and film night after school

14th October: Own Clothes day

Half Term holiday: 17th – 21st October 22

Harvest Disco: Friday 28th October

EYFS open morning- 2nd November: come and see our Foundation class if you are looking for places for the 23-24 Academic Year.

Flu immunisations in school: 15th November 22

Training/ Inset Day: Friday 18th November- children not in school

Christmas film night: Friday 25th November

Pantomime: 6th December: children attending Sleeping Beauty Panto at the Town Hall

Santa's Grotto and Christmas Fayre: Friday 9th September 22

Christmas Holidays: 19th December – 3rd January 23: 3rd January is a school training day. The children return for the Lent Term on the 4th of January 23.



We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



READING AND PHONICS AT ST MARY'S

Teachers will aim to send children with home readers next week. They are assessing this week to match reading books to the child's level.

From Foundation to Year One, the children learn phonics through the Little Wandle programme. Any child that needs further help with their phonics from Year Two to Year Six, will receive the Little Wandle catch up programme with their class teacher. All children on the phonics programme take home, the Little Wandle reading book which is matched to their phonics ability. They will have read that book twice in class already, so they will be fluent with it before they come home with their reading book, that does not mean that they are ready to move up a book level. They move up a book level on the frequent assessments of their phonics. Year Twos go onto the book band levels.

Once children are assessed at having the correct phonetic knowledge of all of Phase 5, in Years Three to Six they move onto the Accelerated Read book band levels, children are assessed for the correct levels. They change the book once they have completed the quiz in class. It is so important that your child understands what they are reading, and you can help them by asking them questions about what the words mean and to summarise the page, paragraph or book.

It is important for you to listen to your child read at least twice a week from Foundation to Year Six. In the Juniors children are expected to bring their reading record and reading book in each day and put it on their tables at the start of the day for teachers to check.

School Uniform/ PE kits

We have endeavoured to keep only a few items of uniform branded, but please do come and see our very good quality used uniform too.

Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled, including water bottles.

Summer Uniform to October half term.



Blue polo shirts, summer dresses.



PE Kits: white or blue shirts (not football shirts or coloured), black or navy blue shorts, black or blue tracksuits only. Children wear PE kits on PE days.

Winter uniform from after October half term to the Easter holidays



Blue shirt (not polo shirt) and tie – no summer dresses.

Trainers only to be worn for PE. Black school shoes to be worn.

Jewellery and hair

Ear studs and analogue watches only -no hooped earrings – children will be asked to remove incorrect jewellery next week and this will be put in an envelope and given to parents. If your child wears any other jewellery for religious reasons- please inform the Headteacher by letter.



Break time snacks

Foundation, Year One and Year Two children receive fruit at breaktimes.

Years Three to Six can bring a healthy snack of fruit, healthy biscuits, yoghurt or a cheese snack for the morning break time. Please do not send in anything with nuts in, due to allergies. Please note that crisps, chocolates or sweets will not be allowed for a break-time snack.