

ST MARY'S CE(C) FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

Helping Each Other To Do Our Best

Newsletter 01

8th September 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. It is lovely to see so many children returning to school looking so smart and ready to learn. A warm welcome also, to our new children and their families who are already settling in well.

At St Mary's we are committed to doing everything we can to help our children to achieve their potential. We very much value the support we receive from you as we work together to guide the children to be the best they can be. Remember that we operate an open door policy so please let us know if we can support you in any way.

We are all looking forward to a busy but enjoyable term and look forward to sharing our news and events with you over the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support. St Mary's team

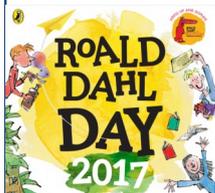
Wednesday 13th September	Roald Dahl Day
Monday 18th September	School Photographer visit—class groups and photographs
Tuesday 19th September	PTA AGM 5.30pm
Tuesday 3rd October	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.00 pm
Friday 6th October 9.30am	Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's Church, parents welcome. Pupils will walk from school.
Friday 20th October	Non Uniform Day (£1 donation to the School Fund)

Upcoming dates:

Have your details changed?

If you have changed any of your contact numbers during the school holidays, please remember to inform the office. Thank you.

Roald Dahl Day



On **13th September 2017** the children at St Mary's will be once again celebrating the birthday of Roald Dahl. We are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a Roald Dahl character on this day. We will also be arranging a variety of Roald Dahl themed activities throughout the day based on some of the most well-known stories and characters.

Competition time!!!

As part of our Roald Dahl celebrations, this year we are hosting two competitions. Children in EYFS or KS1 are invited to take part in a party hat colouring competition and children in KS2 will have the opportunity to complete a book quiz, naming characters from different stories.

Please pick up your competition entry from the main entrance.

EYFS and KS1: Please return your completed party hat by Friday 15th September. All entries will be displayed in the main entrance. Please ensure your child's name is written on the inside of the hat.

KS2: Please post your completed quiz by Friday 15th September in the postbox in the main entrance.

All entries will be judged and the winners will receive their very own Wonka Bar prize.

Good luck!

Morning drop off and home time arrangements

Please ensure that all children are dropped off at the school gate and are supervised by their parent/carer until the gates are opened. Children can walk in to school independently from the gate or from the path opposite the corridor entrance. Do not let children walk across the car park unattended.

All children must be collected on time and from the allocated collection point, at the end of the school day, by the designated parent/carer. It is important that you contact the school office if there is a change to the usual collection arrangements i.e. another adult will be collecting your child. We will not let your child go home unless we are notified.

School Uniform

Your child must wear the correct school uniform, with sensible black school shoes (no trainers). Please see out uniform policy for further details.

Please ensure you write your child's name on all uniform and PE kit. The correct PE kit must also be worn. This includes a white polo shirt (no sports tops) and plain black or navy bottoms. Children should bring PE pumps to school and ensure their kit is left in school all week.

Children have been issued with an A4 plastic school bag which contains their reading book and journal as well as any other homework. They are not required to bring anything apart from this bag and their water bottle to school each day. Spare water bottles are available from the school office at a cost of £2.00 each, payable via Parent Pay.

Important Parent Pay update

Please check your Parent Pay account and ensure that all balances are cleared. Failure to clear balances will mean that we will not be able to honour bookings for clubs, Nursery, Breakfast and after school club in September. All sessions will need to be confirmed and paid with 24h notice by either childcare vouchers or on Parent Pay. This enables us to plan our staff to child ratios.

The Birthday Table payment item - From September, any Birthday Table payments should be made to your child's school dinner payment item. Please check in advance with the office to confirm how much the Birthday Table will be prior to paying.

Dinner payments—from September, parents will be asked to bring in a packed lunch for their child when dinners are in debit over £10.75 until the debt is cleared, as all payments should be made in advance.

As you know, Mr. Thorne is unwell at the moment and will not be in school for the first few weeks of term. If you have any general concerns please see your child's class teacher. If it is more serious, please make an appointment to see Mrs. C. Stanford, our senior teacher on site or myself.

Best wishes,