

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

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a refreshing break. This term is, as always, very busy. We are rapidly approaching Sports Day and many other exciting activities which I hope you can attend. Thank you, Mr Thorne

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

We are hosting a special event on the school's playing fields on Wednesday 5th July as part of Race for Life's schools programme.

Pupils will join forces with parents, teachers and governors, to take on cancer and walk, jog or run up to 5k in aid of Cancer Research UK's life-saving work. A letter will be sent home shortly with more information.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 19th June	Y4 Transition Parents' meeting with Mr Swift and Mrs Priestley 9am at St Mary's
Thursday 22nd June	Story session for children starting Reception 2.45—3.10pm
Saturday 24th June	Y4 'Rocket Day' at Brewood Middle School for Y4 pupils and parents
Thursday 29th June	Story session for children starting Reception 2.45—3.10pm
Friday 30th June	St Mary's Sports Day
Tuesday 4th July	Years 1 & 2 visit to West Mids Safari Park
Wednesday 5th July	Race For Life event
Thursday 6th July	Story session for children starting Reception 2.45—3.10pm
Friday 7th July	Y4 Languages Morning at Wolgarston
Thursday July 13th	Y4 Induction Day at Brewood
Thursday July 13th	Induction afternoon for the new Reception intake & parents' lunch 1.00—3.10 pm
Friday 21st July	Last day of the summer term

Playground Improvements

We are pleased to let parents know that the playground markings have been updated over the Half Term. Pitches have been marked out, and KS1 have snakes and ladders, a clock face and hopscotch. Nursery have a new road system with a roundabout and parking spaces for very small cars! The children are enjoying using the markings.



News from Reception

We can't believe we are into the last half term here in Reception; the school year is flying by! The children have made some super progress, and have a busy half term ahead, making sure that we are all set for Year 1!

The children loved getting stuck into our 'Castles' topic last term! We studied knights, castle defences, banquets, and even learned the story of William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings. The children enjoyed dressing up as knights and princesses in the role play area, and retelling some of the lovely stories we covered in our English lessons such as 'The Kiss that Missed' and 'The Knight who Wouldn't Fight'.

In Reception, we love to work as a team, and the children did just that when they worked with a partner to design and build some fantastic junk model castles. We also undertook lots of other creative projects such as designing and making our own shields and using 3D shapes for printing our own castle pictures.

Our final topic is 'Pirates' and we have lots of fun activities planned such as making treasure maps and 'Wanted' posters, writing messages in a bottle, testing objects that float and sink and creating our own telescopes (if possible-please save a kitchen roll and send it into school with your child ready for this activity!).

I'm sure that the children will keep you informed about all things pirate-related that we get up to in the coming weeks!

Thank you to parents and carers, as always, for your continued support. Information will be available soon regarding upcoming events such as Sports Day and Transition day.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns!

Miss Clarke



Kitchen Vacancy

There is a job vacancy in the School Kitchen 6-9 hrs/week, please contact the school office if interested.

Uniform reminder

Can parents please be aware that big hair bows and heavy boots are not part of school uniform, and a reminder that suitable PE kit should be brought in ready for summer term activities.

School Grounds Working Party—Volunteers required

We are planning a day of weekend work to maintain and update the school grounds, including weeding, edging and planting. If you can spare any time to come and help on Saturday 1st July (start time 10am), we would love to see you.

Please bring trowels, spades and gloves!



Water Bottles & Suncream

Please ensure that children come to school with suncream in the morning as required and bring a sun hat/cap to school during hot weather. Spare water bottles are available via the office, payment can be made on Parent Pay.

After School Clubs Update

Inspired Coaching—there will be no after school clubs for Football and Dodgeball during the last week of half term. If you have paid via Parent Pay, you will see a refund of £3.00 next time you log in. Parents are also reminded there will be no after school football on Thursday 15th and 22nd June.

Safeguarding Update

NET AWARE social media guide for parents

The NSPCC has launched an updated Net Aware site for parents and carers. The site, run in partnership with O2, includes: tips showing how to help your child block or report someone targeting them; a guide to 39 of the most popular social media sites, apps and games used by children and young people including information about new apps like Pokemon Go etc.

www.net-aware.org.uk/online/safety

Health and Safety Update

Now the summer months are here and your child may be coming to school on a bicycle please make sure your child is aware of road safety.

We all want to avoid any accidents or harm to pupils.