

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



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Dear Parents & Carers

What a "splendiferous" day we had on Tuesday 13th September as we celebrated the 100th birthday of Roald Dahl. The Staff planned a series of Roald Dahl inspired activities which all children thoroughly enjoyed.

I would especially like to thank Mrs Stanford for all of her hard work in preparing and co-ordinating the day's events; the "scrumdiddlyumptious" chocolate fountain was truly spectacular!

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support for these events - the children's costumes were fantastic!

Please take a look at some of the moments captured on camera.

Kind regards
Mr Thorne

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 24 Sep	Brewood CE Middle School Open Morning, 10am to 12pm
Sun 25 Sep	Outdoor Working Party, 1.30pm to 4pm (School Grounds)
Mon 26 Sep	School Photographer - individual and sibling photos
Tue 27 Sep	PACT Workshop (phonics & reading) for Reception & Nursery, 9am to 9.30am
Wed 28 Sep	Brewood CE Middle School Open Morning, 10am to 12pm
Tue 4 Oct	PACT Workshop (phonics & reading) for KS1 (Year 1/2), 9am to 9.30am
Thur 6 Oct	Harvest Festival Lunch
Fri 7 Oct	Harvest Festival
Tue 11 Oct	PACT Workshop (phonics & reading) for KS2 (Year 3/4), 9am to 9.30am
Fri 21 Oct	Break Up for Half Term
Mon 31 Oct	Return to School
Wed 7 Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Fri 16 Dec	Break Up for Christmas

ST MARY'S SUPERSTARS!!!

Congratulations to this week's Superstars. We are very proud of you. Keep up the hard work!

Deputy Headteacher Award: Andrea Jasiunaite (Y1)

Star Writers: Anna Ibanga (R)
Maisie-May Miles (Y1)
Oscar Crossfield (Y3)
Eadie Bawn (Y4)

Star Mathematicians: Lauren Melbourn (R)
Lotti Evans-Bowen (Y1)
George Hammond (Y3)
Thomas Swift (Y4)

Star Readers: Zoe Wightman (Y3)



SCHOOL GROUNDS

Thank you so much to all parents, pupils, Governors, Staff, volunteers and friends who gave up their time during the summer break to help carry out improvements to the school grounds. We are blessed with such a caring community. We have included some snaps of them hard at work.

As there is still so much to do, we are meeting again on Sunday 25th September between 1.30pm and 4pm at the school grounds. If you are able to lend a hand, please do come along; all help is greatly appreciated.

PACT (Parents and Children Together)

Next week sees the start of our PACT workshop programme. These fun workshops will take place every term, each with a different focus. This term the focus is on phonics and reading and it is hoped that each child will be supported by a parent, carer, relative or other adult. It is a great opportunity for you to pick up lots of ideas to support your child's learning at home. If you or another nominated person can attend, please put your/their name down on your child's class list held at reception. The sessions will last approximately 20 minutes.

BUSHCRAFT CLUB

On Tuesday 13th September, we also welcomed Natasha Branston of Educating Kids Outdoors. Natasha delivered a lively and informative presentation to parents about the forthcoming Bushcraft after school club. Initially, the club will be open to Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, but we are looking at the possibility of extending the age range so that younger children can participate during the milder weather. Children who join can look forward to bug-hunting, den-building, exploring, craft-making and probably getting very muddy!

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH

Our Harvest Festival Lunch - due to take place on Thursday 22 September - has now been scheduled for Thursday 6 October. All parents and carers are invited to join us for this special celebration meal. The cost is £2.58 per person and places can be booked at the school office (no later than Monday 3rd October).

HARVEST FESTIVAL CHURCH SERVICE

Parents are welcome to join us at St Mary's Church for our Harvest Service on Friday 7 October. The service starts at 9.15am.

If there are any parents or carers who are available and willing to help us escort the children safely to and from church, please could you inform the school office?

Harvest Festival is an important date in the Christian

calendar when we give thanks for the crops that have been grown. It is also a time to remember that there are many families and single people who are struggling to make ends meet. This year the school will be supporting The Well, a Christian project, based in Wolverhampton. The Well provides food and other essentials to local people in crisis. From Monday 3rd October, the children can bring in to school donations of in-date, non-perishable food items - such as tea, coffee, sugar, tins (soup, meat, veg, fruit), packets (rice, pasta, biscuits), jars (cooking sauces, jam, marmalade) and cereals. Thank you for supporting this local, worthy cause.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Football Club, for Years 2, 3 and 4, started on Thursday 22nd September, 3.15pm to 4.15pm. There are still a couple of spaces available - please contact the school office for details.

Dodgeball Club will start on Monday 26th September, 3.15pm to 4.15pm. This club is open to Years 1 and 2 but, as we still have a number of spaces available, we have decided to open it up to Year 3 as well. The cost is £12.00 for the half-term - please contact the school office for details.

J Team, for children aged 7 and above, starts on Wednesday 28th September, 3.15pm to 4.15pm. The additional session dates are 5th, 12th and 19th October and 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th November. Activities include bible story-time, games, crafts and singing. If you are new to J Team, please could you call into the school office and pick-up an application form?

Bushcraft Club, for Years 3 and 4, will start on Monday 3rd October, 3.30pm to 5pm.

SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY DATES

Please find attached the school term and holiday dates for the 2016/17 academic year.

HEADLICE

We have had a reported case of headlice in school. Please could you check your child's hair?

FANTASY CAKE ART COMPETITION

Village Vocals are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan on Saturday 1 October at Wheaton Aston Village Hall from 10am to 1pm. In the run up to the event, children are invited to submit a design of their own dream cake. The winner will have their fantasy cake made and presented to them. Please have a look at the attached entry form for more details.

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2016 / 2017

Autumn Term 2016:

Staff:	Monday 5 September – Friday 21 October	(35 working days)
Pupils:	Tuesday 6 September – Friday 21 October	(34 working days)
Holiday:	Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October	5 days
Staff & Pupils:	Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December	(35 working days)
Holiday:	Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January	11 days

Spring Term 2017:

Staff & Pupils:	Tuesday 3 January – Friday 17 February	(34 working days)
Holiday:	Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February	5 days
Staff & Pupils:	Monday 27 February – Friday 7 April	(30 working days)
Holiday:	Monday 10 April – Friday 21 April	10 days
<i>Easter Sunday:</i>	<i>Sunday 16 April</i>	

Summer Term 2017:

Staff & Pupils:	Monday 24 April – Friday 26 May	(24 working days)
<i>May Day:</i>	<i>Monday 1 May</i>	
Holiday:	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	5 days
Staff & Pupils:	Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July	(37 working days)
Holiday (staff):	Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September	28 days

INSET DAYS

Monday 5 th September 2016	Tuesday 6 th September 2016	
Friday 17 th February 2017	Monday 24 th February 2017	Tuesday 25 th February 2017

Bushcraft Club Presentation on Tuesday 13th September



Getting Stuck-In over the Summer Holidays



Road Dahl Day on Tuesday 13th September

