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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024, WEEK 6

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Last week our Year 6 children took part in SATs and we are so proud of the way they conducted themselves. They now look forward to lots of interesting projects and of course preparing for their end of year performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat".

The importance of reading

As half term arrives, we would like to remind you of the importance of both listening to your child read and reading to them – both have huge benefits even if you feel your child is an able and fluent reader. Listening to your child develops their reading aloud skills and it also provides you with the opportunity to question them on the text, strengthening their comprehension skills. Reading to your child is a wonderful way to enrich their vocabulary and also model good reading aloud. We have noticed as children get older at St Mary's, in some cases comments in Reading Records become less frequent and we really do not want that to happen. Thank you for your support.

Bounce-athon

We are looking forward to the 27th June and our bouncy day here at St Mary's. Please help us by encouraging friends and family you see during the break to sponsor your child in support of our new football pitch, thank you.

Weekly attendance: w/c 20th May 2024

Well done to Year 4 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - for the highest attendance and to Reception for no lates this week.

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	0	95.94%
Year 1	12	94.35%
Year 2	1	95.90%
Year 3	4	97.67%
Year 4	1	98.26%
Year 5	4	94.72%
Year 6	3	98.03%
Whole School	25	96.43%

OTHER NEWS

Our local residents at the **middle site** have asked two things of us:

- Please don't allow your child to drop litter when they leave school; there is a trail of sweet wrappers daily from our gate - our Eco-Councillors will be distressed to hear that.
- If you drive to drop off or collect your child, please do not block driveways.

Thank you for your consideration of our neighbours.

Hear from our Year 3 pupils:

You must stop bringing in snacks in plastic because animals might think it is food and eat it. Everyone must bring a piece of fruit instead so we don't have micro plastics in our water. Parents reading this – will you help us save our environment? Ellie 3 Poplars.

We urge you to stop bringing in snacks in plastic packaging because it kills millions of animals each year. It is extremely harmful and destroys their habitats. George, 3 Sycamores.

We must stop bringing in plastic packaging in school because it harms the world and kills the marine animals. Lia, 3 Maples.

Big Battery Hunt – Battery Recycling Initiative – update!

We now have a running total of **2,731** batteries collected from all three sites so well done to all of you who have brought your batteries into school to be recycled.

The deadline for the Duracell Big Battery Hunt competition is Wednesday 12th June so we only have ONE WEEK to go when we return from half term!

So, get searching at home and let's see if we can increase our numbers! You can find out more by visiting www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk

FINALLY

We have reached the end of another term and are already looking forward to the term ahead with all the exciting things planned. Reminder that the first day back for the children is Tuesday 4th June.

Monday 10th June, 1430 – 1500, Transition visit for Year 3 parents at the junior site

Wednesday 12th June, Imago class photos, IS & MS

Thursday 13th June, Imago class photos, JS

Friday 14th June, Year 6 family Bingo night, MS, 1700 – 2030

Tuesday 18th June, 1525 – 1635 Whole School Art Exhibition, MS

Wednesday 19th June, 1540 – 1640, Whole School Art Exhibition, JS

Thursday 20th June, 1415 – 1445, Transition visit for Year 1 parents at the middle site

Friday 21st June, KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2), Sports morning, 0930 – 1200, Orleans Park field

w/c 24th June Last week of school run clubs

Tuesday 25th June, 1510 – 1610, Whole School Art Exhibition, IS

Thursday 27th June, Whole School Sponsored Bounce

Friday 28th June, KS2 (Yrs 3 – 6), Sports morning, 0930 – 1200, Orleans Park field

Monday 1st July, Moving up day, whole school

Friday 5th July, Reception Sports morning, 0930 – 1120, Middle site

Saturday 6th July, St Margaret's Fair

Tuesday 9th July, Open afternoon all three sites (after schools finishes for one hour)

Thursday 18th July, Leavers' service, 1000 – 1100, St Mary's Church

Friday 19th July, reports home to parents

Saturday 20th July, FoSM Fair, MS

Wednesday 24th July, Last day of summer term, school finishes one hour earlier

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for my kind and caring family and friends. I am also very grateful for my lovely pets! I appreciate going to an amazing school with kind and supportive teachers. Please help the people in the world who are less fortunate than us and provide them with good and clean water. Amen.
Raphie M 4T

Thank you for your support of our school as always; the staff joins me in wishing you a very happy half term break.

Yours sincerely



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