



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Parent Newsletter

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Our return to school after the half-term break signalled the start of a very busy week to say the least. Firstly, many thanks to all of you who attended one of Parents' Evenings either yesterday or on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many of you coming along to see your child's progress and to discuss the next steps we have planned for them during the remainder of the year.

Secondly, you will be aware that the school was inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday. This was an event that we had anticipated for a long time and, on behalf of all staff and governors, I wanted to thank all of those parents who either spoke with the inspector before school, sent us messages of luck and support or completed the online 'Parent View' questionnaire (which produced a volume of positive responses well in excess of those found nationally).

I am unable to share the findings of the inspection with you at this stage as they must remain confidential until the final report is published. This is likely to be within the next month or so and you will receive a copy of this before it appears in the public domain.

We have always sought to give the local community a school that it can be proud of and it is at times like an inspection that the strength of our partnership really comes into its own.

Thank you once again,
Mr Smith.

A Lenten Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You that You provide for all our needs.
Thank You that we can trust You to turn the small things we give You into something big that can make a huge difference.

Help us to be generous with everything we have, just as You are so generous in giving us these things.

Amen.

Attendance

Our attendance figure to date is 96.8%. A reminder that any late children are to report to the office and not the classroom doors as office staff must have an accurate picture of attendance each day. The current figures are below:

Zebras: 94.4%	Elephants: 95.9%
Foxes: 96.0%	Hedgehogs: 98.2%
Robins: 96.4%	Bluebirds: 97.1%
Dolphins: 96.9%	Starfish: 97.8%
Giraffes: 97.7%	Lions: 95.6%
Tigers: 98.6%	Monkeys: 97.4%

Important Dates

Spring term ends: Friday 7th April

Summer term begins: Monday 24th April

Local Elections: Thursday 4th May – closed to pupils

Half-term begins: Friday 26th May

Children return: Monday 5th June

Summer term ends: Friday 21st July

Children return for 2017/18 academic year:

Wednesday 6th September

Key Dates – Spring 2017 onwards

Tuesday 7 th March	YR trip to Wonderland
Friday 17 th March	FOSM 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Wednesday 22 nd March	RZ Class assembly
Thursday 23 rd March	RE Class assembly
Wednesday 29 th March	3S Class assembly
Friday 31 st March	Y1 fundraising event
Friday 7 th April	Church Service-St Mary's 9.30am
Friday 7 th April	Church Service – St Mary's 2.15pm
Monday 10 th -21 st April	School closed for Easter holidays
Monday 24 th April	School re-opens for Summer term
Wednesday 26 th April	2R Class assembly
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 4 th May	Elections – school closed

Parking and Parental Conduct

Despite several reminders through newsletters, we are still seeing a minority of parents parking in a dangerous and inconsiderate manner. The school is now reporting to police registration numbers of those who openly flout the restrictions we have around school.

There have been a couple of incidents related to parking and other matters that have escalated into confrontations between parents on or close to the school site in recent weeks.

It is so important that all of us as adults are acting as positive role models for all pupils and behaviour such as that described above only undermines the work we do in school in equipping our children to be responsible members of society.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Rooney and Mrs Powers to the staff as Teaching Assistants working in Reception and Year 3 respectively. We hope that their time with us is a very happy one.

Safeguarding

The school takes its safeguarding duty seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, then you must contact the school or the Birmingham Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121-303-1888 in confidence.

Bournville Young Singers

If your child is interested in singing or joining a choir, we have had information from Bournville Young Singers about their two different choirs that run on Saturday mornings. More details can be found on their website: www.byoungsingers.org



