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## St Mary's Primary School and Nursery

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

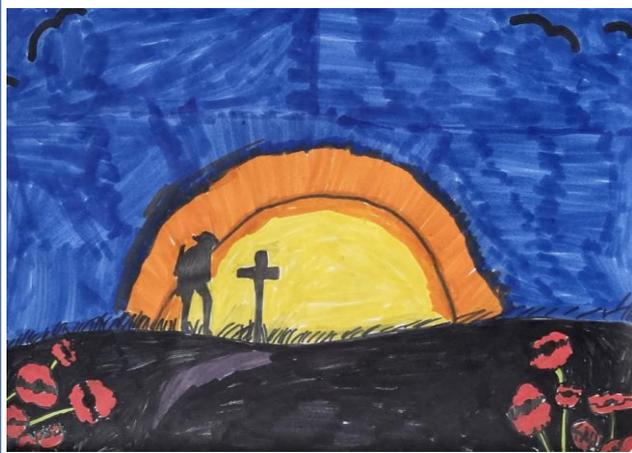
Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing effort to ensure that all children are dressed in the correct P.E kit. We ask that all pupils wear jogging trousers and jumpers that do not have sports logos on. Last week our English Leader, Mrs Hadley, spent the morning with our School Improvement Partner looking at our reading provision in Key Stage Two. They looked at books, spoke to children about reading at St Mary's and observed lessons. Our staff will be looking at the feedback and planning our next steps along with our English Leader and we will share our progress with you in due course.

Remember that Monday is a non-school uniform and Odd Socks day!

Mrs Lawlor and Mrs Quinn

### Lest We Forget Remembrance Day 2021



Our value for November will be:



### Anti-Bullying week

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

We will be starting Anti-Bullying week on Monday by wearing Odd socks to celebrate diversity and uniqueness.

(This is also a non-uniform day)

### Children in Need 2021

Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> November,

Remember to dress up as a hero on Friday for Children in Need. The School Councillors ask for a suggested donation of £2 that will go to this worthy cause.

### Marking and Feedback

We are currently reviewing our Marking and Feedback Policy at St Mary's. In our staff meeting this week, we were thinking about the purpose of marking and giving feedback to pupils.

*Marking should be meaningful, manageable and motivating.*

**Meaningful:** marking should vary by age group, subject and what works best for the pupil and teacher

**Manageable:** marking practice should be proportionate. Bear in mind the impact on teacher workload, when you think about how often and how deeply teachers mark

**Motivating:** marking should help to motivate pupils to progress. Don't assume this means writing in-depth comments or being universally positive.

Going forward, one strategy we will begin to use is highlighting pupils' work to show them where they have been successful and areas for development.

**Green for Go!** To celebrate successes

**Pink for improve!** To show children what to focus on next

**The slimy, hideous monster sed "Boo!"**

We will share our updated policy with you soon!

## Before and After School Club Questionnaire

As you will be aware, Mr Russ has been offering an additional club before and after school, which is led by Mrs Fouracre.

This week we sent a form to all parents via parent mail regarding the potential need for any wrap around care at our school. Please do not be alarmed, we are not about to make any drastic changes to the above mentioned club that is in place at present and Mr Russ is aware that we have sent out this questionnaire.

This questionnaire is about finding out the needs of families and as we have new families joining us each year it is important to assess the demand for this type of provision going forward to ensure it best fits the needs of our families.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have responded to this already!

## Remembrance Day

Our pupils were extremely mature, reflective and engaged during our Remembrance Day assembly this week. Thank you to all the pupils who wrote and shared their poems with the school.



## Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we explored the qualities we would expect to see in individuals who are honest. We also thought about the questions:

What does honesty look like?

What does honesty feel like?

We talked about how honesty saves time, especially when we know we have done something wrong. We agreed that owning up to the truth is always a good thing to do!



**Whilst we understand that many families missed out on holidays last year due to COVID-19, I would like to remind all parents that holidays during term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.**

**An attendance rate of 95% is generally considered good.**

**Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.**

## Whole School Dates 2021 - 2022

Blue is new = a blue date is a new date

### NOVEMBER 2021

**Children in Need Day** - 19th November

**Non-uniform and Odd Socks day** –Bottles, chocolate or £1 - 15th November 2021

**Anti-Bullying Week** - Week commencing 15th November 2021

**End of Key Stage two Assessment Meeting** for Year 6 parents - 16th November Y6 - 3:30-4:00pm

PTA Cake Sale – Hedgehog Class – 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Flu immunisations 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Years 1 to 6

### DECEMBER 2021

**PTA Christmas Fair** - 4th December

**PTA Secret Santa** - w/c 6th December 2021

**KS1 Christmas Performance** - 6th December 2021 2pm

**KS1 Christmas Performance** - 7th December 2021 10am

**KS2 Christmas Performance** - 9th December 2021 7pm

**KS2 Christmas Performance** - 10th December 2021 2pm

**PTA Christmas Disco** - 10th December 2021

**Christmas Jumper day** - 10th December 2021

**Nursery Christmas 'Sing a long'** - 13th December 2021 11am

### JANUARY 2022

**PTA Non-uniform day** -Toiletries or £1 - 10th January 2022

**Y1 Phonics screening meeting for parents** - 20th January 3:30-4:00pm

PTA Cake sale – Squirrel class – 17<sup>th</sup> January

### FEBRUARY 2022

**PTA Cake sale – Butterfly and Caterpillar Class** – 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Children's Mental Health week** – week beginning 7th February 2022

**Safer Internet Day** - 8th February 2022

**PTA Valentine's treats** - 11th February 2022

### MARCH 2022

**World Book Day** - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**Science Week** - commencing 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Parents' Evening 15th March (3:45-5:30pm)**

PTA Cake sale – Falcon - 16th March

**Red Nose Day**- 18th March

**Parents' Evening** - 17th March (3:45-7:00pm)

**PTA A mother to me event** - week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**PTA Easter Egg Hunt** – week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**PTA Easter colouring/drawing contest** – week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### APRIL 2022

### MAY 2022

**PTA Non-uniform day** -Bottles or £1 - 9th May

**Mental Health awareness week** - week commencing 13th - 20th May 2022

**JUNE 2022**

**PTA Summer Disco** - 10th June  
**Bikeability Y5** – week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
**PTA A father to me event** – week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
**PTA Non-uniform day** -Chocolates or £1 - 13th June  
**World culture week** commencing 13th June

**JULY 2022**

**PTA Summer Fair** - 2nd July  
**Reports sent out** - 11th July  
**PTA fun day** - 14th July  
**PTA Break the rules day** - 21st July  
**Transition sessions for pupils will be held this month so they can meet their new teacher and see their new classroom.**  
**Meet the teacher meetings (for parents) for academic year 2022 – 2023 will be held this month**

**National Assessment dates**

**Year 2 phonics screening** - week beginning 22nd November 2021  
**End of KS2 assessment period** - Monday 9th May - 12th May 2022  
**End of KS1 assessment period** – Through May -June 2022  
**Year 1 Phonics screening** - week commencing 6th June 2022  
**Year 4 Multiplication check** – Taken during a 3 week period commencing Monday 6th June 2022

**Dates TBC**

As I am sure you can appreciate, there will be new dates added to the calendar of events as we go through the year. These will be blue to show that 'new is blue'. Dates to be confirmed are:

Class assembly dates	Easter services
Curriculum days or weeks	Christmas lunch date
Parent workshops	Height and Weight check
Residential trips	Junior citizenship programme
Swimming	Parent workshops TBC throughout the year
Trips per class will be updated as and when they are arranged by class teachers.	Y6 Leavers' assembly and festivities TBC in line with Guildford
Harvest festival	Leavers' service
	Christmas Church services



## St Mary's Stars of the Week!



Every week, our teachers and support staff choose two children from their class who have demonstrated our value of the month. Our Value this month is **Honesty**.

