

Newsletter 9 February 2022

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Dear parents and carers,

My goodness, time is flying by at a tremendous rate; it is really good to know that spring will be on its way soon. Here is the latest round up of news and changes.

COVID cases are very much at the lowest they have been for some time at St Mary's which is wonderful news for the children, parents and our school community. We will be starting after school clubs on the second week after half term; letters will be sent in the first week for children to make their choices so please keep a look out for these.

We hope to reinstate school trips too to enrich the learning topics for the children which would be great as we have all missed them; they always provide another level to the children's learning.

We have welcomed our parent volunteers to hear the children read. This has been a fantastic addition to our provision and I know from talking with the children that they are also enjoying reading to our parent volunteers on a regular basis too. We also have a core group of parents supporting and helping with swimming so again a massive thank you to you all for your continued support.

Myself and Mrs Shailes had a great meeting with FOSMs and we are now looking forward to some joint activities including a staff/ parent/ community evening of bingo and fun on the evening of the 25th March; Fair Trade Coffee morning planned for the beginning of March; Scholastic Book Fair week 21st–26th March; Coin trail Easter activities on the 8th of April; School summer fair on the 10th June 22 and much, much more.

So far the funds that you have all generated have been spent of enhancing IT equipment in the school (Chrome Books), resources for the classrooms; new books and plans for a sensory garden which we hope to have under way soon. We are also looking to improve our outdoor play areas with a further all weather trim trail on the playing field along with a daily mile track. Once we have a design, we will share this with you. It will be great to use other areas in our school for play-

We would like to wish you all a very restful half term and we hope that the sun will shine for you all to get out and about and enjoy all the lovely things we have on our doorstep.

Best wishes, Alison McDonald and all of the team at St Mary's.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 17th Feb 1.30 FOSMs Coffee (Golf Club)

HALF TERM 21st-25th February

Mon 28th Feb-Inset Day

Tues 1st March—Read for Good Readathon starts

Thursday 3rd March—World Book Dress Up Day

Friday 4th March - Drop Everything and Read

Mon 21st March- Fri 1st April Big Walk and Wheel

21st-25th March FOSMs Book Fair and Pre-loved

uniform Sale

Fri 25th March Parents Social Evening

Tus 29th & Weds 30th March Parent Evenings

Monday 4th-5th April Y5 Residential Carnyorth

Fri 8th April Coin Trail

EASTER HOLIDAYS 11th -23rd April

Mon 30th May- Fri 3rd June HALF TERM

Monday 6th June—Inset Day

Friday 10th June—School Summer Fair

20th-22nd July Y6 Delaware Residential

22nd July Last day of Term

http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/ term_dates/298666

Only 2 weeks to go!

Your child will have been given their sponsorship form and can start planning what they want to read and asking people they know to sponsor them! Please support them to choose a variety of reading material, audio books/blogs/recipes count too, and decide how they are going to measure their sponsorship- per page, per book, per 10 minutes of reading, 30 minutes a day-the choice is theirs.

This link takes you directly to the online sponsorship page which is the easiest way to sponsor a child.

https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor



Special Educational Needs Support

Every Thursday from 2.15-3.15 Mrs Titheridge is holding a SENCO 'drop in' session. Parents will be welcome to discuss accessing SEN support and Mrs Titheridge will be happy to answer any of your SEN questions.

Please contact Mrs Titheridge at:-

senco@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

Head Teachers Award 7th – 11th February 2022

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Reception

Martha for always thinking of others when playing games.

Year 1

Amelia for always sharing her things and helping others in need.

Year 2

Harper for her kindness and care for everyone.

Year 3

Evvy for being a compassionate and caring member of the class.

Year 4

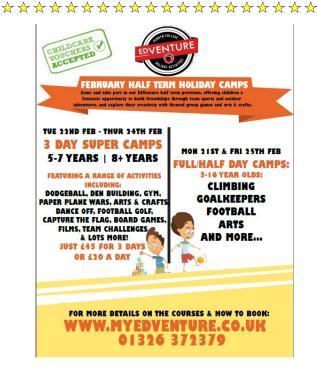
Phoebe for producing work to a high standard and for her helpfulness.

Year 5

Courtney for showing compassion to those around him.

Year 6

Lauren for showing compassion by set-



Stars of the Week 7th – 11th February 2022

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Reception

Kacper for answering questions about our story so well.

Eli for his super reading and use of phonics.

Year 1

Sophie for excellent answers in guided reading and super independence in her learning.

Violet for using her phonics sound mat to help her label pictures in R.E.

Year 2

Reeva for super writing this week. Elliot W for sharing his ideas in class.

Year 3

Amelie for super effort when writing in English. Noah C for working hard and persevering in all lessons.

Year 4

Rory for always being willing to help.

Molly D for always working hard and trying her best.

Year 5

Lowen for always offering to help out around the classroom.

Zoe for always being a considerate class member.

Year 6

Rosie for her amazing work in algebra, forming equations this week.

Duncan for his fantastic Antarctic penguin shape poem.

We are getting new tables and chairs for y5 and Y6 soon.

If you would like any of the old school tables and/or chairs please let the office know.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK AT ST MARY'S?

We have two vacancies for:-

Wraparound Play Leader 12.5 hrs a week from Apr - Aug (Grade F1) Wraparound Play Leader Assistant 12.5 hrs a week Apr- Aug (Grade D1)

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Details and application forms are on our webpage http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/vacancies/596710



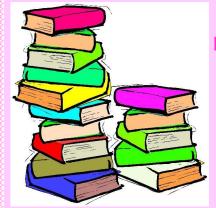
Get ready for a clear out! FOSM's are collecting for Bags to School on the following dates:-Friday 1st April **Tuesday 5th July**

you can bring your bags in!

We will let you know when

BlackbirdPie the What's On magazine in Cornwall for families, FREE to view:-

www.blackbirdpie.co.uk



FOSM's **Bookfair & Pre-loved** Uniform

> 21st-25th March

sale



Are you free for a pre-pick up coffee on Thursday 17th Feb at 1.30pm?

FOSM's are meeting at Falmouth Golf Club and would love to

welcome new members



Thank you to everyone who has

donated board games and Lego for playtimes.

We still need more, if you are planning a Spring clean

Reception would also like donations of Sylvannian Families, Playmobil and Lego

Thank you!

Parents Evening Dates Tues 29th/Weds 30th March



We have now moved all of our Dinner and Breakfast Club bookings over to ParentPay.

From Tuesday 1st March school meals for Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6 will need to be prebooked and paid for in advance on ParentPay. Meals can be booked up to 8.30 a.m. on the day your child requires a meal and bookings can be made for the week.

Please note: sufficient funds must be in your account for all dinner bookings to be confirmed or the meal will **not** be booked and your child will not get a lunch. As you know Breakfast Club is also bookings only. We cannot give you a place if you have not booked. Details of how to book dinners are on the next page Thank you for your support.

St Teresa of Ávila's Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which He looks lovingly on this world.

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes; you are His body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.



that you could show love by using your hands today.

What will you do? Make something beautiful? Pick up litter? Tidy up? Be a good friend?

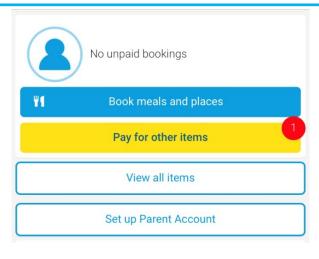
Imagine yourself doing it.

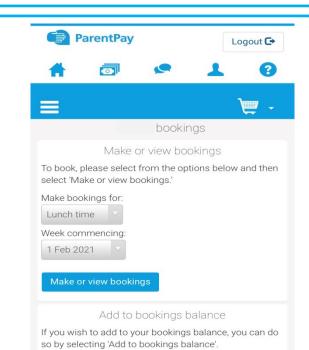


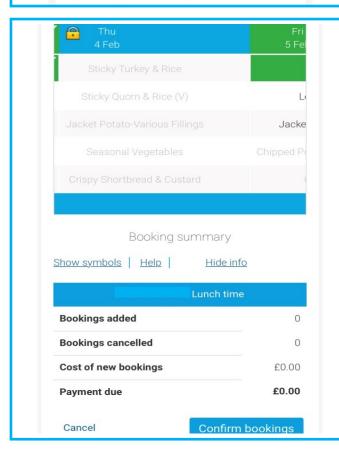




From 1st March dinners will now be bookable on Parent Pay Here's how you do it...







-Log on to ParentPay -Click book meals and places under the pupil's name

-Change make bookings for: ensure this is set to
Lunchtime
-Week commencing: select week
-Click make or view a booking

-Scroll down the page and click the meal required (ensure the dates required have turned green) -Click confirm bookings

-Follow procedure to pay in basket.