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Newsletter 2



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What a busy few weeks we have had over the last month!

Everything is going well and we are thrilled with the great response to our school streets closure. It really is so much safer outside of school at the start and at the end of the school day. We are continuing to look for volunteers to help us keep the school streets in place so if you can help that would be amazing, just let Mrs Chapman, Mrs Shailes or Nick from Sustrans know. We are very busy planning ahead for the year and have decided to book the Hall for Cornwall for early December to see Ed Rowe in Treasure Island. The PTA have helped us with the cost of coaches and we are really pleased that we are able to go; such a great experience for all of our children.

Our parent teacher meetings will take place after half term and we hope to update you with dates and times soon.

It is really great to see the children taking part in the football and netball events after school along with Mini-Vinnies, Choir and many more opportunities., if you are able to help in any way possible, please do let us know.

As usual if you have any worries or concerns about your child please let us know via Dojo, email or by telephone. We are always on hand to help or support, you in any way we can, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs McDonald and the team at St Mary's

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

Friday 7th 3.30pm PTA & Mini Vinnies Plant, Pre-loved uniform & Cake Sale

Wednesday 12th Drop Everything and Read

Wednesday 12th Whole School Mass 9.10am

Thursday 13th 9.30 & 1.45 Open Day

Friday 14th Oyster Parade

Friday 14th Football Festival

Wednesday 19th Tempest Pupil Photos

24th-28th HALF TERM

Monday 31st INSET DAY

Monday 31st Deadline for Y6 Secondary applications

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2nd Whole School Mass 9.10am

Tuesday 15th Y1 Hearing Screening

Thursday 17th 9.30 & 1.45 Open Day

Tuesday 22nd 4pm Governors Meeting

Thurs 24th Christmas Light Switch On

DECEMBER

Thursday 8th 9.30 & 1.45 Open Day

Monday 12th Y5 at Nexus, Camborne

Monday 12th Reception and KS1 Treasure Island

Tuesday 13th KS2 Treasure Island

Thursday 15th Carol Concert 6pm

Fri 16th Last day of Term!

Congratulations

to our amazing Teaching Assistant Ms Liptrott who completed the London Marathon on Sunday!

She has raised over £3200 for Little Harbour Hospice and money is still coming in!

She will be running the Brighton Marathon next year for Cancer Research.

We are all so proud of her, what an inspiration!



Special Educational Needs Support

Every Thursday from 2.15-3.15 Mrs Titheridge is holding her SENCO sessions.

Parents are welcome to discuss accessing SEN support and Mrs Titheridge will be happy to answer any of your SEN questions.

To book please contact Mrs Titheridge at:-

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

or call 01326 314540.



**PTA
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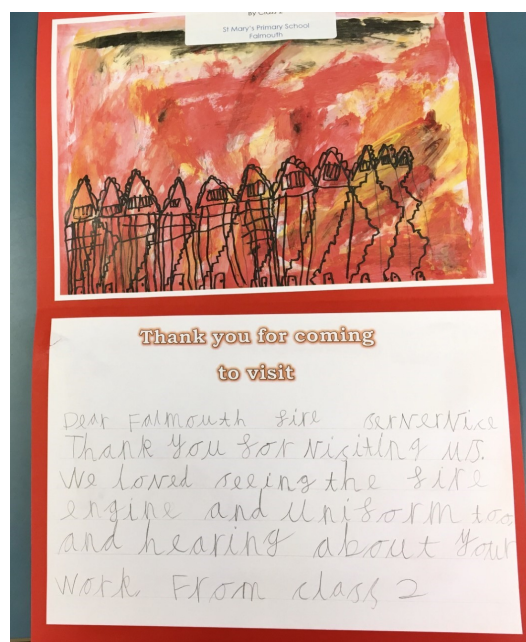
7.30pm

Friday 14th

October

**Falmouth
Hotel**

Y2 were very excited to meet the Fire Brigade last week!



We have a vacancy for a part time Caretaker.

The successful candidate will:

- **Be happy to support the Catholic ethos of our school**
- **Be a good role model**
- **Have excellent organisational and communication skills**
- **Be dynamic, resilient and hard working with a positive nature**
- **Be able to work as part of a team and establish positive relationships with pupils, parents, governors and staff**
- **Be skilled, reliable and proactive**

Required Date ASAP

Salary: Grade D £18,333 pro rata

Contract: Permanent (8 hours per week)

Please see the link below for further information:-

www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/vacancies/596710

Ships & Castles: An update from Pendennis Leisure.

It's been around a year since our journey started and a lot of hard work has taken place across the community and we're still here!

Of late there has been some great progress in working together with Falmouth Town Council - who have negotiated an option to take over the site under a Devolution Deal.

Now Falmouth Town Council want a community partner to take it on and run it - which is where we come in.

We are now at a crucial time where we are beginning to crystallise options to reopen the pool- but in order to do this we need to unlock funding.

The first step is to start a "Crowd Funder" in order to allow the community to make a positive contribution to the future of their pool and demonstrate how much people care.

The Crowd Funder went live yesterday and is already generating overwhelming interest - but we want to make this as successful as possible, hence why we are directly contacting you.



For more information, or to donate, please visit the Crown Funder site below. This has also already been posted to social media channels and the local press but we are really grateful for all 'shares' too!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ships-castles#start>



Absence Reporting

Just a reminder to call the dedicated

automated absence line when reporting your child's absence on 01326 314540. Please do not message on Dojo or by email as it causes delays.



We have some very exciting news!

We are all going to the Hall for Cornwall at Christmas! We have booked Treasure Island for Reception, Y1 and Y2 on Monday 12th December and booked Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 on Tuesday 13th December. We are hoping the trip will cost around £17 per child. Further details and booking information for Parent Pay will be in book bags soon.

The trip has only been made possible by a generous donation from our wonderful PTA which has kept the cost down significantly. Their hard work throughout the year allows these wonderful treats which benefit all of our children.



A massive thank you to our PTA and everyone who has participated in any of their fundraising events.

The Library is looking incredible and the selection of books we have is much richer and varied thanks to their help.

The PTA book fair last year raised funds to buy over £500 of new books.

Please support the Book Fair this Friday so we can continue to improve this

invaluable resource.

The PTA are always keen to welcome new helpers. Any time you can spare

is appreciated no matter how little.



Ms Dale would like to introduce to you our five Year 6 librarians who have been doing a fantastic job organising the library (with help from the PTA), training every class on how to use the library and ensuring the fairy lights are switched on each morning!

Thanks to Zoe, Izabella, Lowen, Euan W and Freddie who have worked amazingly well as a team and have shown great initiative, creativity and passion for the library. If your children have any ideas or suggestions for the Library please speak to this very friendly team.

One request from our Librarians is that if you currently have any children's Magazine subscriptions, would you consider donating past copies to our library? We would like to develop our non-fiction section and this would be a great step towards it!

If you think you can help please send us a letter.

Thanks!

Drop Everything and Read

Bring a picnic blanket to make yourself comfy

Think of a book you would like to share

Enjoy an afternoon of reading for pleasure

Wednesday
12th October
1.30-2.15



Share your love of books!

On **Wednesday 12th of October** the whole of St Mary's are going to enjoy a Drop Everything and Read afternoon! We are hoping to plan one afternoon each half term when all the children and adults in school can enjoy and share their love of reading.

We will head outside with our picnic blankets and a book and buddy up with someone from a different class and share a book that we love together.

Please bring:-

A blanket to sit on outside

A warm coat as it might be chilly (but hopefully dry!)

An idea of which book to share

Thank you

Ms Dale recommends!



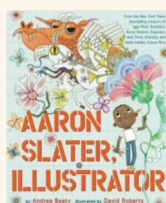
Here are my top books at the moment – try finding them at Falmouth Library. Some new and some golden oldies!



The King Who Banned the Dark
by Emily Haworth-Booth



Love You Forever
by Robert Munsch



Aaron Slater, Illustrator
Illustrator by Andrea Beaty

Here are some books I have really enjoyed reading lately! I love reading picture books because I like to compare and analyse how different illustrators show us a story.

We really want to champion reading at St Mary's so I would like to invite all families to enjoy one form of reading everyday – this could be listening to your child read (especially important in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) but you can also do many other things!

For example, read together, read a story as a family, listen to an audiobook, listen to a CBBCs story time together, read the a recipe for a meal, talk about your favourite books, etc! All of these activities can be logged in reading records as reading ☺

If you get a chance to enjoy any of these recommendations please do let me know what you think – children come and find me in Year 6 or parents email me if you want to share some pictures too!

If you have any ideas or availability to support our reading programme please let me know.

Thanks so much!

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Fantastic news!

Year 5/6 Netball Club is starting 12th October 3.25-4.30

Please book your place on parent pay from Monday at 9.30am

Thank you

Mrs Shailes/Ms Rowe/Mrs Tuffery/Mrs Laloe



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We are pleased to announce that we are launching our new 'Wrap Around club' starting on the 5th September. This works in tandem with our Breakfast club but is booked separately for those parents who need either or both.

Hours will be 3.15 pm – 5.30 pm Monday through to Friday

Costs **£4.00 for an hour or £7 for two hours**, which includes a snack

Sibling rates are **£6 for an hour and £12 for two** (includes a snack)

Further discounts available for three siblings.

Can be accessed after school clubs have finished too

Booking is via Parent Pay and must be booked by 2pm the previous day and by 2pm on Friday for the following Monday.

For further details contact myself via Dojo or Mrs Chapman in the school office.





This Friday, the Mini Vinnies will be holding a cake and plant sale in the school hall in aid of the SVP at 3.30pm

The money raised will go to a lady called Sue who has a small farm where she provides caravan accommodation for people the council can't/won't house, truly the forgotten in society. These people would be on the streets but for Sue. She currently has 32 people there, incredible. The money will go toward providing gas bottles/ coal heating, bedding and clothing and we could use funds to assist with this.

Thank you so much for your support.



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

Mary pray for us:

Mary, Mother of all creation,

pray for us, guide us into new ways of seeing the world, new ways of living with creation,

new ways of being global neighbours, as we seek to build the Kingdom to which your Son calls us.

Amen.