



# July 7th 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

## ***SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD***

From Mrs Bennett

This week has been another busy one for the children (and staff) at St Mary's School.

On Tuesday, the Y1 children had a lovely day at Woburn Safari Park. It was wonderful to see their excitement as they returned full of stories of the animals that they had seen. It was also commented upon how well behaved our children were. Thank you to all the parents who supported on the trip and to all the staff who made the day possible.

Many of our Year 6 pupils have now visited their secondary schools. It is hard to believe that they will soon be leaving us! The rest of the school had their transition day on Wednesday and it was lovely going into each classroom and seeing all the children so settled and happy. Thank you for all of your positive messages and support with this.

Our athletics team competed in the District Athletics on Wednesday and came 3rd. (Report to follow) I was so proud of how well the children competed, they really were a credit to St Mary's School. Again, thank you to all the parents who came and supported and to Mrs Honeybourne, Miss Rolfe and Mrs Richards who gave up their time to be there.

## Music Tuition



Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument? Now is a perfect time to consider it for next academic year. Within St Mary's, children are able to learn pretty much any instrument that takes their fancy; we have piano and singing tuition offered privately through Mrs Dallas, guitar through Guitars in Schools and all other orchestral instruments through Bucks Music Trust – currently, we have children learning a range of brass, string and woodwind instruments with visiting teachers to the school.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter to parents from BMT, with all of their fee information, an application form for lessons, an application for instrumental hire, and some further information about the Music Centres (the nearest one being in central Aylesbury, based at the High School). You can also find out more by visiting: <https://www.bucksmusic.org/> For further information about piano lessons, please contact Mrs Dallas directly: [michdallas@btinternet.com](mailto:michdallas@btinternet.com)<sup>1</sup> and for guitar tuition please visit their website: [www.guitarinschools.co.uk](http://www.guitarinschools.co.uk)<sup>2</sup>

To support the provision of music education for all, The Joyce Trust exists to provide assistance for those parents who might be experiencing financial difficulties for school trips, music lessons and the hiring of musical instruments. The application form is attached. This registered charity is in memory of Mrs. Joyce Husk, a past Headteacher of St Mary's. Mrs Husk was passionate about giving all children access to music and outside experiences.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Richards.

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:michdallas@btinternet.com>

<sup>2</sup><http://www.guitarinschools.co.uk/>

## Allergies



Could we please remind parents that no nuts are allowed in school due to some children having severe allergies.

## Isla's Race for Life



Please support Isla, 4D, in her Race for Life which is taking place on Sunday 23rd July.

Cancer is happening right now, which is why Isla is taking part in a Race for Life 5k to raise money and save lives. 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, so please sponsor her now: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/islas-race-for-life-7568>

## Star of the Week



Each week a child, who has exemplified our Christian Values (Love, Hope, Respect, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth) from every class, is chosen to receive the Star of the Week Award.

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Annie B, Charlie H, Evie T, Aiden H, Toby S, Thomas B, Alba H, Nancy S, Jada T, James H, Tommy S S, Lucas G.

## Learning Power Awards



We use Learning Powers to develop our 'Language for Learning' in school and this enables us to engage all pupils in a dialogue using a common language to support and develop our understanding of how we learn.

It is our intention that the children use the language for learning to explain ways in which they achieved or approached tasks and how they can move on to the next chapter in their learning.

These learning powers are; have a go, don't give up, concentrate, be curious, keep improving, ask questions and cooperate.

Congratulations to the children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Ewan D, Cillian E, Bailey R, Abel H, Millie M, Thomas B, Dhanvi Y, Ben M, Noah M, Corey S, Harper R, Isabella S.



**Dates for your Diary (Summer Term):**

7th July - Leavers Disco (Year 6 only)

**Dates for your Diary (Autumn Term):**

15th September - Family BBQ (tbc)

13th October - School Disco (all year groups)

2nd December- Christmas Fair

**Name Labels**

With the cost of school uniform, it is important to keep as much from being misplaced as possible! Therefore the PTA have links with the following labelling companies that provide us with commissions from each sale.

- MyNameTags.com<sup>3</sup> - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.

- <https://www.stikins.co.uk><sup>4</sup> - School code

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- <https://stamptastic.co.uk><sup>5</sup> - School Code HP197WF

### Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising.co.uk is a quick and easy way to raise money for the school whilst doing your online shopping. All you need to do is register as a member of our school on easyfundraising.co.uk, then go through them to your normal shopping sites. This then earns the school money and does not cost you a penny more!

Contact us:

stmarys.pta@hotmail.com

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[www.facebook.com/groups/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/)<sup>7</sup>

[stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share)<sup>8</sup>

### Open Day Stoke Mandeville Hospital

Please see the attached flyer regarding an Open Day at Stoke Mandeville Hospital on 29th July.

### School Website



**Please remember to check the school website<sup>9</sup> for the school calendar and other useful information.**

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