



June 23rd 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

From Mrs Bennett

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, at St Mary's, it has been assessment week and your children have been working hard to demonstrate all that they have learned this year.

Year 6 children are starting to think about the exciting changes that September will bring and are starting to visit their new secondary schools. I am so proud to see the maturity and confidence that these children have when speaking to their new teachers and I know that they will all have very successful futures.

On Tuesday, Chris, from Wheelpower, spoke to the children in Collective Worship. Chris has competed in the Paralympics and the children were really excited to see the Olympic torch.

Tomorrow, I am really looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Summer Fair. I do hope that you and your family will be able to come along and help support our school. Thank you in advance to all the members of the PTA for all their hard work and dedication to put together the event - it is really appreciated.

Have a great a weekend.

Pupil Collections

We have recently taken the decision to close the gate to the school office to safeguard the children in Year 1 who use the outside area, and it has become more apparent that parents are regularly collecting their children during the school day. This is taking the office staff away from their duties.

Can we please remind parents that appointments should be kept for out of school hours unless it is for an emergency or hospital appointment.

PE Survey

As a school, we want to ensure that all children experience excellent, engaging PE lessons and school sport that will lead to lifelong participation and enjoyment.

To ensure that our PE Curriculum supports the needs of the children we teach and is as inclusive as possible, we would ask that you sit down with your child and complete the following survey by Friday 30th June:

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/primary-pupil-activity-well-being-survey-20221/?q=0a7864a2&s=a5fe8cb2>

As well as supporting us in the planning of next year's curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities, it will also help us to identify those children we need to focus on in terms of engagement to ensure they make the most of their PE lessons during their time at St. Mary's.

Miss Flower

Year 6 Teacher, 5/6 Phase Lead and PE Lead

Deadline for Free Delivery of Photos



The deadline for free delivery of photos, is Monday 26th June.

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: Alfie H, William H, Ivy M, Aleeza A, Stan H, Jessica W, Michael D, Ella D, Olivia T, Emmie G, David M, Jack H-W.

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: Samuel R, Finley D, Chloe O, Zoya W, Reese C, Nancy S, Ektoras H, Eva-Mae H, Alfie P, Lucas G.

Nursery End of Term



Please be aware that our Nursery will be closing at the end of the Summer Term on Thursday, 20th July.

WheelPower

On Tuesday, the children attended a Collective Worship where Chris, from WheelPower, joined them to share some information about the charity and the important work that they do.

The children were lucky enough to see and Olympic Torch, listen to a presentation and then ask questions about WheelPower and the role that Chris has within it.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Chris for his time and also to all our families that made a donation to WheelPower.

If you would still like to make a donation to WheelPower, please follow the link below to our Just Giving Page.

Please click here¹ to donate.

¹https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-marys-1686820733064?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/st-marys-1686820733064&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=f06e22a7a8534e9483e1dae9ddc5f64a



Dates for your Diary (Summer Term):

24th June - Summer Fair 12.00pm - 3.00pm

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.com² - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.

²<https://mynametags.com/>

- <https://www.stikins.co.uk>³ - School code

20765

- <https://stamptastic.co.uk>⁴ - 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

<https://>⁵

www.facebook.com/groups/⁶

[stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share)⁷

Aylesbury on Sea featuring WhizzFizzFest Event Sunday 2nd July 11.00am - 4.00pm

Aylesbury on Sea returns to Vale Park for another day filled with seaside fun, games and activities as well as 60 tonnes of sand!

You're invited to ride on the land train and enjoy many other seaside activities including prize bingo, with thanks to Michael Anthony Estate Agents, and fairground rides including a Helter-Skelter and a surfboard simulator.

There will be new activities for 2023 including mini-golf, beach volleyball and a limbo competition as well as great local food.

For the first time, this will include the family-friendly children's literary festival, WhizzFizzFest on the same day, celebrating creativity and friendship through a range of fun-filled activities from friendship bracelet making to music instrument playing. We are excited to combine two fantastic events and hope you're able to join us on 2 July.

WhizzFizzFest lands in Aylebury's Vale Park for the first time to bring a vibrant celebration of children's creativity alongside plenty of beach-based fun at Aylesbury on Sea.

³<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

⁴<https://stamptastic.co.uk/>

⁵<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share>

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WhizzFizzFest has been running for over a decade and is funded by Buckinghamshire Council. It was originally inspired by Buckinghamshire author Roald Dahl and since then it has evolved into a vibrant celebration of children’s literature and creative arts.

This year in Vale Park, participants can enjoy a whirlwind of creative activities and unforgettable experiences connected with an overarching theme of ‘Friendship’.

There will be a fantastic musical playground made from upcycled everyday objects, an immersive performance of Alice in Wonderland by Queens Park Art Centre’s Unbound Theatre, pottery painting, musical instrument making and a storytelling tent. Not to mention DJ Dan Blaze hosting interactive challenges and a chance to talk to local children’s authors.

School Website



Please remember to check the school website⁸ for the school calendar and other useful information.

Safeguarding & E-safety



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bennett, or the Deputies, Miss Rolfe or Miss Ilyas via the School Office on 01296 482094 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays, visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

⁸<https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

E-safety

Unsure about what apps or games your child is accessing? Need some advice on how to support your child online? Visit the NSPCC Net-aware website by clicking here⁹ to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here¹⁰.

⁹<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

¹⁰<https://www.st-marysaylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>