



June 9th 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

From Mrs Bennett



Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great pride that I write my first newsletter as Headteacher of St Mary's School and I would like to thank all of you for your support and kind words since I have started here. It really is an amazing school and I feel honoured to have been appointed Headteacher.

This week has been a busy one for our children. On Wednesday and Thursday, Year 5 attended a Science workshop at Sir Henry Floyd School which was a great experience for them. The staff all commented on how well our children behaved and what great ambassadors our children are for the school.

Today, we have held Sports Day for KS2. We clearly have a lot of extremely talented athletes in the school and it was wonderful to see them excelling in their events. I was also extremely proud of some of our children who do not find sports as easy, who epitomised our Christian value of hope by showing great resilience and not giving up. Well done to all!

Finally, I have some exciting news to share; Congratulations to Miss Flower who is expecting her first baby in November.

I hope that you all have a lovely relaxing weekend and that the sun continues to shine for us!

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Virtual E-Safety Event for Parents



I would like to invite you to a virtual e-safety event for parents/carers on Monday 12th June at 7:30pm where we will be joined by Alison Watts, who will lead the session. Alison is CEOP Ambassador trained and has over 14 years' experience in training professionals, teachers, parents and students of all ages on how to stay safe online and how to use resources effectively in the classroom and at home.

We all have a responsibility to ensure we are playing our part in keeping the children safe. In school we continue to undertake our e-safety work, provide safe spaces for children to talk and talk about safe and trusted adults the children can talk to about concerns they may have- online and in the real world. As a school we also have a culture of constant vigilance and never think 'it could not happen here' when it comes to safeguarding.

The workshop from Alison will explore the new and emerging technologies that children and young people use, the potential risks they may face and easy technical and lifestyle solutions which parents can employ and how we as parents and school can work closely together to keep our children safe.

The session will be hosted through Microsoft Teams and can be accessed on a tablet, mobile phone, or computing by clicking on the link in this letter. Once the session has finished, there will be time to ask any questions that you may have.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 391 074 827 320 Passcode: i9dtuk [Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

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We look forward to welcoming you to the E-Safety session. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Miss L Stott

Year 5 Teacher and Computing Lead

Thame Children's Choir

Are you looking for a fun and musical activity for your child? Thame Children's Choir have spaces for this September for children from Year 2 upwards. They are a really excellent local setup with both a training choir (for children beginning to learn to use their voice to sing with others) and a senior choir (for those a little more experienced and confident). Further details are on the attached poster.

Mrs Richards

Y6 Teacher and Music Lead

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 Ordering of Photos



Proofs of class photos/Nursery individual and sibling photos have been sent home this week. The deadline for free delivery is Monday 26th June.

Sports Days



Nursery

Monday 12th June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Monday 12th June, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

(Backup date Monday 19th June, 10.30am - 11.30am & 2.00pm - 3.00pm)

Reception

Friday 16th June, 9.30am - 10.30am

(Backup date Friday 23rd June, 9.30am - 10.30am)

Year 1 & 2

Wednesday 14th June, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

(Backup date Tuesday 20th June, 9:30am - 11:00 am)

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: Gabriel S, Theodore V, Arthur W, Samuel S, Pippa H, Kian T-W, Freya W, Poppy M, Noah M, Oscar J, Isabelle H, Eleanor N.

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: Isabella F-N, Kornelia C, Ava-Rose M, Emily C, Zoya A, Thomas B, Stanley D, Alex A, Tanav K, James H, Petru S, Josh W.

Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust - Open Day 29 July 2023

On the 29th of July 2023, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust will be having an Open Day on the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital. There will be food and entertainment – along with tours of various parts of the hospital – including a demonstration by the Radiology team of how X-rays are done.

PTA News



Dates for your Diary (Summer Term):

14th June - PTA meeting, 7:30pm at school

16th June - Someone Special Shop (Fathers' Day)

23rd June - Bottle Tombola Collection (am) and Mufti Day.

24th June - Summer Fair

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.com¹ - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.
- <https://www.stikins.co.uk>² - School code
20765
 - <https://stamptastic.co.uk>³ - 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:

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