



# April 28th 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

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

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are all safe and healthy as we approach the end of another busy week and the first long weekend of the half term. I would like to start by saying a massive congratulations to the KS2 Cross Country team who came second overall at the Aylesbury Vale meet last Saturday and thank you to Miss Flower for organising the team.

As always, the children have been working hard and enjoying their learning and the teachers have been working tirelessly to provide engaging and interactive lessons. You will have seen from recent communications that we will be commemorating the upcoming Coronation with lots of fun activities as well as learning a new song, that you may have heard your child humming already!

Thank you to those of you that park and stride to school keeping the roads clear for pedestrians. Please do remember that if you drive in the immediate vicinity of the school, that you drive with care and consideration for other road users including pedestrians. We all want to feel safe around roads and although we all lead busy lives, there is no need to drive over the speed limit or be aggressive to others. Everyone reading this chose to join the St Mary's CE School community and as such there is an expectation to live the school's values of Love, Hope, Forgiveness, Truth, Compassion and Respect in our daily lives.

Vineyard are offering a free hot meal to anyone who would like one once a week. They are also looking for more volunteers. Follow this link for more information - <https://aylesburyvineyard.church/foodcycle>.

Finally, I would like to let you know that Mrs Hutchinson, Year 1 LSA, has left St Mary's this week due to personal reasons. Mrs Hutchinson has worked at St Mary's for a very long time supporting many pupils over the years. She will be missed a great deal by the pupils as well as the staff team. I am sure that you will join with us in sending her positive thoughts and prayers at this time.

I hope that whatever you have planned over the weekend you have fun and relax with your family and friends!

Take care and stay safe,

David Liddle

## School Photos



Nursery individual photos and whole school class photos will be taking place on 16th May. Further details will following for any classes that will be doing PE or Forest School on that day.

## 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)

### **Years 3, 4, 5, 6**

Friday 9th June , 9:30am - 11:30 am

(Backup date Friday 23rd June, 9:30 am - 11:00 am)

## Sports Update - Cross Country Report



On Saturday 22nd April, a group of KS2 children represented St. Mary's at the Aylesbury Vale Primary Schools Cross Country event held at Ascott House. Considering the weather during the previous week, we were lucky to have a dry and, at times, sunny day.

The first race was the Year 3 and 4 girls who were competing over a distance of 1000m. For many of them, this was their first time representing the school. A special mention to Poppy M who finished in 9th place, earning herself a medal.

Next up was the Year 3 and 4 boys, again over the distance of 1000m. We had an especially strong team with 3 boys, Zack H (5th), Olsan S (6th) and Charlie L (8th), finishing within the top 10.

We then moved onto the Year 5 and 6 races, this time over the slightly longer distance of 1300m. Again, there were a number of strong performances across both races, with Lila-May M finishing 8th overall for the girls. We also had three boys who finished closely together just outside the top 10. These performances helped us finish third overall in the boys' competition.

Overall St. Mary's finished second team on the day, behind Turnfurlong – this is a fantastic achievement which is testament to the determination and perseverance shown by all the children. Thank you also to the parents who brought them along and offered their support.

## Music Lessons



On Monday, the children were treated to a performance by some of the children who learn guitar in school. Oliver, Keyaan, Joey, Evangeline and Stanley all played superbly alongside Mr Griffiths, their teacher.

In addition to their class music lessons, there are opportunities for children to learn any instrument that they would like in school. We currently have children learning piano, singing (both with Mrs Dallas), guitar (with Mr Griffiths through Guitars in School), trumpet, french horn, clarinet, flute and violin (all through Bucks Music Trust). All the information about this is on our school website under Music Curriculum. It is even possible to arrange hire of instruments through Bucks Music Trust as well. Music | St Mary's Church of England School ([st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk](http://st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk))<sup>1</sup>

If cost is a concern, the Joyce Trust exists to promote the education at St Mary's School by providing financial assistance for those parents who might be experiencing financial difficulties for school trips, music lessons and the hiring of musical instruments. The application form can be also downloaded from the Music Curriculum area of the school website.

If you have any queries about lessons, do get in touch with me through the school office.

Mrs Richards

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk/music/>

## 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: Kayla F, Benedict H, Gracie P, Quinn D, Ethan E, George R, Jarshan V, Richie S, Maisie S, James H, Seanna B, Olly P.

## 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: Anna-Victoria R, Seyon J, Arthur W, Fiza F, Charlie L, Kieran B, Aarvi C, Nikhil S, Kayla C, Chloe W, Harry S, Jamie A.



### **Collections for Summer Fayre**

As part of our Summer Fayre, we are collecting pre-loved teddies and second hand books. The collection for this will be next Friday - 5th May, outside the front of the school. Please could you bring in any teddies (no rips or tears) and books (in a condition you would be happy to buy) on the morning of this date. The books can be for any age group (including adults).

Thank you for your support of the PTA. We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fayre on 24th June!

### **Name Labels**

With the amount of lost property in school growing on a daily basis in mind (how can they lose so much!), the PTA have links with the following companies that provide us with commissions from each sale. These are also useful for Year 4 and Year 6 parents thinking about preparing for the residential trips.

- MyNameTags.com<sup>2</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>3</sup> - School code 20765

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- <https://stampastic.co.uk><sup>4</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!

### **Dates for your diary:**

5th May - Collection for Summer Fayre

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

24th June - Summer Fayre

7th July - Leavers Disco (Year 6 only)

### **Contact us:**

stmarys.pta@hotmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share>

## School Website



**Please remember to check the school website<sup>5</sup> for the school calendar and other useful information.**

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<sup>4</sup><https://stampastic.co.uk/>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

## Safeguarding & E-safety



### **Safeguarding**

If you have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bennett, or the Deputies, Mr Liddle, 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.

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 here<sup>6</sup> to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup><https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.st-marysaylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>