



# March 31st 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

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

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that I am writing the last newsletter of the Spring Term. In some ways this term has flown by and in others it seems like the longest ever. Either way, the upcoming Easter break is well deserved by the whole school community. It has certainly been nice to see the lighter mornings and evenings slowly creep back, despite the weather being incredibly changeable this week. I do hope that the sun comes out over the next two weeks!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff that work with the pupils to ensure that they all "shine as lights in the world". That thanks is also extended to you all for showing your continued support in all that we do. I often say that a school is at its best when parents and school work together.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter Break whatever you have planned with your family and friends.

Take care and stay safe

David Liddle

Headteacher

## ODBST Spring Newsletter



Please see attached the Spring edition of the ODBST termly newsletter.

## Chartwells' Meal Ordering Cut Off Dates



Please see the attached meal ordering cut off dates for April to July from Chartwells.

This information is also on our website.

## 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: Grayson B, Arthur L, Malaika M, Abel H, Dhairya D, Zoya W, Rowan S, Lyla D, Anish G, Lily D, Zara K, Evangelia T.

## 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, Isla A, Harry M-L, Hadleigh S, Stan H, Poppy C, Lucy D, Poppy M, Isabelle P, Bronnie H, Sophie M, Olly P.

## Good Learning Board



Congratulations to the children who have their work displayed on the Good Learning Board: Jack P, Sianna M, Jude W, Dylan M, Pippa H, Kieran B, Alba H, Dominic H, Phoebe H, Jude D, Emma G, Maria G.

## Super Scientist Award



Well done to the following children who have won a Super Scientist Award: Sophie Y, Benedict H, Finn P, Teddy D, Arwen T B, Mia B, Rosie M, Alice H, Ava G, Jasper N, Harry S, Eleanor N.

## House Points



Congratulations to Rothschild who have won the most house points this half term and will have a Mufti Day on Friday 21st April. Wear red with pride!

## Parking



Please can we remind all parents and carers that, as displayed on the sign and indicated by the markings, no cars should stop on the road immediately in front of the school between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday, unless there has been an arrangement made with the school office.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep the roads around the school as safe as possible for all members of our community.

## Red Nose Day



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that took part and donated money to Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. The children had a fun filled day and looked fantastic, dressed all in red. We are pleased to announce that we raised an amazing £496.43. Thanks to your donations, Comic Relief will be able to support amazing projects and organisations who are making a difference to people across the UK and around the world. Thank you once again.

## St George's Day Event



Step back in time at Aylesbury Town Council's St George's Day Royal Historical Fayre and Parade on Sunday 23 April at Discover Bucks Museum and Market Square. There is plenty to see and do...

Iconic kings and queens of the past are coming to Aylesbury! You'll have the chance to meet Queen Victoria, King Charles II, King Henry VIII, King Edward I, Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine and Queen Elizabeth I.

Watch the incredibly talented Unbound Theatre's Horrible Histories performances and storytelling.

Play traditional English garden games on the museum's lawn.

Get stuck into plenty of arts, crafts, games and activities for the whole family to enjoy in the Learning Zone – perfect whatever the weather! - including crown and bunting making for the King's Coronation.

Can you solve the treasure trail quiz?

Meet St George himself alongside his Lady in Waiting in Market Square before he leads our parade from 3pm.

You're in for a royally fantastic day out!

### **St George's Day Parade (from 3pm)**

Give St George and his steed a wave in Aylesbury's Market Square as he leads a spectacular St George's Day parade. Also featuring is Amersham Marching Band, fire dancers, representatives from Aylesbury's Uniformed Youth and a dragon!

Full details are available at <https://bit.ly/3mD3wVb>.

## Volunteer Helpers



If any parents are interested in volunteering with reading at St Mary's, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Bennett via the school office for more information.

## Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal



As you will be aware, a series of devastating earthquakes have hit southern Turkey and north-west Syria killing over 44,000 people and injuring many more. The first deadly earthquake struck while people were inside their homes, asleep in their beds, with no warning signs. More than 54,000 buildings, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or damaged. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions. DEC charities (Disasters Emergency Committee) and their local partners are among the first responders providing urgent aid. The DEC brings together 15 leading UK charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas.

Following the search and rescue operation, immediate priorities are access to healthcare, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heating in safe spaces, blankets, warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water.

If you feel that you could help the people affected by the crisis by making a donation, if you haven't already, this will help the DEC appeal. Your money will help the DEC charities and their local partners to scale up their response and reach more people.

[DEHTTPS://DONATION.DEC.ORG.UK/TURKEY-SYRIA-EARTHQUAKE-APPEAL](https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal)<sup>1</sup>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

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### 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
- <https://stamptastic.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:

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

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>

## Easter Holiday Swimming Courses



**Swimming Crash Courses**

Progress your Childs Swimming by booking onto one of our Easter School Holidays Crash Courses.

Cost – £33.60

3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Stage	Stage
10:00am	Stage 1 – Jeanetta	Stage 5 – Hannah
10:30am	Stage 2 – Jeanetta	Stage 4 – Hannah
11:00am	Stage 4 & stage 5 Breaststroke & Butterfly clinic	Stage 3 – Hannah
11:30am		Stage 6 – Hannah

  

11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Stage	Stage
10:00am	Stage 1 – Emily	Stage 4 – Millie
10:30am	Stage 2 – Emily	Stage 5 – Millie
11:00am	Stage 3 – Emily	Stage 2 7+ – Millie
11:30am	Stage 6 – Emily	Stage 1 – Millie

Crash courses are a great way to accelerate your child's progression.

Book now by calling

01296 488555



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Please see attached details regarding Aqua Vale swimming lesson crash courses that are being run in the Easter holidays.

## School Website



Please remember to check the school website<sup>5</sup> 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, 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>5</sup><https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

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

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