



# January 27th 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

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

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

A week that started very icy and cold has ended wet and cold! However, that has not dampened our spirits at St Mary's. Our drive to ensure that all children shine as lights in the world continues to be our focus. Mrs Bennett and I are privileged to be able to pop in and out of classes and see the pupils learning, as well as having a constant stream of children coming to show us their amazing work that they are so proud of.

You may have heard from your child that on Wednesday afternoon we had a whole school fire drill. The children's behaviour was exemplary; they remained calm and sensible during the practice, once again proving that they are a real credit to us all.

In the next week, you will all be receiving details of the upcoming parents' evenings that we will hold after half term. Please keep an eye on your emails and as always if you have any problems booking a slot, get in contact with us sooner rather than later.

As always, I hope that you have a lovely weekend whatever you have planned with your family and friends.

Take care and stay safe.

David

## Children's Mental Health Week

### **6 - 12 February 2023 is Children's Mental Health Week.**

The week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Let's Connect. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. We all thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging the children to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. As parents and carers, you are an important role model to your child. How you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. You can access some free resources to support this week here Families - Children's Mental Health Week ([childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk))<sup>1</sup>.

We will be carrying out activities in school throughout the week around the theme of 'let's connect' as well as ending the week with our annual Dress to Express day on Friday 10th February where children can come into school wearing clothing to express themselves. They could wear their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they're feeling, it can be as simple or elaborate as they like!

## Uniform at School

**This is a reminder that all pupils should come to school wearing the required school uniform.**

**The uniform as detailed below is our required uniform and if doesn't appear below, it will not be acceptable to wear in school.**

**All clothes should be labelled clearly.**

- Grey shorts
- Grey trousers

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

- Grey skirt
- Grey pinafore dress
- Jade green checked gingham dress (summer only)
- White shirt or white polo shirt
- White/black/grey socks with trousers or shorts
- White or grey socks/tights with skirts or dresses
- Jade green school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Black school shoes or closed traditional style sandals

**Trainers must not be worn at school. Boots may be worn to and from school and at playtimes in cold weather but not in class. Please send your child in with a pair of school shoes to change into.**

School sweatshirts and cardigans in jade green with a logo can be purchased from PL Schoolwear<sup>2</sup>. White polo shirts and white T-shirts with a logo are also available. Cardigans in other shades of green are not school uniform and should not be worn.

**All items of school uniform with a logo are available through PL Schoolwear and details can be seen on their website.**

The St Mary's PTA have plenty of second hand uniform and regularly hold uniform sales please contact them by clicking here<sup>3</sup> and completing the web form.

#### **Additional information**



- Please ensure long hair is tied up and that hair accessories, in school colours, are kept to a minimum
- Please ensure that extreme hair styles and colours are kept for the holidays
- Jewellery - If your child has pierced ears please send them to school with small studs and ensure they are removed on PE Days
- Please ensure your child does not wear make-up or nail polish


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<sup>2</sup><https://plschoollwear.co.uk/>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.st-marysaylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/pta/>

## Notice of Work on A418

Working in partnership with

**Notification**  


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### Notice of works A418 Oxford Road, Aylesbury

January 2022 | [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. If you have any questions or enquiries about our work, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

**What are we doing?**

To realign the A418, we need to conduct some localised vegetation clearance and tree felling at the points where the new road will meet the existing A418.

The new A418 realignment is expected to be operational in Autumn 2023 and will carry road traffic over the HS2 rail line.

The main construction of the realignment is expected to begin in early 2023 and will include works on the A418 bridge and the earthworks surrounding the structure where a 'cutting' will be created that the HS2 line will run through.

We will be conducting some utility works in the form of trial holes whilst we have the traffic management in place for the de-vegetation works. Additionally, in the coming months we will also be installing traffic lights which will facilitate a right turn out of the new compound entrance.

**When will these works take place?**

Works around the vegetation removal will begin from Monday 23 January 2023 to Sunday 19 February 2023.

The works will include daytime traffic management Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 3pm. However, there will also be a full closure of the A418 for approximately 4 Sundays, from 8am to 6pm whilst we work around the larger canopy trees which span the road that we are unable to access with a normal lane closure.

Please note the works exclude Saturdays and pedestrian access will be maintained throughout.

Some of this work is subject to relevant consents. Due to this, the dates may change due to conditions outside of our control. Please refer to the HS2 website regularly to check for any changes and updates.

**If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

**Duration of works**

Monday 23 January 2023 to Sunday 19 February 2023.

Daytime working hours on the A418:  
Monday to Friday  
9.30am - 3pm

Sunday working hours:  
8am - 6pm

Our contractors may be on site for one hour's start-up and shutdown either side of these times.

**What to expect**

Varied activities with both quiet and busier periods.  
Road closures with diversion route.  
Noise from plant and equipment used for the works.

**What we will do**

Manage any environmental impacts, such as traffic and noise.  
Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action.

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Call our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

Parents/carers may already be aware of work that is due to be carried out on the A418 from 23rd January to 19th February.

As a result, it might be prudent to factor in additional time to get pupils to school.

## 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: Poppy B, Cillian E, Max M, Fiza F, Varsa S V, Josh T, Harry H, Chloe M, Molly P, Chloe W, Teagan B, Isabella S.

## 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 following children who have received a Learning Power Award this week:  
Dragos M, Elsie G, Amelie B, Peyton D, Emily C, Teri G, Alfie W, Emily E, Kyan H, Jude D, Ava B, Evangelia T.



### 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>4</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>5</sup> - School code 20765
- <https://stamptastic.co.uk><sup>6</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!

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<sup>5</sup><https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

<sup>6</sup><https://stamptastic.co.uk/>

### Dates for your diary:

3rd March - Disco for all year groups

17th March - Someone Special Shop (Mothers' Day)

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>7</sup> for the school Calendar and other useful information.

## Safeguarding & E-safety



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

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<sup>7</sup><https://www.st-marysayersbury.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 here<sup>8</sup> to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here<sup>9</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup><https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>