



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 1 – 09/09/2022



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This term's Christian Value is Friendship:

'A friend loves at all times' Proverbs 17:1



September:

13th Individual's school Photos
14th Class Meetings
19th – 21st Great Wood Residential
26th Year 1 Fire Service visit
30th School Council Elections (candidate speeches in class prior to this date)

October

11th & 12th Parents Evening
13th Harvest Festival (details and timings to follow)

From Ms Lampert

We are so excited to welcome back pupils and families after the summer holidays. I do hope you all have had lovely family time and enjoyed the fine weather we were blessed with.

Children have been impressive with their readiness to learn and how quickly they have settled back into our new school routines. Well done children. Also, it was amazing to see the bright and shiny new shoes and school uniform on Monday morning's collective worship. 100% of pupils were in the correct uniform. Thank you! It is especially lovely to welcome some new pupils and our new Reception (Little Oaks) and Nursery children (Little Acorns) too.

During last week's INSET days, staff were very busy preparing for the year; completing a whole day First Aid qualification, Safeguarding Training and agreeing the school priorities for the School Development Plan. These days were crucial as keeping children safe is always a priority for our school and forms the first letter on our VISION acronym:

H- Health and Happiness

E – Excellence

A – Aspirations

R- Resilience

T – Together



Golden Rules

Teachers and Teaching Assistants spent some time during the INSET day discussing and updating our Golden Rules. We have linked them to our '**Be the BEST you can be**' motto.

Be Safe
Be Ready
Be Respectful



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We believe that in order to allow children to flourish educationally, socially and emotionally, we need an atmosphere in which there is respect, firmness, consistency and fairness. We believe that all children can behave well or can be encouraged to improve their behaviour and this expectation is consistently communicated, with positive reinforcement, to the children.

The “Golden Rules” will be displayed in all classrooms and key areas of the school.

School Photos

The photographers will be in school on Tuesday 13th September for individual pupil photos. If you would like a photograph with a younger sibling who does not attend St Mary's, please go to the school hall with your children before registration, the photographers will be on site from 8.30am.

Photos of children in school will be taken individually and in family groups.

Class Meetings

We would like to welcome parents and carers into classes at 3:30pm on Wednesday, next week, to meet the teacher and receive updates on class routines and the class curriculum. We recognize that children may have siblings in other classes and so can attend only one meeting. Teachers will be available after the class meeting to say hello to parents who were unable to make the session.

Teachers are always available to meet with parents after school should you have something you wish to discuss. Should you need more time it is advisable to ring the school office, send a Dojo message or an email to book in a time for a conversation.

As you will note we are holding Parents Evenings this term where parents will be updated on how their child has settled into class, their progress and next steps.

Wellies / Coat reminder

Now the weather is beginning to change, please can we remind ALL children to bring their coat and ensure they have wellies in school. Pupils are encouraged to enjoy our school grounds in all weathers provided they have suitable clothing.

Summer Reading Challenge

A message from: Mike and Julie Rowe – Radstock Community Library volunteers

A big THANK YOU! To all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year. We had TWICE as many take part as in previous years which was fabulous! There is still time to bring their books back and get their certificates at the library.

And another THANK YOU! To those children that came to the Tuesday morning activities! We hope that they all had a lot of fun!

We are planning an activity for the Tuesday of half term week – We will update you as soon as we have the ideas all worked out!

PTA

It was lovely to see parents at the PTA 'Meet and Greet' Coffee Morning this week. As communicated on Class Dojo, we would love to see as many parents as possible on 15th September at 7:30 in the Snug at the Fromeway Pub for our start of year PTA meeting.



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Community Notices:

(We bring these to your attention, without necessarily recommending them)

Do you live less than 15 minutes from Radstock library? - If so, you may be eligible to join our club ... The Radstock Foodies Club aims to help the local community by providing a weekly pop-up style market. The club offers a range of food products including locally sourced fresh fruit and vegetables, canned goods and cupboard staples such as pasta, rice and cereal. There is also a selection of chilled, dairy goods and freezer meals. The club runs weekly on a Friday afternoon from 1.15pm-3pm out of the library/Community Hub in Radstock. Club members pay £3.50 a week for their box of food, and are able to select what they would like from a range of options available to them. If you feel that the Foodies Club could help you then please come down to the hub on Friday during opening hours, or check out the website on www.radstockwestfield.org.uk