



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 1 – 09/09/2023



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This term's Christian Value is Friendship:

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

September:

11 th	Climbing Mountains Challenge
13 th	2.45 - Class meeting for parents of Key Stage Two children (classes 3,4,5 and 6)
14 th	2.45 - Class meeting for parents of EYFS + Key Stage One children (classes Little Oaks, 1 and 2)
15 th	Individual's school Photos
15 th	PTA Meeting 9am School Hall
20 th – 22 nd	Great Wood Residential



October

3 rd	Year 4 Bath Literacy Festival
4 th	Year 1 + 2 Bath Literacy Festival
10 th	Class 2 The Wild Project Visit
11 th & 12 th	Parents Evening
13 th	Harvest Festival (details and timings to follow)
20 th	End of Term 1

Welcome Back from Ms Lampert

I hope you all enjoyed the Summer break and had lovely family time together.

We are super excited to welcome pupils and families back to school and looking forward to a new school year.

Children have been impressive with their readiness to learn and how quickly they have settled back into our school routines. Well done children, thank you!

It is especially lovely to welcome some new pupils in almost **every** class 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 compulsory annual training including Safeguarding as well as 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

Climbing Wall Challenge – raising funds for cancer

Please could all children bring their sponsor form to school on Monday with any money that they have already collected. Should children need to collect their sponsor money after the event the sponsor form will be returned to bring home and can be handed in by the end of the week.



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Golden Rules

Children and teachers have been using the start of term to remember and discuss our Golden Rules and the classroom rules they would all like to live by. Our Golden Rules are linked to our '**Be the BEST you can be**' motto.

Be Safe
Be Ready
Be Respectful

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.

Class Meetings

We would like to welcome parents and carers into classes to meet the teacher and receive updates on class routines and the class curriculum next week. We recognize that children may have siblings in other classes and so can attend only one meeting. Teachers will be available after the class meetings 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

Although we are experiencing beautiful weather at the moment, it will soon change and therefore please can we remind **ALL** children they will need wellies and coats in school. Pupils are encouraged to enjoy our school grounds in all weathers provided they have suitable clothing.

PTA

Members of the PTA have been busy over the summer thinking of ideas for this year, **EVERY parent** is automatically welcomed as a member of our PTA – details of our first meeting will be communicate soon.

We shall be holding our first PTA meeting of the year on Friday 22nd in the staff room/school hall.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Please come for a cuppa and find out what exciting things are planned for the year ahead.

Measles or Chickenpox

Due to a pupil who is immunocompromised we would ask parents to inform the office if their child has measles or chicken pox.

School Photos

The photographers will be in school on Friday 15th 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