



Newsletter – Issue 5 – 12/01/2024

Please note that should you wish to receive this newsletter in a different format please ask at the school office.

This term's Christian Value is Perseverance

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'

Phillippians 4.13



January 2024

11th Reception Class trip to Nunney Castle

15th Closing date for reception applications

25th Class 3 trip to Ammerdown

February 2024

1st KS2: St Johns Celebration in Bath

5th Mr B's Book Emporium: Books on sale Mon-Fri

6th Internet Safety Day

6th St Mary's Football Match

9th Remarkable People day

9th End of Term 3

19th Inset day

20th **Start of term 4**

22nd Young Voices KS2

23rd EYFS Mobile Library

Advanced notice for Term 4

March 2024

6th Bikeability (Yr 5/6)

7th World Book Day

19th/20th Parents Eve

20th Start of term 4

22nd EYFS Mobile Library

28th Last Day of Term 4

St Mary's Stars

Little Acorns: Elian, Elias

Little Oaks: Maya, Eli and the whole class for their nativity performance.

Class 1: Daisy, Tommy and the whole class for their nativity performance.

Class 2: Ezra, Theo, Olivia

Class 3: Anna, Freddie, Effie-Mae

Class 4: Haku, Connor and the whole class for being so kind.

Class 5: Marnie, Rowan, Kara

Class 6: Izzy, Erin, Evie

Other Achievers: Jessica, Willow, Lexi D, Brooke, Phoebe, Faith, Erinn, and the swimming gala team,

Breakfast Club Update



Early Bird Breakfast Club has been a huge success, providing a warm and welcoming environment for children before school starts each morning.

Don't forget, in order to accommodate parent's busy schedules and provide more flexibility, we have relaxed the 'Wednesday Cut Off' restrictions - we can accept Breakfast Club bookings via Parent Pay right up to the last minute.

Although we ask you to pre-book, we understand not every morning goes to plan. Therefore, on these occasions, we can accommodate children without prior notice (a Parent Pay bill will be issued and payment will be expected later in the day)



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'Be the best you can be'
Whatever you do, do it with all your heart' (Colossians 3:23)



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Breakfast Club opens at 8am every weekday.



Mr B's

Book Fayre

Exciting news. Mr B's Emporium Bookshop will be visiting school 5th – 9th February. There will be a range of books available for children and parents to purchase and for every book sold the school benefits.

Books will be on sale at the end of the school day.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: We are a nut free school.

As we have a number of children in school with food allergies, please could we remind all parents that school premises are NUT FREE and no products containing nuts should be brought into school grounds.

If children are bringing a packed lunch to school it is important that there are no products in the lunch box that contain nuts.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Reception Applications

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, please be reminded the closing date for on-time Reception applications is **Monday 15th January 2023.**

School lunches

As a reminder, please remember to book your lunches by Wednesday for the following week. Although all children in Years Reception – Year 6 are able to eat a free hot meal, we only order the number required. Therefore, please ensure you have made your bookings via Parent Pay.

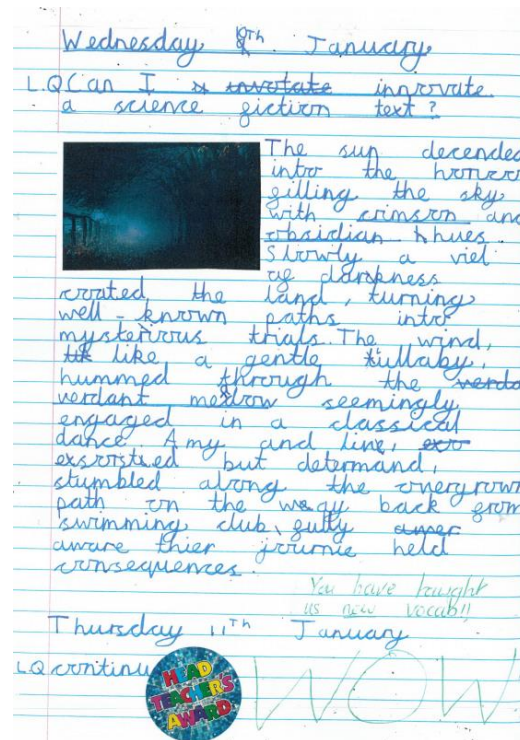
Class 5's Amazing Writing



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Class 5 have been working hard in literacy to innovate a science fiction story. Miss Clark has been very impressed with the children's perseverance to learn new vocabulary and produce amazing stories full of imagery and suspense. Well done Class 5!

Ms Lampert has been very excited to read Esme's story as it built each day. Please enjoy the first instalment written on Wednesday.



Safer Internet Day 6th February.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Last week the children were reminded about keeping safe online during a whole school assembly and teachers used time in classes to teach reinforce this.

We regularly teach our children about how to live knowledgeably, responsibly and safely in a digital world through our JIGSAW (PHSE) scheme, which covers the following aspects.

- Self-image and identity
- Online relationships
- Online reputation
- Online bullying
- Managing online information
- Health, well-being and lifestyle
- Privacy and security
- Copyright and ownership

Additionally our Computing Scheme: Purple Mash is a great teaching resource with topics for each age group on differing aspects of Internet Safety.

Online Safety

In line with our commitment to child safety, we would like to make you aware of a FREE online session available for everyone via Teams, hosted by Andri Nicolaou - an Avon and Somerset Police Child Exploitation Prevention Officer. The focus of this event is Online Safety Grooming and Child Exploitation and will run on Monday 29th January 2024 at 7pm.

The session will cover:

- Social media and gaming
- Child Exploitation – how criminals use them to groom and exploit children and young people.
 - What we can do if we are worried and private setting.



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Join on your computer, mobile app or room device via Teams:
Meeting ID: 337 913 501 907
Passcode: 46F4YE

We strongly believe knowledge is power and by participating in this meeting, you contribute to the collective effort of creating a safer community for our children.

As a school we feel very strongly everyone should have access to this subject and encourage you all to take part. The benefits of a Teams meeting allow you to join from the comfort of your home however, if you are unable to access it at home or would prefer to attend a collective session in person, please inform the school office.

If there is enough demand, we will join the meeting at school and participate collectively in the school hall.

World Book Day



We would like to give parents advanced notice that this year we will not be dressing up for World Book Day. Our focus will be on reading and the importance of this. All children will be carrying out book and story related activities in class, we will be launching some reading competitions, hearing stories from guest readers, inviting parents into the library to share stories with children and inviting guest storytellers into classes. Please do us know if you would like to come and read a story to a class!!!! In addition, we will be running our popular Bedtime Story event!

Please look out for World Book Day Vouchers coming home with your child next week. Then can have a free book OR use the voucher for money off a book purchase.

Communication Protocol

Previously we have circulated our Communication Protocol. The purpose of this document is to set out expectations for how school and home can successfully communicate, to ensure the best partnership of support for each child's learning. On-going research continues to demonstrate the vitally important role parents/carers play in the education of their child.

Why partnership and good communication is important to us all:

At St Mary's C of E Primary School and Nursery , we believe:

- that every child is entitled to the best learning opportunity and we are committed to working in partnership with parents/carers to deliver this.
• that the child is the most important consideration of any conversation
• that a three way process of communication between the child, home and school is essential for all children thrive and flourish
• that all communication should be open, accessible, timely, respectful and appropriate
• that communication is about more than information exchange: it is about the development of positive relationships
• that communication involves active listening
• when parents/carers understand what a school is aiming to achieve and work with the school to achieve this, they are able to help their own children more.

Generally speaking, we would always recommend that you discuss any issues, worries or concerns with your child's class teacher in the first instance, as this will be the person who will know you and your child best. Equally when things have gone particularly well, it is lovely to hear about it.

We have set out below the staff who we believe will be best placed to respond to various types of enquiry:

Table with 2 columns: Type of Query, Member of Staff to contact



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Any issue relating specifically to your child (eg learning, behaviour, equipment, timetable)	Your child's class teacher
If you feel that any issue, as described above, has not been resolved or you need more advice following these discussions, please follow these stages:	Key Stage Leader: Miss Golden – Key Stage 2 Mrs Roberts – Key Stage 1 Mrs Pollock – Early Years
Safeguarding/ Child Protection	Ms Lampert/Mrs Pollock
Curriculum/ Whole School Pupil enquiries	Ms Lampert, Miss Golden/Mrs Roberts/Mrs Pollock
Finance, Health and Safety or payments	Mrs Fenton
Administration, to include letters and school meals	Mrs Jenkins
After School Clubs	Mrs Jenkins
Admissions	Mrs Fenton, Ms Lampert
We always try to resolve any concerns at the earliest opportunity. If you do not feel satisfied with a response that you have been provided with please see our Complaints Policy or contact :	Ms Lampert, Headteacher

We understand the benefits of a class Whatsapp group, however the most accurate information can always be gained from contacting the school directly. This can be done in a number of ways: Dojo, email, phone calls to the office, speaking to staff at the beginning and end of the day.

Please note that Parents evenings have been scheduled for the 19th and 20th March to update you on your child's learning, progress and attainment.

St John's 850 Year Celebration

The St John's Charity has supported the children of St Mary's and six other primary schools across Bath for the last 3 years. Their funding has allowed us to offer all children in the school a hot lunch time meal. In addition, we are able to welcome

THRIVE practitioners and the Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Trust into school to support individuals, groups and whole classes of children. The St John's Foundation's aim is to support the education of the most vulnerable pupils across Bath and North East Somerset in the core areas of learning and we have utilised the money very carefully focusing on English (Reading, Writing and Oracy) and Maths. **We are pleased to announce that the funding will continue into the next academic year!**

Because of this, we are keen to be part of the celebrations of all the good work carried out by the charity. All seven supported schools will be sending a group of children to form an Abbey Choir to perform at the Celebration Service in the Abbey on 1st February. ALL Key Stage 2 children will form a welcoming party for the dignitaries and special guests as they process to the Abbey.

St Johns are providing the funding for the transport (and flags to wave) – it should be a very exciting occasion!!!!

Community Notices:

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

