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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 Generosity and Service

'God loves a cheerful giver'
2 Corinthians 9.7

'Serve one another in love'
Galatians 5.13

April 2024

15th Start of Term 5
30th Class Photos
30th Football Match - Home

May 2024

6th Bank Holiday Monday
13th SATS Week
24th Remarkable People Day
24th Last Day of Term 5 at 3.15pm



SATS Week

The Standardised Assessment Tests (SATS) for Year 6 will take place 13-16th May. For the four days, there is a short assessment of between 40 mins and an hour each day. The rest of the day is spent carrying out some interactive revision activities, outside PE time and other curriculum learning.

SATs are a snapshot of what children have learnt throughout their time in primary school. Each and every child has made fantastic progress this academic year. We are proud of the hard work and resilience they have shown in preparing for the tests. They are definitely ready to 'show what they know'.

We wish all of our fantastic Year 6 children well for SATS week, and know that they are looking forward to their SATS breakfast each morning.

A Government leaflet for parents can be found at the link below with details how results from the key stage 1 (KS1) and key stage 2 (KS2) national curriculum assessments are used to calculate primary school progress measures. It also explains what these progress measures mean.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7f648940f0b6230268f39d/STA177916e_Primary_school_progress_measures_leaflet_V6_FINAL.pdf



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Maypole Dancers

This year St Mary's will again be taking part in The Midsomer Norton Town Fayre Maypole Dancing. The Fayre is taking place on Saturday 13th July at the Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton.



Mrs Hazelton and Mrs Langley are running Maypole practice on Mondays after school to prepare children for this event. If your child attends, they will be expected to participate on the day, Saturday 13th July between approx 11:30am-1pm (more details will be sent home with participants).

Please sign up via Parent Pay – spaces are limited.

Class photos

Don't forget the school photographer will be in school on May 30th for class photos. Please ensure pupils are in full school uniform. Year 6 will have the opportunity to have their final St Mary's School Photo taken. Something to take away to remember their final days at St Mary's.

School Trips

Our curriculum is enhanced through the wider opportunities we offer the children. These education visits, opportunities to perform or take part in sport, represent their school and take part in events which are crucial for children to develop an understanding of the world around them, for increasing aspirations, building resilience and experiences.

The vocabulary that children develop, the knowledge and learning that is reinforced is imperative to pupils' development.

We are conscious the cost of living is rising and this includes transport costs and entrance fees for trips and events – however we endeavor to keep costs to the bare minimum for parents.

With this in mind we wanted to say a huge **THANK YOU** to parents for supporting us in running these wider opportunities and to the PTA and St Johns Foundation who make regular contributions to help minimise the cost to parents .



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Summer Art Trail – Food Art

This Spring, Midsomer Norton Community Trust are inviting Somer Valley residents to create artwork which will be displayed on the High Street as part of Midsomer Music & Arts Festival.

The theme of the trail is 'Food' – celebrating the wonderful shops, trades, business owners and buildings in our town. It will take place Friday, 23rd May to Friday 8th June, across dozens of High Street venues. Works will also be displayed in the Town Park as part of Midsomer Music & Arts Festival on 1st June.

Those who wish to enter are invited to create a piece of artwork on a paper plate on the theme of food – further details and instructions on how to enter are displayed on the flyer opposite.....



contact manager@midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk
01761 419133 mnct.co.uk 07903951168
Facebook Midsomer Music & Arts Festival

Attendance

If your child is too poorly to attend school we ask you inform the school office before registration or as soon as possible – via telephone or email. Knowing where children are during school hours is an extremely important aspect of safeguarding.

Following morning registration, if a pupil is absent and a reason for that absence has not been provided, parents will receive a phone call. If it is not possible to get a response from parents we may call other members listed on the pupil's contact list or undertake a home visit.

There are 175 days a year not spent in school. Let's make the most of the 190 days in school!

Did you know...

Table with 3 columns: If your child's attendance during the school year was..., Your child lost approximately..., This is the same as approximately... Rows show percentages from 95% to 75% and corresponding days from school and lessons.



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