

**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY**

ST. MARYS NEWS LETTER

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13/10/15

**Assessment
Meeting for
parents**

6/10/15

At 6.30pm

**Meet the Chair
of Governors**

15/10/15

**International
Day & Evening**

7th & 8th Oct

**Parent Consul-
tations**

EYFS

**Half Term Holi-
day**

Monday

**26/10/15 to Fri-
day 30/10/15**

WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome to our 'new look' newsletter! Please look out for them fortnightly as they will update you with dates for your diary, some of the wonderful things that happen at St Mary's e.g. trips, tell you about the 'Friends of St Marys' (Parent Teacher Association) and much more.

Already this term Year 1 and 2 have been to the toy museum and Year 3 and 4 have visited the Egyptian section at the British Museum as 'entry points' to their new topics. There are lots of other trips planned including our Year 6 school journey this month, where the children will do lots of 'team building' activities.

I would like to say a big thank you to children, parents and carers who have made our Aspiration day and Macmillan coffee morning a real success. On Aspirations day children dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up, shared their aspirations in class and in assembly and talked about how they may go about achieving their dreams. We had a visit from a vet, lawyer and structural engineer. They all talked about their jobs and children had the opportunity to ask questions.

Our Macmillan coffee morning that was initiated by Aidan in Year 6 with the support of Ms Kennedy was also a real success. Thank you to all the parents that purchased cakes and coffee and to those that donated all the yummy treats! You raised a fantastic £250 for this great cause.

Lastly, the Friends of St Mary's have a board outside of the school hall which tells you how money raised last year was spent to enhance children's learning and the experiences at school. We are looking for more people to take an active role in the PTA so please come and join them at the next meeting on 23/10/15 to support with fundraising for a very special event this academic year! You will find out more inside the newsletter.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Jane O'Brien

If your child needs medication in school (for example an asthma pump) then please bring it into school clearly labelled.

You will also need to complete a medicines form which Ms Kennedy will give you.



Inside Story Headline



Reception have had a fantastic start to the school year. We have been busy learning through our topic All About Me and so far have focused on; things we like, our bodies and what makes a good friend. We have been tracing around our hands and bodies and talking about how we use them. In Literacy we have been learning new sounds and have practiced writing our names. We have taken a particular interest in super heroes and have practiced our cutting and joining skills by making masks and other props to support our role play. We love using the construction area, where we can work together as a team to build amazing things, like castles and vehicles. We are learning how to take care of our classroom, play nicely with each other and have learnt lots of ways to share, take turns and help others.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Year 6 are this weeks winners for both attendance and punctuality.

Well done Year 6 keep it up.



CONTACT NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESS

PARENTS : Please make sure that the office has all your correct telephone numbers and email address's



Inside Story Headline



Year 1 & 2 had a wonderful day at The Toy Museum. Thank you for all the wonderful parents/ grandparents who made the day memorable for the children.

Pupil photographs

The photographer will be attending school on Thursday 8th October 2015 to take individual photo's of your child.

School shoes

Black school shoes must be worn by all pupils, this includes Nursery and Reception.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**LEARN SPANISH WITH YOUR CHILD**

Would you like to go back to school and learn alongside your child? Come and learn Spanish at St Marys. Parents will have the opportunity to take part in a one hour session and will go away with useful tips, songs and websites enabling you to support your child's learning. We have space for 5 adults at a time and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There may be future dates available in the Spring Term.

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

- Nursery—Friday 4th December 9.30—9.45am
- Reception—Friday 27th November 9.30—9.45am
- Year 1—Friday 13th November 2.20—2.35pm
- Year 2—Friday 6th November 11.00—11.15am
- Year 3— Friday 9th October 10.00—10.40am
- Year 4—Friday 16th October 11.20—12.05pm
- Year 5—Friday 23rd October 2.40—3.25pm
- Year 6—Friday 20th November 1.35—2.20pm

Please register your interest with Ms Kennedy in the office.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF CHILDREN.

Please ensure that your child is in on time in the morning and picked up after school at 3.30pm promptly. After school clubs finish at 4.30pm, once again please pick up promptly, late fines apply to after school clubs as well as late pick up after 3.30pm.

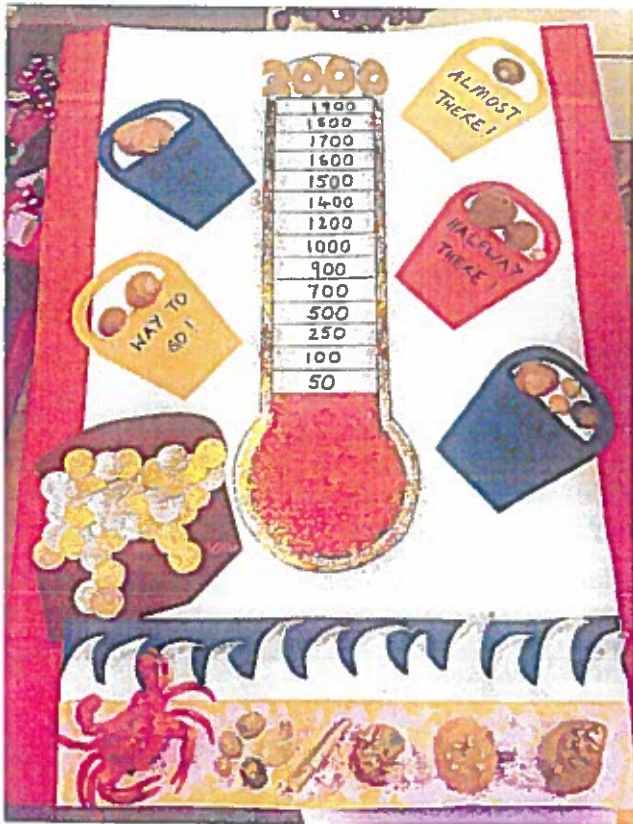
Choir

Children who attend choir on a Tuesdays should be collected from the morning gate and not the main office gate.

Thank you for your cooperation In these matters.

PLAYGROUND

The play structure in the front playground is not to be used by children after school.



See how much you have raised towards Our seaside trip. This is in the notice board by the main gate.



Oh I do like to be beside the seaside. !!!!!

We are hoping to have a whole school trip to the Seaside in July 2016. The children will be traveling by coach, as you can

imagine the cost for this is quite high (£4500.00). We are hoping to raise half the money through cake sales and other fund raising events throughout the year, we will ask parents to contribute £10.00 per child for the rest of the cost.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to have fun as we approach the end of the school year.