

# Newsletter

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## Key Dates w/c: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

17<sup>th</sup> March: No Orchestra

17<sup>th</sup> March: Parent's Evening

19<sup>th</sup> March: Parent's Evening

## Tweet of the Week



*"The Lord tells us not only to carry out works of charity, to pray, and to fast, but also to do these without pretence, duplicity, and hypocrisy."*

*[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)*

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

## Coronavirus Advice

New government guidance:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for the 7 days from when your symptoms started.

A UK wide information campaign has now been launched to provide practical advice and guidance on how to protect yourself from infection. As we would always advise to help stop the spread of viruses such as flu during the winter, you should;

- always carry tissues and use them to catch coughs and sneezes, and bin the tissue;
- wash hands with soap and water, or use sanitiser gel, to kill germs.

## Reminder to all Parents

Due to the water fountain in the school playground being out of order for the foreseeable future it is imperative that your child has a named water bottle to school every day. These can be refilled in the classroom if needed.

## Parents Evening – Sign-up Sheets

If you haven't already signed up for parents evening, please call the school office and we try to assist you. Thank you.

Parents evenings are on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Polite Reminder to all Parents**

Please could we ask all parents to be considerate of the local residents when using the communal areas. Some children were seen trampling on the flowers in the St Mary's Estate. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

## **Travelling books**

Travelling books will be after school each afternoon from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. They are accepting the £1 world book day tokens that the children were given at school.

## **KS1 Lenten Service**

Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a Lenten Service on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Parents are invited to join us in the hall.

## **Lent Collection Tins in the Classrooms**

After a very successful collection last year, the Fundraising Committee would like to put their Lent Collection Tins into the classrooms again. These tins are for all the money you would have been spending on treats but because you have given something up for Lent the money can be donated to Cafod instead!

As an extra incentive, the class that raises the most money will be able to negotiate a special treat with their class teacher. Perhaps an extra slot of sport of your choice, additional time on the computers or a really messy art session. You give something up for Lent, you donate, your class wins and YOU decide on the reward!

As ever, thank you parents and carers for your support in this collection effort.  
Miss Mudd and the Fundraising Committee

## **Lunch boxes and morning snacks: Due to allergies please do not include any nut items in lunch boxes, including Chocolate/Nutella spread sandwiches.**

Please ensure that your child does not bring sweets to school in their lunchboxes. Thank you.

At break-time Years R, 1 and 2 children are offered a piece of fresh fruit, and therefore do not need a snack. For years 3-6, if you would like your child to have a snack, please provide them with fresh fruit or vegetables to eat. Please also ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. Thank you for your co-operation.



## **Forthcoming trips**

Where applicable, we would be grateful if trips could be paid for before the due date specified on the parentmail information. Payment is permission for your child to take part. Thank you.

26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Rendlesham Forest – Year 3

27<sup>th</sup> Mar: Felixstowe trip – Year 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Apr: Museum of East Anglian Life – Year 4

## **Suffolk Libraries:**

Suffolk Libraries will soon be launching our next Children's Month campaign! This will launch next month on **International Children's Book Day** on **2 April** and run throughout the month.

Children's Month will celebrate everything the library service has to offer children of all ages, promote our many children's activities and services as well as highlight the wide range of children's books on offer.

This year, any child that signs-up for a library card until the end of April will be entered into a special prize draw with a chance to **win a free iPad** – a great chance to discover our extensive eLibrary services as well! Sign-ups can be done online via our website or at any of our 44 branches across the county.

To help encourage greater use of libraries by children and families, Suffolk Libraries **removed overdue charges for children's books** last year from 1 April.

Please circulate to all who would be interested in exploring what Suffolk Libraries has to offer. We look forward to seeing you at one of our libraries in the future.

For more information visit [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/childrens-month/](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/childrens-month/)

### **Book Sale - 5th and 6th March:**

Thank you to everyone who attended the book sale in the hall on Thursday and Friday last week. You will be pleased to hear that we raised over £89 for Cafod. Everyone was delighted with their bargains too, so a great success all round.

Miss Godbold, Miss Mudd and the Fundraising Committee

### **Orchestra Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

There will be no orchestra on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March due to parents evening. Orchestra will be taking place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and will return after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

### **Awesome Artic:**



Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic workshop on Friday run by an Arctic explorer. Mr Hall shared with us his experiences and images. He also set us the challenge of finding small hidden flags from across the school using only a map and some hints. A great time was had by all.



### **World Book Day**

Please see the attachment for photo's.

## PTA News

### Mother's Day Hampers

We have two fantastic hampers to raffle for Mother's Day, stuffed full of pampering treats and goodies. Please return your tickets with the money to the school office by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, the draw will take place after school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This will allow us to notify the lucky winners in plenty of time to collect and enjoy the prizes on Mothering Sunday. Very best of luck to everyone.



### Amazon Smile fundraising -

The PTA have just signed up to Amazon Smile. This is a cash back scheme specifically for Amazon accounts and raises money for the school while you shop.

It costs you nothing, and if you use Amazon please do set this up. There are a couple of initial steps and then it should be zero effort after that and each purchase will raise money for the school.

Here's how:

1. Go to [Smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)
2. Log in as normal to your Amazon.
3. Search for St Mary's Parent and Teachers Association. Once selected this will stay as your nominated charity.
4. Shop as normal through the link [Smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk).

That's it!

You can't use Amazon Smile with the Amazon App on the iPhone. However, the good news is that you can set up a shortcut to the Amazon Smile website which gives a near identical experience to the app. It's very quick and easy to do.

1. If you have the Amazon App installed you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts to jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.

2. Open Amazon smile on safari.

3. Tap the 'share' button at the bottom of the screen (looks like this):

4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to the left to see this.

5. You will now have an Amazon Smile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

Thanks very much from the FOSM PTA team

### **Bags2school**

Thank you to everyone who donated to Bags2school, we had a very good number of bags in, and will let you know the total raised in due course.

We'd love to open it up to the wider community, such as the church, but it's a matter of storage. We simply don't have the space in the shed to collect and keep the bags until they are collected. If anyone has any ideas for how we could address please email the school office.

### **PTA dates for your diary**

#### **Non-uniform days:**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** 'Chocs for Socks' day. Children wear their uniform but are encouraged to wear silly or mismatched socks, the brighter the better, in exchange for a kind donation of chocolate/sweets for the Summer fair tombola.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June:** Non-uniform day. Children wear own clothes in exchange for a kind donation of a bottle of something for the summer fair tombola.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Summer fair**

## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 2020

- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar: Parents evening 3.30-6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Mar: Parents evening 4.30-7pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 3 to Rendlesham Forest  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar: KS1 Lenten Service 9am (Parents welcome) – in school  
27<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 1 trip to Felixstowe  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am/Church
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr: Year 4 to Museum of East Anglian Life  
3<sup>rd</sup> Apr: PTA Chocs for Socks day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Apr: Easter Liturgy – Church 1.30pm (Parents welcome)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Apr: Last day of term. **School ends at 2.45pm**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Apr: First day back to school  
29<sup>th</sup> Apr: Beginning of Term Mass 2.30pm/Church  
30<sup>th</sup> Apr: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am/Church

### Term dates for 2019/20

#### Spring Term 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

**Half Term:** 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

#### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Bank holiday** - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – (school open as usual Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May)

**Half Term:** 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Term dates for 2020/21

#### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Half term:** 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Staff Training Days:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Half term:** 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Staff Training day:** 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### Summer Term 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Bank holiday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term:** 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Staff Training days:** 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July (disaggregated)