

Newsletter

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Key Dates w/c: 2nd March 2020

5th Mar: World Book Day Dress up as your favourite character

5th Mar: Parish Mass – Yr4 9.15am in Church

6th Mar: Awesome Arctic – Yr 6

6th Mar: Class Mass – Yr 5 2.30pm in Classroom

Tweet of the Week



'The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that, as God's children, we cannot spend our lives chasing after dust.'

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

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We hope you enjoyed your half term holiday.

Staff News

We welcome a new member of staff. We are pleased to confirm that Patricia Crabb has joined St Mary's and you will find her in the office on Wednesday mornings and all day on Thursdays and Fridays.

St Alban's Catholic High School Quiz Night

Message from FoSA:

General knowledge quiz at St Alban's Catholic High School Friday 28 February.

Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts 7.30pm. £8 tickets includes quiz and fish/sausage/veggie burger & chips. Raffle prizes.

Call school to order tickets and book food on 01473 726178.

World Book Day – Dress up Thursday 5th March

This Thursday 05th March is world book. Please feel free to dress up as your favourite book character.

Year 2 Book Sale

As part of the celebration of World Book Day next Thursday Year 2 would like to invite you all to their Book Sale which will be held straight after school in the hall on Thursday.

This is their fundraiser for the year and will raise money for Cafod.

From donations and a spring clean in the library we have lots of books, at great prices, for you to buy. So please come along to the hall to pick up a bargain or two.

[Year 2 and the Fundraising Committee](#)

Parents Evening – Sign-up Sheets

The sign-up sheets for parents evening will be available in the school hall from Monday 09th March at 8.30am. If for any reason you are unable to come into school on that Monday to book an appointment please contact the school office and they will try to assist you with this.

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

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.

BT Adastral Park - Year 5 trip

Year 5 had a lovely time at BT on Tuesday. We took part in a 'Crumble Robot' taster day, where children programmed their own robot vehicle. Two groups of the fastest robots from St Mary's were then chosen to race their vehicles against the other schools, sadly we didn't win but some great teamwork skills were seen throughout the day!

School Games Basketball Tournament Winners Play-offs

After our success in the Ipswich tournament we had to face the winners from the 2 other competitions that day to determine who would go through to the County Finals. Clifford Road were up against Sidegate first and after a close match Clifford Road won 3-2.

We then played against Clifford Road making it all important to win after they had won their first match. The girls and boys were both fantastic in each half securing an 8-1 win.

Our final game against Sidegate and we just needed to avoid defeat by 4 baskets, but the team weren't settling to just defend and an incredible attacking display from both the girls and boys in the County Finals.



Netball League Win 12-0

A netball league win for St Mary's against St Mark's. The girls showed great team spirit and a solid defence. We won 12 nil, what a victory. Well done girls.



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.

6th Mar: Awesome Arctic (in school) – Year 6

10th Mar: BT Adastral Park – Year 6

27th Mar: Year 1 to Felixstowe

2nd Apr: Museum of East Anglian Life – Year 4

Updating Contact Details

Please could all parents notify the office as soon as you change your address or any of your telephone numbers even your emergency contact numbers. We need to make sure that we hold the correct information for each child.

Coronavirus Advice – The following information has been sent to us from Suffolk County Council

ALL SCHOOLS:

You will be aware of the current and ongoing situation regarding the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak. We will continue to follow government guidance as it is updated.

[For advice and guidance on this outbreak, visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). This is being updated nationally and should be the only source of information you need to access.

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.

PTA News

Mother's Day Hampers

We have two fantastic hampers to raffle for Mother's Day, stuffed full of pampering treats and goodies. Tickets have been sent home with the children this week. 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):
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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

PTA dates for your diary

Non-uniform days:

Friday 3rd 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 19th 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 3rd July: Summer fair

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

- 5th Mar: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
5th Mar: World Book Day. Dress as favourite book character.
6th Mar: Year 6 Awesome Arctic in school
6th Mar: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm
10th Mar: Year 6 to BT Adastral Park
12th Mar: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
13th Mar: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
17th Mar: Parents evening 3.30-6pm
19th Mar: Parents evening 4.30-7pm
26th Mar: KS1 Lenten Service 9am (Parents welcome)
27th Mar: Year 1 trip to Felixstowe
31st Mar: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 2nd Apr: Year 4 to Museum of East Anglian Life
3rd Apr: PTA Chocs for Socks day
3rd Apr: Easter Liturgy – Church 1.30pm (Parents welcome)
3rd Apr: Last day of term. **School ends at 2.45pm**
- 20th Apr: First day back to school

Term dates for 2019/20

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term: 17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Bank holiday - Friday 8th May – (school open as usual Monday 4th May)

Half Term: 25th - 29th May 2020

Term dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December

Half term: 26th – 30th October

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 26th March

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th July

Bank holiday: 3rd May

Half term: 31st May – 4th June

Staff Training days: 19th & 20th July (disaggregated)