

Newsletter

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Key Dates w/c 18th November

18th Nov: Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

20th Nov: Parents Evening 4.30-7pm

19th Nov: Book Fair (last day)

21st Nov: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am

21st Nov: Year 5 to West Stow

22nd Nov: RE Parents Assembly 2.45pm
(Years 1 - 6)



Tweet of the Week



"Prayer always arouses feelings of fraternity, it breaks down barriers, crosses borders, creates invisible but real and effective bridges, and opens horizons of hope."

Pope Francis @pontifex

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Safeguarding your children/Parking:

Once again, we are having to write to ask that parents do not park on the pavement in front of the pedestrian entrance to the school or, indeed, opposite the entrance outside the private garage. This ongoing issue is a danger to your children's safety which is of paramount importance to us. Please help us to ensure everyone's safety by parking in the designated spaces in the school and church car parks. Thank you. Mrs Jo Berry (Head of School)

Please note that due to Year 5's trip to West Stow being cancelled this week (14th) we have managed to re-arrange it for next Thursday 21st November.

Therefore Year 4 will go to Parish Mass on the 21st November instead of Year 5 as previously arranged.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Ordering deadline

If you wish to order the photographs, please order online (or return the order form with cheque/cash in the envelope provided and return to the school office) by Monday 18th November. Thank you.

Parents Evening:

Monday 18th November (3.30 – 6pm)

Wednesday 20th November (4.30 – 7pm)

Christmas Fair Raffle

Christmas Fair raffle tickets and information were sent home this week (with eldest siblings). Please take a moment to read the letter attached to the tickets, there are a lot of exciting things happening for your children during the run up to Christmas.

There are spares in the office so if you haven't received yours please pop in for all the information. Thank you.

Please return ticket stubs in a **named sealed envelope** to a PTA member by Tuesday 26th November. Thank you for your support, as always.

Please note that we cannot take cash into the office without envelopes. If you are dropping ticket stubs/cash to the office **please use an envelope, named and sealed**. Many thanks.

Viking DT Project – Year 5

Year 5 are in need of empty cereal boxes for an upcoming Viking D.T. project.

If you have any that you can spare, please can you send these in with your child by Monday 25th November. Many thanks, Miss Godbold

SOFT TOY SALE:

Year 1 are delighted to let you know that their soft toy sale raised a excitement and enjoyment of the children in R, Y1 and Y2 welcoming a new fluffy friend (or two!) into their lives. Thanks to parents and carers for sending in some pocket money and looking happy with what the children had bought! Cafod will benefit from this fundraising event. Miss Mudd



Important : Snacks and Allergies

May we remind parents that due to a child being severely allergic, please **do not give your child Nutella/chocolate spread sandwiches or any nut items to bring into school**. Thank you. Also, if you are supplying your child with a morning snack item, please ensure that it is **fruit only**. Sweets are not allowed in school (and not in packed lunches please).

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 11th NOVEMBER



Year 6 braced the cold and wet conditions to remember those that had fallen in the First and Second World War. The children laid crosses as a mark of respect. All of the children listened well and show the utmost respect for those fallen.

Well done Year 6 - Mrs D-N was very proud to be standing with you through such a touching service.

St Mary's Calendar

I am afraid that, due to a lack of response, we have not received enough interest to make ordering the Calendar a feasible venture cost-wisely. I am sorry to disappoint those who wished to order. Miss Lesley Mudd

FORTHCOMING TRIPS:

Year 4: Colchester Synagogue – 18th November
Year 3: Colchester Synagogue – 19th November
Year 4: BT Adastral Park – 20th November
Year 5: West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village – 21st November
Year 6: Ipswich Museum – 29th November
Year 3 & 4: St Alban's/Drama Workshop – 5th December

SWIMMING – YEAR 4:

Year 4 will be swimming in the Spring term. Please see parentmail sent on 30th October and complete the reply slip or give permission via parentmail 'consent manager'. Many thanks.

MYSPIRA ASTHMA INHALER APP:

We have been asked by Public Health Suffolk to give you information regarding the MySpira Asthma Inhaler App. The following text is from their leaflet:

"Did you know that over 90% of children with asthma do not use their inhalers correctly? This results in poor management of symptoms and increases the risk of an attack occurring. There is now a new way to help teach children about asthma, and how they can manage the condition. MySpira, is a pioneering app developed in Suffolk which through augmented reality and game play teaches children about asthma triggers and how to prepare and use inhalers. The app can be used by all the family to help them support loved ones with asthma. MySpira is available free to download until 01/04/2020."

The following link will lead to the electronic version of the campaign flyer:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1u8_tzknOVJMihznHfOjirrwS70msFFRI

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER:

Date for your diary – this year's Friends of St Mary's PTA Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 27th November 2:30pm until 5pm.

Stalls will include toy, chocolate and bottle tombolas, teas, coffees and refreshments, book and gift stalls, home baked cakes, adopt a teddy, festive games and our grand raffle and hamper draws.

If you are able to spare an hour to volunteer, any time between 12:30 and 6pm, please let your class rep know, or contact Marge Jessop on 07739 011619. We'd love your help.

Requests for donations:

Hampers – help us make some great hampers to raffle off. The PTA will be in the playground with lists for each class, please sign up to pledge something for the hampers, and bring in by Friday November 15th. Thank you in advance.

Toys – we'd love your good condition toys /complete games and jigsaws etc for the toy tombola. We would also like teddies and soft toys for the adopt a teddy stall.

Books – this year we're going to try a book stall, so if you have books in very good condition we'd be happy to accept them.

Unwanted gifts – gift sets, smellies, boxed toys – all would be very gratefully received.

Raffle prizes and sponsorship – if any parents are able to donate or source raffle prizes we'd be very grateful. If you can, please contact Marge Jessop 07739011619.

For all donations, please either catch a member of the PTA on the playground, or leave it with the office and we will move it into the PTA shed. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

18 th Nov:	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
18 th Nov:	Year 4 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
19 th Nov:	Year 3 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
20 th Nov:	Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.00pm
20 th Nov:	Year 4 to BT Adastral Park
21 st Nov:	Year 5 to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village
21 st Nov:	Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
22 nd Nov:	RE Parents Assembly 2.45pm (Years 1 - 6)
26 th Nov:	Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
27 th Nov:	Christmas Fair/Church Hall (2.30-5pm)
29 th Nov:	Year 6 Ipswich Museum
2 nd Dec:	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
3 rd Dec:	Reception Nativity 2.15pm
5 th Dec:	Years 3 & 4 to St Alban's for Drama Workshop (morning)
5 th Dec:	KS1 Advent Service 9am in school hall
6 th Dec:	Reception Nativity 2.15pm
7 th Dec:	Year 6 Messy Messiah at St John's: afternoon rehearsal & evening performance
10 th Dec:	KS1 Nativity 2pm
11 th Dec:	Yrs 1 & 2 to Riverside Theatre (morning)
11 th Dec:	KS2 Play 2pm
12 th Dec:	KS2 Play 9am
17 th Dec:	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
18 th Dec:	Christmas Ensemble
18 th Dec:	Last day of Autumn Term

Term dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Wednesday 18th December 2019

Half Term: 21st – 25th October 2019

Staff Training Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

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

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

Half Term 25th - 29th May 2020