

# Newsletter

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## Key Dates w/c: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**12<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Curriculum morning 8.30-9.30am (see details below)

**14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Non-uniform day/£1 donation to PTA

## Tweet of the Week



*'We need God's Word: so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one Word that speaks to us not about things, but about life'*

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

## Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Thank you to those parents who park responsibly. 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

## Year 1 – Phonics Screening:

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting this morning. For those of you who were unable to attend, the presentation is available on our school website under: Curriculum – English – Phonics. Please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher if you have any concerns or queries.

## 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.

25<sup>th</sup> Feb: BT Adastral Park – Year 5

6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Awesome Arctic (in school) – Year 6

10<sup>th</sup> Mar: BT Adastral Park – Year 6

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

## Curriculum Morning - 8.30-9.30am on 12<sup>th</sup> February – Whole school

Pupils will be able to remain on the school playground with supervision by a teacher from 8.30am until school starts at 8.45am. We hope this will enable more parents to attend our curriculum sessions.

We will be focusing on:

Reading, PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RSE (Relationship and Sex Education).

We look forward to seeing you on 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your younger children with you.

## PGL Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> February

There will be a meeting for Years 4 & 5 parents at 3.15pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

You will receive all the initial information that you need at this meeting so we would be grateful if you could attend. Children can be left in Year 5 with a teacher. Thank you.

## **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 in China as well as across the world. Most reported cases are at the mild end of the spectrum and currently in the UK there are two confirmed cases being treated in line with robust infection control measures.

[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.

### **IPSSA Small Schools Boys Football League:**

St Mary's 4-0. Another league game and another 3 points for the boys who make it 4 wins from 4 in the league continuing their march towards a potential third league title in succession. Half way through league games and the team seems to be growing stronger and stronger each game.



### **School Games Basketball Tournament:**

After being crowned Basketball County Champions last year, this year's team started off in perfect fashion. 5 matches, 5 wins, 139 basket points and ZERO baskets conceded. An absolutely dominant display from the boys and girls seeing off the opposition of Morland 10-0, Colneis 34-0, Hadleigh 24-0, Kingsfleet 44-0 & Bealings 27-0. After winning this tournament, the team will go through to play against Clifford Road & Sidegate in the play-offs to see who will get a place in the county finals.



### **BT Adastral Park – Year 3**

Year 3 had a fun day at BT last Friday where they took part in lots of activities to do with Computational Thinking. A great way to end the school week. Mr Adam Cook

### **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.



## **PTA dates for your diary**

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

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** wear own clothes in exchange for a donation of £1.00.

**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

- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb: Curriculum morning/ 8.30-9.30am  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Non-uniform day  
17<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> Feb: HALF TERM  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 5 to BT Adastral Park  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb: PGL Parent's Meeting/ 3.15pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am  
5<sup>th</sup> Mar: World Book Day. Dress as favourite book character.  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 6 Awesome Arctic in school  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 6 to BT Adastral Park  
12<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am  
13<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm  
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: KS1 Lenten Service 9am (Parents welcome)  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 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**

### 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)