

Newsletter

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Key Dates w/c 11th November

11th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week

11th Nov: Appointment sheets for Parents evening (18th & 20th) will be in the hall from 8.30am.

13th – 19th Nov: Scholastic Book Fair

14th Nov: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am

15th Nov: Dress Down day (bottles please)



Tweet of the Week



"This is our mission: to show by our lives, and perhaps even by our words, that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone"

Pope Francis @pontifex

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Reminders:

Christmas Dinner Order:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last call for Christmas Dinner requests/menu choices please. Details and reply slip is at the end of the newsletter (or drop a note to the school office). Thank you.

Please note that there will not be an alternative choice on 5th December so if your child does not want a Christmas dinner please supply a packed lunch on the day. Many thanks.

Parents Evening Appointments:

Parents Evening appointment sheets (**for Years 1 – 6**) will be in the school hall from 8.30am on Monday 11th November.

If you cannot come to school to book an appointment, please email/call the school on Monday morning with your preferred day and time and we will do our best to book a slot for you.

Reception appointment sheets will be with Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Ling, please book with them when you drop your child to school.

Important reminder: Snacks and Allergies

May we remind parents that due to severe allergies, 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**.

Book Fair Arrives!

Scholastic Book Fair starts on Wednesday 13th November until Tuesday 19th November. The book fair will be set up in the playground (weather permitting), otherwise in the school hall or hive area.

Please note we can only accept cash payments for book purchases. Thank you.

Book fair competition

Children in all year groups will be sent home with a competition to see how many weird and wonderful places they can read in over the next week. This is a great opportunity to explore both in and outside with a good book! The record sheet then needs to be brought back into school by Friday 8th November. These will then be judged to see the most interesting places and the winners will receive a voucher to use at the book fair!

Thank you, Miss Godbold

FORTHCOMING TRIPS:

Year 5: West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village – 14th November

Year 6: Mock Trial – 15th November

Year 6: Ipswich Museum – 29th November

Year 4: Colchester Synagogue – 18th November

Year 4: BT Adastral Park – 20th November

Year 3: Colchester Synagogue – 19th 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

School Games Tag Rugby Festival:

A great afternoon of Tag Rugby for the boys and girls who attended. All displaying good teamwork and 100% effort throughout in this festival. Well done boys and girls!



IPSSA Small Schools Boys Football League:

St Mary's 4-0 Birchwood. Our first league game of the season and the boys got off to a flyer with a quick fire start that put us 2-0 up within 5 minutes. Another strong period at the end of the first half and start of the second half saw the boys score twice more and secure the 3 points. Well done boys!



BT Aadastral Park – Years 5 and 6:

Year 5 and Year 6 had an amazing day at BT on Wednesday. They learnt all about how to programme a robot to pick up different coloured blocks and deposit them to gain points. They then were able in the afternoon to save their code and play against other children from different schools. Well done to a Year 5 group who were runners up and a Year 6 group who came fourth in the challenge. There was a very tense final between us and Colneis school. Thank you to all the grown-ups that accompanied us on our trip.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDER FORM REPLY SLIP

Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 5th December**. **Please complete and return this form to the school office by Monday 11th November latest.** Christmas Lunch is free for KS1 children and is £2.30 for KS2 children. Please pay for the meal in the usual way via Parentmail at the beginning of December.



Please clearly tick your menu choice – one main course and one dessert.

British roast turkey with Local Sausage, Sage & Onion stuffing and gravy served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

OR

Quorn Roast with Sage & Onion stuffing and gravy served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Christmas Pudding and Custard

OR

Ice Cream Tub with Festive Shortbread Biscuit

Name of child: _____

Year _____

PTA 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

11 th Nov:	Anti-Bullying Week
13 th Nov:	Scholastic Book Fair (13 th -19 th Nov)
14 th Nov:	Year 5 to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village
14 th Nov:	Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
15 th Nov:	Year 6 Suffolk Junior School Mock Trial competition, Ipswich Crown Court
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 Parish Mass 9.15am
22 nd Nov:	RE Parents Assembly 2.45pm
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:	KS2 Play 2pm
12 th Dec:	KS 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



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