Newsletter

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School Rules: Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"May the Holy Spirit teach us to view the world with God's eyes and to treat our brothers and sisters with the gentleness of His heart."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud if the hard work and determination our children have demonstrated over this half term. We wish you all a happy and very well deserved half term break.

Have a wonderful weekend Warmest regards Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

Parking:

Due to the ongoing parking problems around the school, the complaints we are receiving from local residents and our fear that someone will end up being involved in an accident, we have had no choice but to ask Ipswich Borough Council to support us with this matter. Traffic wardens will now be patrolling the area on a regular basis to ensure the safety of our whole community.

Class Photos:

Class photos are being taken on Wednesday 16th June. If you have any issues with this, please email the office as soon as possible. Thank you

Milk for children over 5:

Pupils over the age of 5 - If you wish your child to have milk at morning break please see the attached leaflet with details of how to register and pay.

School Meals:

A reminder for parents that the menu is available on our website under 'Parents - Useful Information - School Meals'. You can then decide which days you would like your child/ren to have a school dinner.

Year R:

This week in Reception we have been finishing off our learning about dinosaurs. We heard that some scientists think that a volcano caused the dinosaurs to become extinct, so we made our own volcanoes! We used dish soap, bicarbonate of soda, food colouring and vinegar! The children loved seeing the reaction that happened between all the ingredients.







<u>Year 1:</u>

The children have been investigating deciduous and evergreen trees around the school. They have used a light box to see the veins and have completed a quiz on their knowledge. Inspired by David Hockney's recent work they then made a collage of spring branches. Well done Year 1.



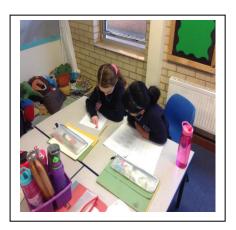




<u>Year 2:</u>

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been learning all about movement. After practising following instructions such as forward and backwards outside, we then gave instructions using counters and then we made treasure maps where we had to help each other find gold. Super work Y2!







<u>Year 3:</u>

Year 3 finished off their DT project for the half term by designing and creating a torch for a boy who was scared of the dark. They used their Science learning too by ensuring that part of the torch was transparent - meaning that the light would shine through.





Year 4:

Year 4 were giving presentations on renewable energy. This group spoke about tidal energy.



<u>Year 5:</u>

This week, in Year5, as a continuation of our PSHE lesson on nature and good mental health, we have been gardening. In small groups and with much enthusiasm, we weeded and prepared the ground before setting up supports and planting sweet peas. We had to remove one or two snails but, no doubt, they will be back! The whole class will take turns at watering and we hope that, with luck, we may be able to pick and enjoy these lovely flowers in the weeks before the end of term.!



<u>Year 6:</u>

Year 6 have been working hard on writing and editing a script from a scene in our class text. Here is evidence of them in action performing these scenes. Some fabulous directing and lines. Well done!





Important, Track and Trace for May Half Term:

If your child receives a positive Covid test during the May holidays please follow the procedure below.

| Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic) | Between Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th May | Saturday 29 th May | Sunday 30 th May | Monday 31 st May - Friday 04 th June |
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| Action Required | Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days | Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Thursday 27 th and Friday 28 th May. Notified individuals will have to self- isolate for 10 days | Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Friday 28 th May. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days | Unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms (for example, delays caused by postal tests), pupil was not in setting and therefore there is no need to contact school. |
| Parental Responsibility | Parents to notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ | | | |

Your School Lottery

Dear Parents and Carers,

Would you like to join school lottery?

The number of people who have joined up at this early stage has been very encouraging, we have over fifty tickets in the draw for next week. If these sort of numbers continue throughout the year, the school will benefit from raising over £1,000 from the draws.

We would love to eventually get to 100 tickets per draw like a 100 club, but for now we are moving our target up in increments. Our next target is to sell another 19 to get us up to 70 tickets – could one of those be yours? Step by step instructions are attached to the newsletter, or just search 'Your School Lottery – St Mary's Ipswich' to join.

If you've been thinking about it, or even got as far as inputting the details, do come and join us and give it a try. It's easy to join, and more importantly - if you don't like it, it's easy to leave. For less than the price of a takeaway tea or coffee you will be helping the school raise much needed funds.

Thank you all very much for your support.

Best wishes,

Marge Jessop and the Friends of St Mary's PTA



Your School Lottery

Draws take place **every Saturday at 8pm**, step by step instructions follow on how to take part and you can join right now!

Tickets are £1 each and you can buy them using either direct debit or by debit card.

Each week all entrants in the 'Your School Lottery' stand to win a £25,000 jackpot, and someone from our school community will win a guaranteed prize every single week – a proportion of our school's ticket takings.

It is open to everyone – parents, teachers, grandparents, work colleagues, parishioners – so please spread the word far and wide. The more people that play, the more funds we raise for the school.

Funds raised will go towards St Mary's school as per the Friends of St Mary's constitution.

How do I support the school?

Click this link - <u>Support St Mary's Catholic Primary School Ipswich when you play Your School Lottery</u> Your School Lottery

Dates for your Diary:

| Summer Term 2021 Monday 12 th April – Friday 16 th July Bank holiday: 3 rd May | | | | |
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| Half term: 31 st May – 4 th June | | | | |
| Staff Training days: 19 th & 20 th July (disaggregated) | | | | |
| <u>Term dates for 2021 - 2022</u> | | | | |
| <u>Autumn Term 2021</u> | | | | |
| Wednesday 01 st September – Friday 17 th December | | | | |
| Half term: 25 th – 29 th October | | | | |
| Staff Training day: 01 st September | | | | |
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| Spring Term 2022 | | | | |
| Tuesday 4 th January – Friday 08 th April | | | | |
| Half term: 21 st – 25 th February | | | | |
| Staff Training day: 4 th January | | | | |
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| Summer Term 2022 | | | | |
| Monday 25 th April – Thursday 21 st July | | | | |
| Bank holiday: 02 nd May | | | | |
| Half term: 30 th May – 03 rd June | | | | |
| Staff Training days: 25 th April, 20 th & 21 st July | | | | |

