

# Newsletter

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## Key Dates w/c: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

13<sup>th</sup> Jan: Swimming Year 4

15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Beginning of Term Mass/Church 2.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> Jan: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am

## Tweet of the Week



*" Let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them."*

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

**Welcome to this week's newsletter. Happy New Year to you all.**

**NB:** Please note that there is a change to the date of the Beginning of Term Mass. Mass will be on 15<sup>th</sup> January and not the 14<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

## **RECEPTION 2020/21**

If you are applying for a Reception place starting in September 2020, please send your application to Suffolk County Council (Admissions) before midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

We require a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be in school by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

This form is important and is part of the process when the governors are considering your application to St Mary's School.

If the SIF is not in school by the deadline date, the application will be classed as 'late'.

## **Staff News:**

After 16 years of service, Maggie is retiring from her position as Midday Supervisor. We wish her well in her retirement.

## **Starting the school day:**

Please note that the children should be in the playground by 8.45am to come into school, giving them time to be sitting at their desk ready to start the day by 8.55am. Obviously we understand that there may occasionally be traffic problems.

However, several children are consistently late which causes disruption to the class who have already commenced their learning.

## **Absences:**

If your child is unwell and is unable to attend school please leave a message before the start of the school day either by phone or emailing the school. Thank you.

**Sickness/Diarrhoea:** absence is 48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

### **Curriculum Morning - 8.30-9.30am on 12<sup>th</sup> February**

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>.

### **School Dinners - £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week**

Just a reminder that school dinners should be paid for **in advance**.

If arrears are unpaid after one week, you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch until payment has been made with credit for the week ahead. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Sports Clubs:**

Sports clubs start week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January. Please refer to your parentmail confirmation letter for details.

### **Orchestra:**

Orchestra starts on 28<sup>th</sup> January

### **Year 6 Homework Club:**

Just a reminder to parents that homework club will be starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January and further dates have been sent to you in the Year 6 newsletter. Your child does need written permission to stay as this will help us with the end of the day and keeping the children safe. Pick up time is 4:15pm. This has been a successful club in recent years and the children have really enjoyed coming. I look forward to seeing as many of the children there as possible. Kind regards, Mrs D-N.

**Club dates:** January: 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> February: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> March: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April: 27<sup>th</sup> May: 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Year 6 SATs meeting:**

Just a reminder that there will be a Year 6 SATs meeting held after school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January in the Year 6 classroom. Kind regards, Mrs D-N

### **Young Art East Anglia Exhibition**

A letter has been sent via parentmail this week with the details of YAEA competition.

During school, the children will produce pictures based on the theme 'A Moment in Time'. If your child would like the chance to have their work exhibited, they are asked to give their picture (and their copyright to it) to YAEA, along with a minimum entry donation of £2.50 per child, as their contribution to helping raise money for Cancer Research UK.

YAEA would like to communicate directly with exhibitors' families by email about the exhibition as this helps to reduce postage costs etc.

If you are happy for them to contact you direct please fill in your e-mail address on the slip at the bottom of this newsletter when sending in your £2.50 donation.

The donations will be given to the YAEA representative direct and will not be opened in school so **please enclose your donation in a named, sealed envelope and be aware that we are unable to give change so please send in the correct amount. Please could all donations be received before 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Thank you.**

I know that we have many talented and enthusiastic young artists in our school, and this will be an exciting opportunity for them to show their creative flair whilst raising money for charity.

### **Forthcoming trips:**

21<sup>st</sup> Jan: BT Adastral Park – Year 3

6<sup>th</sup> Feb: Chelmsford Water Treatment Centre – Year 5

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

### **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).

### **Safeguarding your children/Parking:**

May I remind you not to 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)

### **Plant to Plate – East Anglian Daily Times Promotion and tokens**

The East Anglian Daily Times are running a promotion in partnership with Enjoy Gardening More called Plant to Plate. Plant to Plate will offer schools the chance to create their own school garden with the aim of giving children the opportunity of learning sources of food from the actual process of planting to serving on their plates.

Tokens will appear in the East Anglian Daily Times (two on Saturday) and the Ipswich Star. The first token appears on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January and the final token will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The three schools with the most tokens (as an average of total pupils) will win gardening equipment and guidance from a head gardener. There will also be some runners up prizes which include seeds, planters, compost etc.

There will be a box for tokens outside the school office. If you are able to send tokens into school (after 18<sup>th</sup> January) we would be most grateful. Thank you for your support.

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### **YOUNG ART EAST ANGLIA EXHIBITON – reply slip**

To be returned to the school **before 23rd January** please (in a named and sealed envelope):

Name of Child:

Year:

Email address for contact:

Amount enclosed: £

**Please enclose the correct amount as the school is unable to give change. Many thanks.**

## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 2020

15 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Beginning of Term Mass – Church at 2.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan:	Year 3 to BT Adastral Park
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan:	Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan:	Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Year 5 to Chelmsford Water Treatment Centre
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Curriculum morning 8.30-9.30am
17 <sup>th</sup> –21 <sup>st</sup> Feb:	HALF TERM
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar:	Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar:	Year 6 Awesome Arctic in school
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar:	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm
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
3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr:	Easter Liturgy – Church 1.30pm (Parents welcome)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr:	Last day of term. <b>School ends at 2.45pm</b>

### 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)