

Newsletter

Issue 2

13th September 2019

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

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Key Dates w/c 16th September

Sports Clubs start this week

19th Sept: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am

20th Sept: Year 4 Diocesan Mass Norwich

Tweet of the Week

"Christ is the hope of the world: His Gospel is the most powerful leaven of brotherhood, freedom, justice and peace for all peoples.



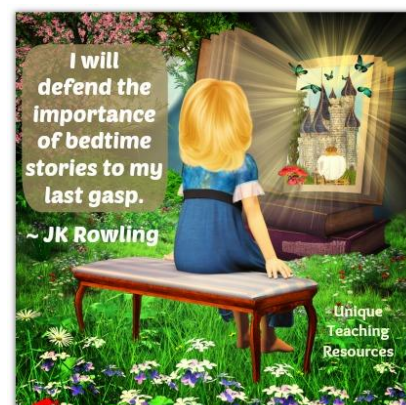
Pope Francis @pontifex

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads a minimum of four times a week. Class teachers will be recording how often the children in their classes read at home. House points will be awarded to those who have read four or more times in a week.

Don't forget the importance of bedtime stories no matter how old your child is. This not only increases literacy skills but also encourages children to develop a passion for books.



Diocesan Mass

On **Friday 20th September Year 4** will be taking part in a celebratory Mass in Norwich. **The coach will be leaving promptly at 9am** and (depending on traffic) should be back by the end of the school day.

The children need to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please).

All other information as per the letter sent to Year 4 parents via Parentmail on 4th September. Please ensure you complete and return the permissions slip to the school office if you have not yet done so.

Thank you.

Sports Clubs

Please see below: All clubs starts next week apart from Netball which starts on 25th September. Please ensure payment for clubs is made by **26th September**. Thank you.



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| • Wednesday: | 8.00am | Multi-Skills Yrs 1, 2, 3 | 18 th Sept - 11 th December |
| • Wednesday: | 3.15pm | Netball Club Yrs 5, 6 (Girls) | 25 th Sept - 4 th December |
| • Wednesday: | 3.15pm | Football Club Yrs 4, 5, 6 (Boys) | 18 th Sept - 11 th December |
| • Thursday: | 8.00am | Football Club Yrs, 1, 2, 3 | 19 th Sept - 12 th December |
| • Friday: | 8.00am | Tag Rugby KS2 | 20 th Sept - 13 th December |
| • Friday: | 12.10pm | Football Girls Yrs 4, 5, 6 | 20 th Sept - 13 th December |
| • Friday: | 3.15pm | Basketball KS2 | 20 th Sept - 13 th December |

Orchestra Club

Orchestra club starts on **Tuesday 24th September** after school - 3.15-4.15pm



Parentmail

Some parents have been in touch saying they cannot see any payment items for dinners or clubs etc in their Parentmail account. Parentmail have checked our school account and say they cannot see any reason why this has happened. If you log onto your account and go to 'Payments' then 'Payment Shop' and you cannot see your payment items please take a 'screen shot' and send it to school_support@parentmail.co.uk Thank you.

Reminders

Change of date to end of Autumn Term 2019

Please note that the last day of the Autumn Term is **Wednesday 18th December**, not Friday 20th December as previously published.

Absence

Please ensure you are familiar with the Attendance Policy that is on our website. Holidays during term time are not authorised. If you have an absence request during term time please inform the school office in writing. The seventh session (a session is a morning or afternoon) of unauthorised absence will trigger the penalty procedure. The penalty is £60.00 per child, per parent.

Lateness

The school day begins promptly at 8.55am. If your child is not in class at this time they will be marked as late. If they arrive after 9.10am this will be marked as an unauthorised absence and will count towards the total unauthorised absence for the year. If you are late getting your child/children into school, please ensure you come with them into the school office where you will be asked to sign them in and provide a reason for their lateness.

School Meals

If you would like your child/children to have school meals, please ensure payment (Key Stage 2 only) is made in advance via Parentmail or Paypoint into their dinner money account. Please note if your child's school meal account goes into debt by more than one week – e.g. £11.50, we will be unable to supply them with a hot meal and they will need to bring in a packed lunch. Therefore please ensure your child's school meal account is kept in credit via Parentmail. Parentmail generates reminders at the end of each week if your account has dropped into debt. Last term we saw an increase in the number of pupils requesting a school meal when they have brought in a packed lunch. Please be aware that if this happens we will be giving the child the school meal that has been ordered, sending their packed lunch home with them and parents will be charged. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 and the school is unable to absorb the cost of meals ordered and prepared and then not taken. Please remind your child/children to state clearly whether they are packed lunch or school dinner when the register is taken each day and the importance of getting it right.



Friends of St Mary's PTA - Bag2School Fundraising

A letter explaining all about Bags2School, and a collection bag, was sent home with your child last week. Please sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles to help raise funds for school. Please bring your bag(s) into the school playground for PTA to collect on **Monday 30th September**. Many thanks for your support.



Dates for your Diary

- 24th Sept: The Hive visit to Christchurch Mansion
26th Sept: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
2nd Oct: Year 2 visit to Colchester Castle
3rd Oct: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm
10th Oct: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
15th Oct: Curriculum Evening 6.00pm
16th Oct: Harvest Festival 2.30pm
17th Oct: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
17th Oct: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm
17th Oct: M & M Productions in school The Railway Children (whole school)

Half Term 21st – 25th October

- 30th Oct: Open Morning 9.30am
31st Oct: Open Afternoon 1.30pm
1st Nov: All Saints Mass 2.30pm
7th Nov: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
11th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week
14th Nov: Year 5 to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village
14th Nov: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
18th Nov: Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
18th Nov: Year 4 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
19th Nov: Year 3 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
20th Nov: Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.00pm
21st Nov: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
21st Nov: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
22nd Nov: RE Parents Assembly 2.45pm
26th Nov: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
3rd Dec: Reception Nativity 2.15pm
5th Dec: Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
5th Dec: KS1 Advent Service
6th Dec: Reception Nativity 2.15pm
10th Dec: KS1 Nativity 2pm
11th Dec: KS2 Play 2pm
12th Dec: KS Play 9am
18th Dec: Christmas Ensemble
18th 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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Open Morning

9.30am on Wednesday 30th October

Open Afternoon

1.30pm on Thursday 31st October

for prospective parents of children starting school in September 2020

There will be an opportunity to meet our Head of School Mrs Berry,
find out more about St Mary's
and have a short tour of our school

Please call the school office on 01473 728372 to book onto one of the sessions