

# Newsletter

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## Key Dates w/c: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Orchestra starts (3.15 - 4.15pm)

30<sup>th</sup> Jan: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am

31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm

## Tweet of the Week



*'May the Holy Spirit revive in each of us the call to be courageous and joyful evangelisers'*

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

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Please note that the Year 3 class mass on 31<sup>st</sup> January has been cancelled and will be on 28<sup>th</sup> February instead.

Year 4's class mass will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January (instead of 28<sup>th</sup> February).

## Parking

Once again I am writing to remind you to park responsibly when dropping your children to school. Please do not drop your child/children at the zebra crossing. This is a safeguarding issue and is a danger to your child/children's safety.

Please help us to ensure everyone's safety by parking in the designated spaces in the school and church car parks and not on the pavement in front of the pedestrian entrance to the school or opposite the entrance outside the private garage. Thank you. Mrs Jo Berry (Head of School)

## Parent Feedback Questionnaire

We have sent home a questionnaire this week and would be very grateful if it could be completed and returned to the school office at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

## 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>.

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

There will be a meeting for Years 4 & 5 parents at 3.15pm on 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. Thank you.

## **Library – Story time – Reception/Year 1 & Year 2**

Come and listen to a story with Mrs Ahmed or Mrs Michette. A parent to attend too please.

**Every Thursday** after school from 3.15 – 4.15pm. Teddies are welcome!

## **Forthcoming trips**

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

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

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

## **World book day - Thursday 5th March**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March this year. Children are invited to come to school on this day **dressed as a character** from their favourite book!

As part of this day, children will need a shoebox for an activity. If you have any shoe boxes that you can spare, please could you bring them into school.

Thank you, Miss Godbold.

## **EFL Boys Schools Cup**

After progressing through the group stages last week the boys were back to play against all group winners from the 7 other groups across the 2 days. We started off in fantastic style getting a 3-0 win against St Matthews, then following that up with another 3-0 win against Finborough.

A great start and the boys didn't slow down one bit. A 2-0 win against Cedars Park and another 2-0 win against Cedarwood followed. The boys then faced a tough final 3 matches as they started to tire but still dug deep to get a 2-1 win over The Oaks in a very important win. We then went on to draw our last 2 games, 2-2 vs Hadleigh and 1-1 vs Serbert Wood. But the boys had done enough and were announced as Champions!

The team will now be invited to the Ipswich Town vs Oxford, League 1 match on the 22nd February, to go on to the pitch at half time to receive their trophy. The boys will also now go on to represent Ipswich Town at the EFL Schools Cup Regional Finals. What an amazing achievement!



## **IPSSA Girls Football Cup: St Mary's 4-3 Whitehouse**

The first match of the season for the girls as we had a bye in the last round of the cup. An emphatic first half and start to the second half saw the girls go 4-0 up!

Some tired legs crept in though to allow Whitehouse to bring it back to 4-3 but we managed to hold on to book our spot in the quarter finals. Well done girls great effort!



## **FOSM PTA news and updates**

### **Gift amnesty -**

The gift amnesty is running through January, thank you very much to everyone who has donated so far. There is a box in the school office for any donations of unwanted or duplicate gifts and decorations.

Thank you. The PTA team

### **Short Survey -**

For Parents/Carers: We would be very grateful if you could complete a short survey to make sure we are inclusive in our communications and to inform how the PTA will proceed this year.

The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KQ3DZSB> There are only five questions so should not take up too much of your valuable time. Thank you for your help in this.

## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 2020

30 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan:	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan:	Year 3 to BT Adastral Park
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
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:	Parents PGL Meeting pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Year 3 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)