

St Mary's CE Primary School

Tuesday 20th September 2022



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Results**

Autumn Term 2022

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to have the children back in school and even better to be able to have the whole school together in the hall for worship and assembly again. We have also welcomed Mr Broughton back to school following a year working in Dubai. He will once again deliver PE to most classes, but this year will also become part of the Pastoral Team.

You will receive the class newsletters in the next few days as well as information about our after school clubs. We hope to have a wider range of clubs available this year. Last year each class had its own cause to support. This was so successful each class will choose a cause again this year.

Birthdays

The children can come to school in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday is at the weekend or in the holiday they can choose either the Friday before or Monday after. The children must not bring sweets or cake into school.

Friday 23rd September

Friday 7th October

Wednesday 12th October

Wednesday 19th October

Friday 11th November

Friday 18th November

Wednesday 7th December

Thursday 8th December

Monday 12th December

Friday 16th December

Additional events will be posted on Class Dojo school and class pages

School Closed – staff training

Harvest Service – Year 1- parents welcome

Stone Age Workshop Years 3&4

Parents' Evening

Year 6 lead our Remembrance Assembly-
all welcome

Children in Need Day

Reception Nativity 2.30pm

KS 1 Nativity 2.30pm

Christmas Service at St Nathaniel's led by
Years 5 & 6- all welcome

School closes at 1.15pm

OPAL

I hope that your child has been talking about the new OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project that we are starting this year. It is a project designed to improve the quality of play at school. We will be using the whole school grounds across the year whatever the weather. School is closed on Friday 23rd September so that staff can attend the training for the project. You will receive lots of information about it in the coming weeks. We will also be asking for your help and support to grow our 'loose parts' provision and provide wellies for your child to wear as they will be outside and have access to the field all year.

WOW- Walk to School Challenge

On Friday we introduced the WOW Challenge that encourages children to walk to school every day if possible but at least once a week. If you have to drive they can still take part by using Park and Stride. They can collect a different badge every month of the year by taking part. The Travel Tracker will be online in the class room every morning for the children to record their journey. There is a significant issue with parking outside school so please try and use Park and Stride if you can and park elsewhere.

Covid absence

If your child is poorly and test positive for covid we would advise that they stay off school for three days. However, if they are not poorly they may come to school. There is no need to buy tests if you don't have any as there is no legal requirement to isolate now. If your child is too ill for school they should stay at home until they are well enough to attend.

Uniform

The children MUST come to school in full uniform. PE kit is also uniform so please ensure that your child is wearing a white t-shirt with navy tracksuit bottoms, shorts or a jumper/hoodie. Branded tracksuits in any colour are not acceptable. This policy will be enforced and children may be provided with spare kit to wear if frequent reminders are ignored.