

"Together we journey to a future of opportunity."

**St Mary's C of E
School Values**

- *Friendship*
- *Acceptance*
- *Compassion*
- *Respect*
- *Honesty*
- *Perseverance*

Friday 27th March Newsletter



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Message From Mrs Stevens

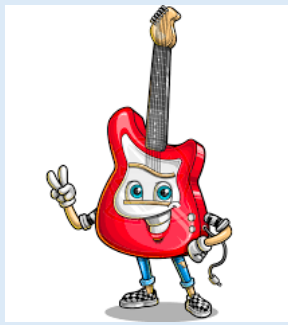
As we reach the end of the spring term, I have been reflecting on what has been another incredibly busy and successful term for St. Mary's. It has been wonderful to see the continued progress and achievements of our children, both in and out of the classroom. This half-term, our focus has been on the school value of compassion. Children across the school have engaged in thoughtful discussions about seeing things from another person's point of view and showing kindness, particularly when we may not know what others are experiencing. It has been heartening to see so many examples of children demonstrating empathy, patience and support for one another — qualities that make our school such a special place.

Sporting success has also been a highlight this term. Our pupils have represented the school brilliantly, qualifying for the next rounds in football, netball, gymnastics and flag football, as well as celebrating a fantastic local victory in tag rugby. We are extremely proud of the teamwork, determination and sportsmanship shown by all the children who have taken part. Alongside this, learning beyond the classroom has continued with so many trips and visits. Year 1 enjoyed a toy workshop in school with a visit from Tiverton Museum, Year 2 explored Exmoor Zoo, Year 3 discovered the wonders of Kents Cavern and Year 4 went on an exciting residential at the Ultimate Adventure Centre. It certainly has been a busy and enriching term filled with memorable experiences for our pupils!

Looking ahead to the summer term, there is already much to be excited about. Year 5 will be heading off on their residential to Wildwood in Exeter, while Year 6 prepare for their much-anticipated trip to Windsor. We also have Sports Days, Geography Day, History Day and many other exciting opportunities planned for the children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we wish you all a restful and enjoyable break when we get there next Thursday and look forward to another fantastic term ahead.

Rocksteady concert

Parents of children who attend Rock Steady are invited to watch their end of term concert on Tuesday 31st March at 9am in the school hall.

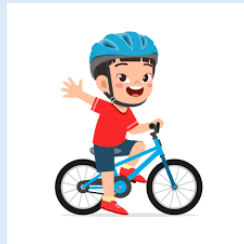


Year 3 Doves – Swimming

A reminder that from Wednesday 22nd April Year 3 Doves will be swimming every week. Please ensure your child is at Torridge Pool by 8:45am.

Church Service Cancelled

A reminder that sadly our Easter Service cannot take place at St Mary's Church next Wednesday. Pick up is now as normal from the school. Apologies for any confusion.



Bikeability

On Monday emails will be sent home about Bikeability dates for the Year 5 & 6 students who have signed up. Please ensure to read these carefully as it will explain about what to bring and when.

North Devon Netball Championships

On Wednesday, our Netball Team played at the North Devon Netball Championships.

There was some tough competition with some strong teams and the standard of play was incredibly high throughout the tournament. Our team played excellently, working well together, showing fantastic teamwork as well as determination and some great skills.

We finished top of our group, having not lost a single game. This put us through to the semi-finals. We finished 4th out of the whole of North Devon, an amazing achievement!

Overall, we had a brilliant day and the whole team should be very proud of what they achieved. Super netball, well done all of you!

Miss Chalk



Menu for Week Commencing 30th March

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 (Main)	Margherita Pizza	Pork Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Roast Turkey with Stuffing	Hot Dog	GOOD FRIDAY
Option 2 (Vegetarian)	Veggie Patty	Super Duper Noodles	Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake	Veggie Brunch Sausage & Egg	GOOD FRIDAY
Option 3 (Light Bite)	Egg Mayo & Cress Bap	Cheese and Tomato Sandwich	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap	Ham & Lettuce Bap	GOOD FRIDAY
Option 4	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	GOOD FRIDAY
Carbohydrate / Vegetables	Pasta & Mixed Vegetables	Wholegrain Rice, Peas & Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas	GOOD FRIDAY
Salad	Green Salad	Green Salad	Garden Salad	Sweetcorn Salad	GOOD FRIDAY
Dessert	Rice Pudding With Jam	Mandarin Jelly	Frozen Yogurt	Apple / Apricot Crunch & Custard	GOOD FRIDAY

School Term Dates

3rd April – 17th April – Easter Holidays
 4th May – May Bank Holiday
 25th May – 29th May – May Half Term
 1st June – Occasional Day
 2nd June – Non Pupil Day
 23rd July – Non Pupil Day
 24th July – Occasional Day
 27th July – 2nd September – Summer Holidays
 3rd September – Non Pupil Day
 4th September – Non Pupil Day

Long Term Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 31st March – Rock Steady Concert
 Wednesday 22nd April – Year 3 Doves Start Swimming
 Tuesday 28th April – Science Fair entries in
 8th-10th June – Year 5 Residential Trip
 6th – 8th July – Year 6 Residential Trip to London

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119 v105