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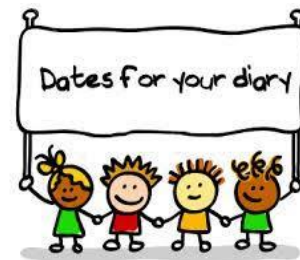
"Together we journey to a future of opportunity."

Friday 6th February

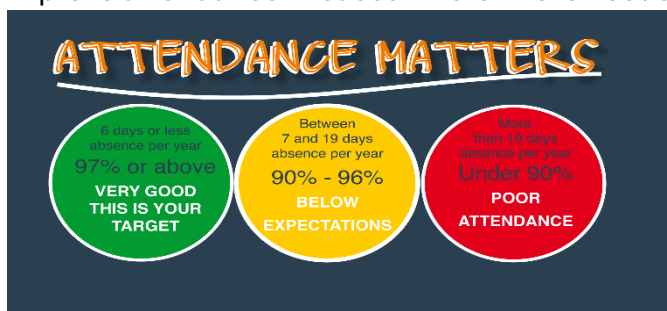
Message from Mrs Stevens

Although there have been some glimpses of sun, there has been a lot of rain this week and it's served as a reminder that we're not yet out of winter. This week has seen quite high levels of absence amongst staff and children as there seem to be lots of things going around. I am extremely grateful for the flexibility of the staff at St. Mary's who have plugged gaps to ensure that we have been able to carry on with business as usual in school and that lots of great learning has continued to take place. If you notice any symptoms or illnesses with your children, then we always recommending going to the NHS website to check whether children can attend school. If your child is going to be off school unwell, please ensure that you phone into the office in the morning and leave a message with the reason that your child is off (this helps us to keep track of what illnesses are in school). You then need to continue to phone in each morning when your child is off. If we do not hear from you, a message will be sent to all people with parental responsibility as we have a duty of care to ensure that we know where children are if they are not in school. We are able to administer paracetamol in school if needed, so please complete any consent forms and pass the medication to the office in a morning. Although we have some school supplies of Calpol for emergencies, children need to bring their own in for planned use as we are working our way through a large amount at the moment!

Whilst we understand that there are understandable reasons for children being off school and there are lots of illnesses going around, we have a responsibility to ensure that children are attending school when they are well enough to do so. As part of our responsibility for this, we will be issuing attendance letters next week where attendance has fallen below the expected level. These letters will be sent to every child whose attendance is below 90% as this is the level that is classed as persistently absent and we would like to know how we can best support you and your child to be in school consistently. We very much want to work with parents to improve attendance in cases where this is needed.



- Monday 9th
February – Non-Uniform Day
- Friday 13th
February – Non-Uniform Day, wear something Red, bring £1.
- Monday 16th
February – Half Term Week
- Monday 23rd
February – Non-Pupil Day
- Tuesday 24th
February- Children return to school
- Thursday 26th
February - Class Photos



Non-Uniform Days Next Week

Monday 9th February - Children are invited to “Come as Yourself” to celebrate Children’s Mental Health Week. (No donations asked for on this day)

Friday 13th February – Children are invited to bring in a £1 donation and wear “Something Red” to celebrate Valentines Day. All donations go to the PTFA.

St Mary’s C of E School Values

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

Menu for Week Commencing 2nd February

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



School Crossing Patrol

Devon County Council are currently advertising for a School Crossing Patrol for St Mary's. The hours are 8:35am until 9:05am and 3:05pm until 3:35pm, totalling 5 hours per week, during term time and including Holiday Pay. To find out more, please contact Devon County Council on 01392 383000 or email crossingpatrols@devon.gov.uk



School Governors

We currently have vacancies on our Local Governing Body and would be interested in hearing from anybody who feels that they have the time and energy to give to this role. Please see the attached flyer for more information about what this entails.

Year 4 School Performance

An email has been sent home today about the Year 4 performance "The Greek Rock Musical!" on Thursday 12th March. Please see the email for further information.

🏃 Cross Country Success! 🏃

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Elsie, who achieved an outstanding 2nd place in Devon at the recent cross-country competition. This is a lifetime achievement and a true reflection of her determination, resilience and hard work. Elsie has represented the school brilliantly and has done us all proud. Well done, Elsie — a truly impressive performance!

Long Term Dates for the Diary

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Thursday 12th March – Year 4 School Performance
Wednesday 18th March – Open Classrooms
Monday 23rd March – Year 3 Trip to Kents Cavern
Thursday 19th March – Moorhens Act of Worship
19th & 20th March – Year 4 Residential Trip
8th-10th June – Year 5 Residential Trip
12th June – Year 6 Leavers Photos
6th-8th July – Year 6 Residential Trip

Half Term

Don't forget, children break up for Half Term next Friday 13th February, and return to school on Tuesday 24th February.

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