



St. Mary's Preparatory School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter — 21st June

Dear parents,

The wait is almost over! I know that the children are all looking forward to The Big Top Circus FOSMS Summer Fair taking place this Sunday 23rd June. The famous tug of war will be held at the start of the fair at 12 noon, so the FOSMS team has requested that we all arrive on time. I hope to see you then.

Members of the School Council had an interesting trip to meet the Mayor of Henley this week. The children were delighted to be able to put forward to the Mayor suggestions on how Henley can be improved. They also had the opportunity to look around the Parlour.

A reminder that Sports Day is this Wednesday. Sports Day will commence at 1.00pm prompt on the far field over the little bridge at Jubilee Park by Tesco, 357 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 4HA. Please remember to collect your children from school at 12 noon on this day and take them to Sports Day. There will be time for you to enjoy a family picnic together at the sports grounds before the races start.

I am in France with Year 6 at the moment. We left bright and early this morning. We will be home tomorrow and hope that everyone will have a rest before the Fair on Sunday!

Thank you for your ongoing support
Rob Harmer

WEEK COMMENCING 24TH JUNE:

TUESDAY 25TH JUNE
Y5 SHARING MORNING
Y6 SHARING MORNING
Y2 TRIP TO ACACIA LODGE

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE
Y3 SHARING MORNING
SPORTS DAY

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DAY

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE
RESERVE SPORTS DAY
NURSERY TRIP TO SWISS FARM

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
PRE BOOK TEA CLUB FOR
REGATTA DATES**



School Council Members meeting with the Mayor of Henley.

Business Enterprise Challenge

On Thursday 27th June Years 1 - 6 will be setting up their stalls for the Business Enterprise Challenge to raise money for charity. The children have a variety of businesses and invite everyone to come along to see their creative ideas, purchase items or take part in activities. The event will run from 3.30pm-4.30pm in the school playground.

Please note that some children may require assistance at home to prepare for this event. If you require further information of what business your child is involved in please do contact Ms Dowling.

THE GREAT ST MARYS
SHOWSTOPPER BAKE OFF
THURSDAY 4TH JULY

Let your imagination run

WILD

in Cake!

Mr Harmer's face in cake form?!!

or a

football pitch with a biscuit base

or a

Chocolate planet from outer space?!

**Judges will be looking for imaginative creations,
delicious taste and spectacular presentation**

(no soggy bottoms please!!)

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded!

Please bring your SHOWSTOPPER to the Science Lab at
drop off (8.35am) with **£2 entry fee** and sign the entry
form

All cakes will be **sold** at 3.30pm for 50p a slice

**ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO
FOOTSTEPS CHARITY**

IMPORTANT

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR CAKE – ONLY ON THE ENTRY FORM
IN THE SCIENCE ROOM SO THAT JUDGING CAN BE ANONYMOUS**

AND

PLEASE NO NUTS!

UKMT Mathematical Challenge Success!

17 pupils from St. Mary's took part in the UKMT Mathematical Challenge this year. This junior challenge is aimed at children in Year 8 or below and over 300,000 students took part. Ms Dowling is incredibly proud of all the children who took part in this challenge and everyone has been presented with a certificate of entry. Olly Pratt and Matilda Biggs both achieved a bronze certificate which is certainly no mean feat as they had to score over 41 marks to secure bronze (the national average was 28). Well done to Matilda for winning 'Best in School' and was just one mark off a silver award.



Bookworm Competition Extension!

A few more days to work on your Bookworms! All bookworms are now due in **MONDAY 24 JUNE**.

Please give them to your form teachers next Monday.

Winners will be announced as promised during assembly on Friday 28 June.

Bookworm competition (Years 1-6)



Golden ticket prizes for Y1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 will be awarded for the longest bookworm and most creative! Further inspiration is available in the Library.

The competition rules:

Create a bookworm (see example above). Each link (or body section) of the worm represents one book* from the library that you have read.

Write clearly on each link the book title, author and date finished.

Write your name and year clearly on the bank of the bookworm's head.

Make your bookworm as colourful and creative as you like, but not longer than 1m.

Only books from the St. Mary's Library read within the competition dates will be accepted.

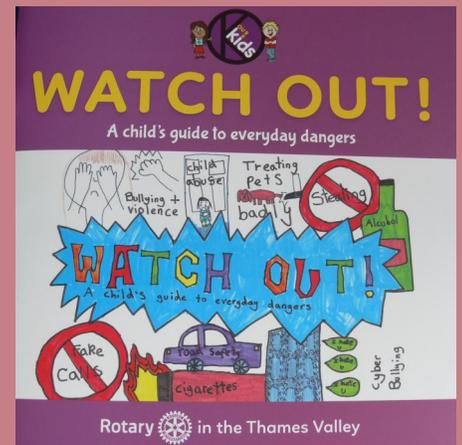
At least 3 books must be from the Reference Library. Books must be read between May 24th and June 21st 2019.

The longest bookworm (with the most links or body parts) is the winner.

* If your book has 300 pages or less, add one link to your worm. If your book has more than 300 pages add two links to your worm.

Watch Out!

St Mary's have recently acquired some '**Watch Out!**' books from the Thames Valley Rotary Club, which are designed to share with children on ways to keep safe. One is on display in Reception, but should you want one for your family, please let someone in the office know and we will order you one.



Celebrations

There was a great deal of sporting success to applaud in assembly today:

Many congratulations to Sam Loggie who was named U10 Henley Lions Fan's Player and also won the Player's Player Award. Well done to Freddie D'Arcy who was named as player of the week in rugby, to Mia Aslte who completed Level 2 in Gymnastics and to Isaac Fitzpatrick who completed Level 5. We were also pleased to hear that Alex Benarr played some excellent cricket for his team the Blackwell Bowler's, helping them to reach the semi finals at the Henley Cricket Festival by hitting five 6's. Great work St. Mary's!

Congratulations to Frankie Moore and Albie Ball who performed two shows back to back on Sunday at Henley's Kenton Theatre for the Henley Children's Theatre Group. In the wartime comedy drama '1942 and all that' Frankie played a soldier and Albie an evacuee.



Finally, well done to all of the Year 6 pupils who successfully completed the two day Bikeability Course this week.



Global Be Well Day, 27th September

St Mary's is taking part in a Global Be Well Day on 27th September. Mrs Bodle is interested in hearing from anyone who knows someone who would be interested in having a stall selling goods or services linked to wellbeing for adults or children.

The event will take place after school approximately 3.30pm-5pm. Please contact Mrs Bodle for more information.



This week's challenge!
21st June

How far have your fruit and vegetables travelled before they landed on your plate? Where do they grow? How do they grow? In which season are they at their best? This week research their countries of origin. Can you choose to eat more seasonal, local produce? Gooseberries, asparagus, radishes and peas?

Remember to
HIT THE RED BUTTON - CHALLENGE COMPLETED!

Approximately 10% of food-related carbon emissions are associated with transportation.

Eating seasonally can have health benefits. Autumnal butternut squash and apples are packed with vitamin C to boost our resistance to winter colds. Summer carrots, leafy greens and broccoli have high quantities of beta-carotene to protect our skins from the summer sunshine.

In 2017, the UK imported £11.1bn worth of fruit and vegetables.

More than 2/3rds of the land needed to produce the UK's food and feed is based abroad - the related carbon is therefore emitted on foreign soil.

www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Chorister Afternoon —St. Mary's, Henley Parish Church

Sebastian Thomson, the Director of Music at St Mary's, Henley Parish Church has been in touch to share details of an exciting new choir recruitment programme. The church is holding a "Chorister Afternoon" for all prospective singers on 13th July. Sebastian says, 'The benefits of being a chorister are much more than simply singing. There are numerous significant health benefits, increase in focus and attention, growth in confidence and application and a whole host of holistic, but tangible benefits to a child. In previous experience, almost all of our choristers have gone on to leadership roles in secondary school and later life, and there is compelling evidence of increased academic success from the process of chorister training'.

For further information please contact: www.sebastianthomson.co.uk

Key dates for the coming term

23 rd June	FOSMS Summer Fair
25 th June	Y5 Sharing Morning Y6 Sharing Morning Y2 Acacia Lodge Ice Cream Party
26 th June	Y3 Sharing Morning
26 th June	Sports Day <p>Please note that school closes at 12.00noon on this day and all children need to be collected from school at this time and taken to the Sports Day field (the far field over the little bridge at Jubilee Park by Tesco, 357 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 4HA) ready for Sports day to commence at 1pm.</p> <p>The sports field enclosure will be available from 12 noon for you to have a family picnic together. Please note that we do not provide lunch for children on this day. If you are not personally collecting your child and attending Sports Day, please can you ensure that you have made arrangements to have your child(ren) collected from school and brought to the field for the required start time and that your child has an appropriate packed lunch for a sporting event, i.e no fizzy drinks.</p> <p>Further information about the day will be issued in due course.</p>
27 th June	Business Enterprise Day
28 th June	Reserve Sports Day
1 st July	Y4 Sharing Morning
4 th July	St. Mary's Bake Off
4 th July	iRock Concert
5 th July	Regatta Friday (School is closed)
8 th July	Moving Up Morning
9 th July	Y1 & Y2 Summer Picnic
9 th July	Y5 & Y6 Show (6pm start)
9 th July	Nursery party
10 th July	Y5 & Y6 Show (1pm start)
11 th July	Y1 Sharing Morning
11 th July	Last day of term, school closes at usual time of 3.30pm. No clubs or tea club on this day.

Reading Children's Book Group

Free event for 5 –11 year olds, Saturday 29th June 2019

Reading Central Library: 1.30pm—2.30pm

Meet the Author Fiona Barker (Danny and the Dream Dog)