



# St. Mary's Preparatory School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter — 11th July

Dear parents,

What a year! I am incredibly proud of everything that St. Mary's has achieved this year.

We have enjoyed the last day of term; celebrating with the recipients of our End of Year Prize Giving and also saying a fond farewell to Mr Dawes and Mrs Salter who will be missed by all and bon voyage to Mrs Yeulet as she embarks on her sabbatical. We of course have also wished our Year 6 pupils, who all secured a place at their secondary school of choice, the very best for the next stage of life. I have every confidence that they have received the best of starts to their education here at St. Mary's and we will enjoy hearing about their successes in the years ahead.

Year 6 really did shine along with their Year 5 peers in the School of Rock this week (see the photos on our closed FaceBook page). We all thoroughly enjoyed the show and I would like to thank Mrs Shaw and Mr Stangroom for all of their efforts. All school children enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal earlier this week and this provided younger children with wonderful glimpse of what the future may hold! I would also like to thank you all for your generosity—we raised £260 for the Footsteps charity in the show collection.

Please do make a note of key events for the next academic year (listed at the end of the newsletter). We hope you find this helpful and remind you that event dates are also available on our website and school app.

Thank you all for your support and help this year. I wish you an enjoyable and restful summer and we look forward to the new school year starting on the 4th September!

Rob Harmer  
Headmaster



## Awards

Many congratulations to the recipients at our End of Year Prize Giving.

Lower School Good Citizen Award – (for demonstrating the values of St. Mary's and their contribution to school life)  
Freddie D'Arcy and Seb Berry

Lower School Arts Award – Frankie Moore and Allegra Benarr

Lower School Foundation Award – (for effort and contribution in the foundation subjects) - Florence Nelmes

Lower School Academic Award – Samuel McGarty

Lower School Headmasters Award – Rose Hillier

Upper School Good Citizen Award—George Verry and Olivia Borlase

Upper School Arts Award – Martha Peach and James Mennie

Upper School Foundation Award – Emily Southgate

Upper School Academic Award – Oliver Thomas

Upper School Headmasters Award – Lily Whittam

House Cups:

Music Cup – Neptune

Arts Cup – Neptune

Drama – Mars

House Merit Cup – Mars



**This week's challenge! 5th July**

Remember to **HIT the RED BUTTON - CHALLENGE COMPLETED!**

Summer is here, don't forget to be a Young Climate Warrior when you are out as well as at home. Have you remembered the re-usable carrier bags? We hope the cling-film is still hidden? Remember to fill-up your water bottles. Can you say 'no thank you' to straws, and avoid the drinks cartons? Offer to recycle your friends' crisp packets for them?

Walkers crisps have committed to recycle ALL types of crisps packets for FREE. Find your nearest drop-off location, show them you care about climate change and our planet. <https://www.walkers.co.uk/recycle>

Plastic pollution on the seabed around Northern Europe has reduced 30% since plastic bag campaigns began... Leading to less microplastic in the ocean and therefore less interference with its ability to 'store carbon' - it's the way we need to go!

The carbon footprint of a 33g packet of Walkers Cheese and Onion crisps has been calculated at 75g. So a family of 4 eating one packet of crisps each results in the same carbon emissions as leaving one light on all day.

**Young CLIMATE Warriors**

[www.youngclimatewarriors.org](http://www.youngclimatewarriors.org)

## Future Headmaster/ Headmistress!

Ruby Newman and Alexander and Lorenzo Bewater-Rubio won the FOSMS auction to be in charge of St. Mary's for a day! We will look forward to seeing them sitting in Mr Harmer's office next term. Watch this space!



### THANK YOU FOSMS

Many thanks to FOSMS for arranging for the ice cream van to arrive today. Needless to say, the ice creams were very much appreciated!

## PE Stars of the Week

Week of 1st July:

Kindergarten—Teddy Wilks#

Year 1—Ella Pappadakis

Year 2—Aidan Marchant

Year 3—Doni Papageorgiou

Year 4—Arthur Massie

Year 5—Roxanna Schoenmakers

Year 6—George Verry

Week of 24th June

Kindergarten—Mia Tominey

Year 1—Isaac Fitzpatrick

Year 2—Sebastian Froehlich

Year 3—Oliver Carey

Year 4—Isobel Scannell

Year 5—Remi Shehab

Week of 17th June

Kindergarten—Florence Pratt

Year 1—Alexandre Creau

Year 2—Cassius Cartland

Year 3—Minnie Messenger

Year 4—Caleb Marchant

Year 5—Ben Woodbridge

## The return of the Summer extreme reading challenge!

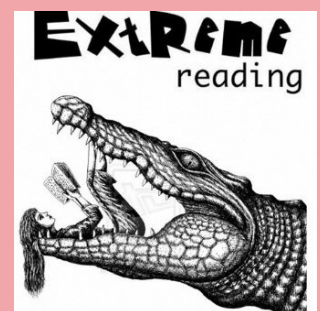
We hope that you will all be reading lots of great books over the holidays. We would like to create a display of photos of the children and staff reading somewhere unusual! The more whacky the better!

Previously we have had photos of someone reading in a bin, on a tractor, on a surfboard and up a mountain to name a few.

This display will be for all our children from Nursery to Y6 and we will put up all the photos in the library.

Please choose one photo to print (no bigger than 7x5 please) or email it to Mrs Bodle ([kate.bodle@stmarys-henley.co.uk](mailto:kate.bodle@stmarys-henley.co.uk)) and bring it in at the start of term.

Happy snapping!



## Key dates for 2019/ 2020

Please note that event dates may change and the school website and app will be updated accordingly. Sports events have only been booked up to December at this point, so again please do keep an eye online for new dates. Thank you.

### September

- 4.9.19 - Term starts
- 6.9.19 – U8 & U9 Football v Papplewick
- 9.9.19 – All after school clubs start
- 11.9.19 - U10 & U11 Football v Dolphin
- 13.9.19 - Individual and sibling photos
- 14.9.19 – Grey's Court Cross Country Run
- 17.9.19 - U8 & U9 Tag Rugby v Long Close
- 18.9.19 - U10 & U11 Hockey v Waverley School
- 18.9.19 – U10 & U11 Football v Waverley School
- 20.9.19 - U8 & U9 St. Mary's Tag Rugby Festival
- 25.9.19 - U10 & U11 Tag Rugby v Long Close
- 25.9.19 - U11 Dolphin School Football Festival
- 27.9.19 - Global Be Well Day (Cognita):  
Wellbeing festival 3.30pm – 5pm and a social for parents (pm)
- 27.9.19 – Macmillan Coffee Morning (after morning drop off)

### October dates

- Black History Month
- Henley Literary Festival (events for all year groups)
- 2.10.19 - U10 & U11 Tag Rugby v Dair House
- 4.10.19 - U8 & U9 Hockey v Waverley School
- 4.10.19 – U8 & U9 Football v Waverley School
- 5.10.19 – Chiltern Edge Cross Country Run
- 8.10.19 – U11 ISA Girls Football Tournament (LVS Ascot School)
- 10.10.19 – Collapsed Curriculum Day
- 10.10.19 – Y4 Crosfields Football Festival
- 11.10.19 - School Council evening event for all children (5.30pm - 7pm)
- 15.10.19 - U8 & U9 Hockey v Dair House School
- 15.10.19 - Parents' evening
- 16.10.19 - Parents' evening
- 16.10.19 – U10 & U11 Hockey v St. Joseph's
- 18.10.19 – U8 & U9 Hockey v St. Joseph's
- 18.10.19 – Last day for after school clubs
- 21.10.19 - 1.11.19 - Half term

## **November dates**

Queen Anne's Spelling Bee (date TBC)  
Cokethorpe School Lit Quiz (date TBC)  
2.11.19 – Chiltern Edge Cross Country Run  
4.11.19 – After school clubs start  
6.11.19 – U10 & U11 Long Close Rugby Tournament  
6.11.19 – U10 & U11 Football v Oldfield School  
6.11.19 – U10 & U11 Netball v Oldfield School  
8.11.19 - U8 & U9 - Football v St. Andrew's School  
8.11.19 - U8 & U9 - Cross Country v Dolphin School  
11.11.19 - 15.11.19 - Anti Bullying Week  
11.11.19 – Remembrance Assembly  
12.11.19 – Y5 Winchester Science Trip (TBC)  
13.11.19 - U10 & U11 - Football v Waverley School  
13.11.19 – U10 & U11 – Hockey v Waverley School  
14.11.19 - Music Concert (2pm start)  
15.11.19 – Children in Need Day (non uniform day)  
15.11.19 - U8 & U9 Football v Dolphin School  
15.11.19 - U8 & U9 v Hockey v Waverley School  
19.11.19 – Zoo Lab visiting Stay and Play  
20.11.19 - U10 & U11 Football v Reddam School  
20.11.19 - U10 & U11 Hockey v Long Close School  
22.11.19 - U8 & U9 Football v Reddam School  
22.11.19 - U8 & U9 Netball v Reddam School  
27.11.19 - U10 & U11 Netball v Dolphin School  
27.11.19 – U10 & U11 Football v Dolphin School  
28.11.19 - Y5 Trip to Leighton Park, Author event  
29.11.19 - U8 & U9 Netball v Dolphin School  
30.11.19 – Chiltern Edge Cross Country Run

## **December dates**

2.12.19 - Y6 Sharing Morning  
3.12.19 - Y5 Sharing Morning  
3.12.19 – Y1 & Y2 Pantomime Trip  
4.12.19 - U10 & U11 Hockey v Dair House School  
4.12.19 - Y4 Sharing Morning  
5.12.19 - Y3 Sharing Morning  
6.12.19 - U8 & U9 v Reddam School (Sport TBC)  
6.12.19 – U8 & U9 Football v Oldfield School  
6.12.19 - Y2 Sharing Morning  
6.12.19 – Nursery to Norden Farm Theatre  
9.12.19 - Y1 Sharing Morning  
10.12.19 – Nursery Christmas Show  
13.12.19 – Last day for after school clubs  
17.12.19 – K/ Y1/Y2 Christmas Show  
18.12.19 - Last day of term, School closes at 1pm. (No clubs/ Tea club)

## January dates

8.1.20 - Start of term  
13.1.20 – All after school clubs start back  
22.1.20 - 02 Young Voices (Year 5 and 6)  
29.1.20 – Y2 Berkshire Museum of Aviation  
Roving Book Fair (date TBC)

## February dates

Children's Mental Health Week (date TBC)  
6.2.20 – Collapsed Curriculum Day  
10.2.20 – Y6 First Aid Course  
11.2.20 - Kindergarten trip to Pizza Express  
11.2.20 - Parents' evening  
12.2.20 - Parents' evening  
12.2.20 – Y1 Owen's Animals visiting  
14.2.20 – Last day for after school clubs  
17.2.20 - 21.2.20 - Half term  
24.2.20 – All after school clubs start  
28.2.20 – Y6 sleep over

## March dates

Henley Youth Festival (events for all year groups)  
5.3.20 - World Book Day (*Non uniform day. Children can wear pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime stories.*)  
16.3.20 - 20.3.20 - Shakespeare Week  
17.3.20 - Y6 Sharing Morning  
18.3.20 – Y2 River and Rowing Museum Materials Workshop (all day)  
18.3.20 – Abingdon Prep School Business Challenge  
19.3.20 - Y1 Sharing Morning  
20.3.20 - Y2 Sharing Morning  
23.3.20 – St. Mary's Y4 STEM Challenge  
23.3.20 - Y3 Sharing Morning  
24.3.20 – Music Concert  
25.3.20 - Y5 Sharing Morning  
25.3.20 – Y1 trip to Bucklebury Farm  
26.3.20 – Y6 Bikeability Course  
27.3.20 – Y6 Bikeability Course  
27.3.20 - Y4 Sharing Morning  
27.3.20 – Last day for after school clubs  
30.3.20 – Dress rehearsal  
31.3.20 – Y3/ Y4 Easter Presentation



## **April dates**

1.4.20 - Last day of term  
22.4.20 - Start of term  
27.4.20 – All school clubs start back  
27.4.20 – ISA Indoor Ski Competition (Hemel Hempstead)  
28.4.20 – Y6 Forensics Day  
30.4.20 – UKMT Maths Challenge  
30.4.20 - 1.5.20 - Y3 Residential trip

## **May dates**

7.5.20 – Collapsed Curriculum Day  
8.5.20 - Bank Holiday Friday  
13.5.20 - 15.5.20 - Y4 Residential trip  
13.5.20 - 15.5.20 - Y5 Residential trip  
20.5.20 – French Day  
21.5.20 - Music Concert (2pm start)  
22.5.20 – Zoo Lab visiting Nursery  
22.5.20 – Last day of after school clubs  
25.5.20 - 29.5.20 - Half term  
31.5.20 – 5.6.20 – Y6 Residential trip

## **June dates**

1.6.20 – All after school clubs start back  
11.6.20 - Y5 Sharing Morning  
16.6.20 - Y1 Sharing Morning  
17.6.20 - Y2 Sharing Morning  
18.6.20 - Y3 Sharing Morning  
19.6.20 - Y4 Sharing Morning  
19.6.20 – Y6 French Trip  
24.6.20 - Sports Day  
26.6.20 - Reserve Sports Day

## **July dates**

2.7.20 – Last day of after school clubs  
3.7.20 - Regatta Friday (School closed)  
6.7.20 - Moving Up Morning  
6.7.20 – Dress rehearsal  
8.7.20 – Y5/ Y6 Summer Show  
9.7.20 – Y5/Y6 Summer Show  
10.7.20 – Leavers Assembly (2.30pm)  
10.7.20 - Last day of term