

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! The holiday seems an age away now but I do hope you all had some more relaxed time with your families!

New children and new staff seem to have settled well into St Mary and All Saints. Mrs Gooch and I have huge smiles of pride on our faces when we undertake our regular walk around check-ins with each class.

We have already had 2 classes out on trips and many certificates being awarded in assembly already. Please ask your children each day how many 'diamonds' they have earned and how they achieved them to support our positive start to the year.

Obviously the start of a new year is also a time for reminders from me:

- Children need to have their PE kits in school every day
- Children need to bring book bags everyday
- All bikes and scooters should be put in the main shed by the front entrance of the school as this is locked after school starts to ensure safety and security
- Children should push their scooters and bikes to the shed once through the school entrance gates—we have had some smaller children knocked by riding on site
- Continuing the safety theme— a reminder to parents about not parking on the road outside school and only staff cars should be on the school site

Nag over! Don't forget to keep looking on our website and our Twitter page @SMASPrimary to see photos and notes about the great learning that happens here each day.

Final ask— does anyone work for a small local business who would consider maybe sponsoring some sports kit for us?

Thankyou for your continued support.

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## School Disco

The School Disco will be taking place on Thursday 11th October, further information will follow shortly.

## Reception & Nursery Parents

### Drop in with Mrs Dunn

Please pop in for a chat and a biscuit.



Reception & Nursery parents are welcome to pop in on a Tuesday morning from 8.50am to meet with Mrs Dunn in the Nursery group room.

Mrs Dunn will be available to discuss and share parenting skills, learning and behaviour and how best you can support your child?

## Cake Sale

There will be a Cake Sale on Thursday 4th October after school.

All money raised will go to the Charity "Hope for Gemma"

Please can you send any donations of cakes homemade or bought to your child's class on Thursday 4th.

Thank you.



Monday 1st October	Clubs start
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	1-3pm Area Rehearsal – Year 5 (Hexagon)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30pm KS1 Disco/5.45pm KS2 Disco
w/b Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair at school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening (3.30-6pm)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening (4.30-6.30pm)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
<b>22-26 October</b>	<b>October Half Term</b>
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	1-3pm Area Rehearsal – Year 5 (Hexagon)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Class Assembly 2.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 – Hexagon Concert (Evening)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Class Assembly
w/b 10th December	Last week of Clubs
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage dress rehearsal
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Nativity (Reception, AM & PM Nursery) 10am & 2pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 dress rehearsal – 10am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 10am & 2pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Certificate & Medal Assembly KS1 @ 9am & KS2 @ 2.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Homework into school by
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Homework Display 3pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Parties
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
<b>22 December- 7 January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>



### Reminder - The School Day

- 8.40 am**      **School opens**
- 8.50am**      **Official Start Time**
- 3.05pm**      **End of school day**

Anyone arriving after 8.50am will need to come into the building by the office and will receive a Late mark "L". Arrival after 9am means your child will get a 'U' mark, which will affect their attendance percentage, and could result in Educational Welfare contacting you. Arriving 'late' in class is extremely frustrating for your child and for the rest of the class who have already started their lessons. Please make a huge effort and make sure your child arrives in school at 8.40am, so they can be in class on time ready to start lessons.

### Contact Details

It is really important that you make sure the school has your most up to date telephone numbers and any emergency contacts.

The school has a very strict 'end of day' collection procedure. Your child will not be allowed to go home with anyone who is not listed on your form. If someone different is going to collect your child you will need to telephone the school office prior who will then give you a password. The password changes on a daily basis.

### Clubs

The hall will be open Tuesday and Wednesday morning for the Club letters to be returned. Payment to be made on ParentPay.



Our school attendance target is 96% and it is expected that all children should be able to achieve this. We have had a fantastic start to the school year with quite a few of our classes getting 100% attendance over the last couple of weeks. A massive WELL DONE to Turtles, Hamsters and Rabbit class for achieving this the first week back and for Guinea Pig and Ladybird for last week.

Every week the class with the best attendance in each Key Stage receives a certificate to put up in their classroom—Reception and KS1 have an Attendance Bear and KS2 have an Attendance Cup which they keep for the week.

Please avoid making appointments during the school day if possible as these also affect your child's attendance. The School does not authorise any leave of absence. Lets see if we can have more classes with 100% attendance.