



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the spring term I hope you managed to enjoy a peaceful Christmas holiday celebrating with your loved ones. Over the next few weeks you may notice different members of staff welcoming you on the school gate. Please know that I am here in school and should you wish to contact me you are welcome to email, phone or pop into the school office.

New Topics

Last term the teachers at St Mary's were busy working behind the scenes to update our curriculum. We now have a sequential curriculum that will engage our children in a wide range of topics and ensure that all children are taught the required elements of the National Curriculum and Early Years Framework.

This term our topics are Nursery - Night time, Reception - Dinosaurs, Year 1 & 2 Traveling along, Year 3 - I'm in year 3 get me out of here and Year 4 - The blue abyss. As a church school we will continue with our weekly RE lessons to allow children to explore world faiths as well as their own personal opinions and beliefs.

Birthday Tables

Having listened to families, we are changing the way we are celebrating birthdays at St Mary's. We will no longer be running birthday tables at lunchtime. In their place, every month, the school will celebrate together children and staff who have had a birthday. On the last Friday of every month we will sing to the relevant children and staff in whole school worship and then in class all children will be given a small cupcake and have the opportunity to enjoy a party game together. We hope this will encourage and exclusive experience for all of our children. If you would like to send wrapped sweets for your child's class on their birthday you are more than welcome to.

Parent Consultation

Firstly, please accept my apologise for the delay in parent consultations. We had been hoping for face to face meetings, hence waiting until the end of term. However, due to further guidance and staff sickness we were unable to hold these in the Autumn term. We are currently working with our ICT provider to ensure that virtual meetings can take place on Wednesday 26th January. Further details will follow.

Good to be Green

As you all know we introduced a new behaviour system in the Autumn term. This is to ensure consistency across the school. Good to be Green is designed to visually show children where they need to adjust their behaviour and support them making desirable choices. We will be continuing to be using Good to be Green and following parents feed back we will ensure that parents are contacted via dojo should children be given a yellow or red card but will also be informed when their child's choices has returned them to green.

Staff training will continue to ensure that Good to be Green is used consistently across our school.

Many Thanks,
Mrs N R Brennan

Dinosaur visit

WOW!!! We noticed a dinosaur has been stomping through Reception's classroom! A mystery caller informed Miss Shinton and Mrs Kirkpatrick that this was a friendly dinosaur and wanted to come in for a warm and play with our children. Look what they left behind!!



STAR OF THE WEEK

| Class | Pupil |
|------------|---------|
| Nursery | Linkon |
| Reception | Henry |
| Year 1 & 2 | William |
| Year 3 | Phoebe |
| Year 4 | Oliver |

A massive well done to all children for all their hard work this week. We are proud to call you a part of our St Mary's Family.



WINTER OLYMPICS DAY

Thursday 20th January 2022



Mains

Team USA – Chicken Goujon Bites
with BBQ Sauce and Wedges

Team Italy – Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread (v)

Team France – French Baguette with a choice of fillings

Team GB – Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
(Tuna, Beans and Cheese)

Sides

Seasoned Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn

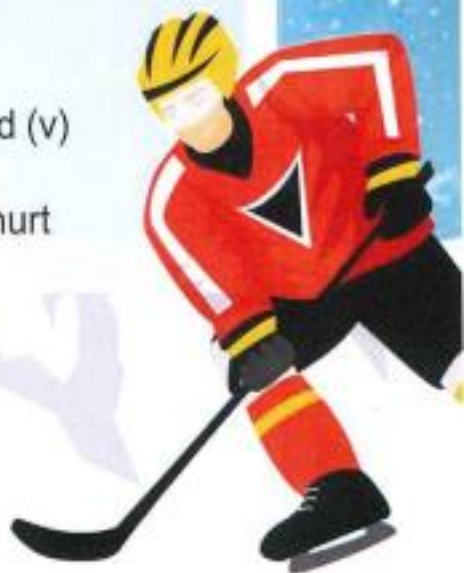
Garden Peas

Desserts

Gold Medal Sponge and Custard (v)

Silver Medal Fruit Pot

Bronze Medal Strawberry Yoghurt



Chartwells
So much more than Fantastic Food

The Big House Holiday Club

At St. Andrew's Church, Church Street, Shifnal, TF11 9AB

February Half Term Holiday Club

To make your booking or enquire email:
bighouse@shifnalbenefice.org.uk
or phone/message Kelly on **07971518408**



For ages 4-11

Monday 21st to Friday 25th February 2022

Full day: 9am-3pm £25

Breakfast Club: 8am-9am £3

Extended Hours: 3pm-5pm £6

Staffed by fully qualified, pediatric first aid trained
teachers and childminders

St Mary's CE First Academy
Term Dates and Holidays 2021-2022
Dates are subject to change.

Spring Term 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 4th January

Wednesday 26th January Parents consultations (Further details to follow)

Half term: Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February

Term ends: Friday 8th April

Holiday: Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17th April

Summer Term 2022

Inset Day: Monday 25th April

Term Starts: Tuesday 26th April

May Day: Monday 2nd May

Half term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Term ends: Thursday 21st July

Holiday: Friday 22nd July - Friday 2nd September

Autumn Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 5th September

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th September

Holiday: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Term ends: Friday 16th December

Holiday: Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January

Inset Days (School Closed to Pupils)

Monday 25th April 2022

Monday 5th September 2022