

## October Newsletter

What a fantastic first half term we have had! I have been amazed at the work the children are producing, how engaged they are and the progress they are making across the curriculum.

A massive thank you for all your efforts with reading and this half term's homework. The shields, houses, masks and nursery rhyme characters have been out of this world! It has been wonderful to see the children buzzing about reading and I have loved finding out how many times they have read at home.

There have been lots of exciting events so far this year including our sports festivals for tag rugby, multi skills and cross country. The children represented the school with pride.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

## Hello Yellow

Thank you for supporting our Hello Yellow day to raise awareness of mental health in young people. The children had a fun day with lots of exciting activities but also received key information on how to help themselves if they are feeling down or sad. Thank you for your donations, we raised £50 to donate to Young Minds.

We have staff trained in Mental Health First Aid to support the children and staff at school. If you ever need signposting to the services that are available to support you or your child with mental health, please contact school and we would be more than happy to have a chat and support you in what ever ways we can.



















# **Sports Events**

There have been lots of exciting sporting events so far this year including our sports festivals for tag rugby, multi skills and cross country. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, showed great sportsmanship, determination and resilience and we couldn't be prouder of them.























# Harvest Festival

A HUGE thank you for all your donations towards the Trussell Trust's food bank at Hebron Church this harvest. They were delighted and appreciated your generosity.





# Pumpkins

A huge thank you to Mr Mafham for donating some massive pumpkins to school. The children had a great time decorating them using inspiration from their current topics.



1 - Nursery and Reception explored the pumpkins and made pumpkin soup.



2 - Year 1 & 2 made fairytale pumpkins.



3 - Year 3 & 4 made Mayan pumpkins.



4 - Year 5 & 6 made Vikings complete with shields.

# Reading

Thank you for all the reading you have been doing at home. I would love to see more children reading on Bug Club. If you have any problems accessing Bug Club, please see your child's class teacher.

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk1

school code: akhj

## Homework

Thank you for supporting school with the homework. It was lovely to see so many families getting involved. The creative tasks the children have completed have been sensational. We have all been AMAZED by the shields, houses, masks and nursery rhyme models that have come into school as well as all the interesting research they have been doing. It has really supported the children's learning with their topics in school.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

























# Uniform

The new navy school uniform is now available again on Etika (our ethically sourced uniform). Due to a mix up with the colours on the badge, Etika are offering 20% off (use promo code: SM27) all

uniform so it does not go to waste. We are working with them to ensure the colours are right for the next batch and we will let you know when this is available.

https://www.etikauniforms.co.uk/st-marys-primary-school-ts21/

### Start and Finish Times

School will reopen for the children on **Tuesday November 2nd**.

The classroom doors will open from **8:45am** to drop your child off at school (school starts at 8:55) and all classes will finish school at **3:15pm**. If a different adult than usual is collecting your child at the end of the day, please notify school as soon as possible.

### PE

We request that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

**Nursery**: Friday

Reception: Friday

Year 1&2: Tuesday

Year 3&4: Monday

Year 5&6: Wednesday

PE has been blocked into one full afternoon but the children will still receive the same amount of time for PE as before.

Swimming will start for Year 5 & 6, every day on Tuesday 2nd November until Friday 12th November.

Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit and towel in school every day. Swimming caps are also available to purchase from the office (£2.50).

## After School Clubs

Clubs will run from week beginning 2nd November until 3rd December (5 weeks)

Clubs will run from 3:15pm until 4:00pm (apart from senior choir)

Click on the image to see the club details. Please book via SchoolPing.

Please collect children from the main entrance at 4pm (4:30pm for Senior Choir).



Day	Club	Year Groups
Monday	Football	3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday	Craft Club*	Reception, 1 and 2
Tuerday	Recorder**	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday	Quig Club	3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday	Choir Children in KS2 can stay until 4.30pm for senior choir	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

<sup>\*</sup>Please note, craft club is limited to 15 places on a first come first served basis

## **Dinners**

Payment must be made via ParentPay **in advance**. Autumn payment will be £10.25 per week (£2.05 per day).

If your child has a packed lunch, it should be in a rigid plastic container or lunch box carrier and must be clearly marked with your child's name. We ask that packed lunches **do not** contain glass bottles, canned drinks, sweets, fizzy drinks, nuts or chocolate.

If your child wishes to change from school lunch to packed lunch and vice versa, we require notice via e-mail from you to the school office (office@stmarysceprimary.co.uk). This is essential as the cook orders provisions in advance and major changes to school lunch numbers can affect the kitchen staffing arrangements.

Click the pictures to see the current menus.



<sup>\*\*</sup>Recorder Club is limited to 25 places



# Appointments and Absence Requests

If your child has a medical appointment, please could you e-mail the school office as soon as possible and attach any appointment details. Should you need to request an absence for holidays etc, please collect a form from the office (these are also available on the school website) and return it well in advance of the requested dates.

## New Roof

The work on the new roof will begin during October half term. We expect minimal disruption to school life and should not affect entering and exiting the school. Although, you will notice some scaffolding around the outside of the building. We expect the work to take 6-8 weeks.

## **Key Dates**

Please make note of the key dates. I will be sending further information closer to the time.

P.D Days 2021/22 (school closed to pupils)

- 1st November 2021
- 4th January 2022
- 27th May 2022

• 21st July 2022

#### Queen's Jubilee

Schools were given the option of which day they would like to take as an additional bank holiday for the Queen's jubilee. This will be **Monday 6th June 2022.** 

Please note that these some of the following events may have to take place virtually or outside depending on the COVID risk at the time. We will be working with the Trust and our health and safety advisors to ensure we are following the correct guidelines.

### **Remembrance Service**

Thursday 11th November 2021 - 9:30am

Year 5 and 6 will be leading us in worship for remembrance.

### Children in Need

Friday 12th November 2021

We will inform you of the theme once we receive our fundraising pack.

### Year 5 and 6 Yorvik Trip

Monday 15th November 2021

#### **Christmas Fair**

Monday 26th November - 3:30 pm - 5:00pm

### Flu Nasal Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)

December - TBC

### **Choir and School Band's Christmas Carol Concert**

Thursday 2nd December - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

### Reindeer Run for Butterwick Hospice

Friday 3rd December 2021

### Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church

Sunday 5th December 2021 - 4:00pm

#### **Christmas Performances**

KS1 - Tuesday 7th December 2021 - 2:00pm and 5:30pm

KS2 - Thursday 9th December 2021 - 2:00pm and 5:30pm

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 10th December 2021 - Children can wear **anything** festive and donations to Save the Children would be kindly received.

#### **Christmas Parties**

Monday 13th December - Nursery and Reception

Tuesday 14th December - Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 15th December - Year 3 and 4

Thursday 16th December - Year 5 and 6

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Piper