

Dates for the Diary

12th October - Harvest Festival in Church (Y1-Y4)
27th October - INSET day for staff
27th Oct-3rd Nov - Half term holiday
6th November- Back to school
13th November - Parents Evening
22nd December - Last day of Term
Christmas Holidays
8th Jan 2024 - INSET day for staff
9th January - Back to School
10th-18th February - half term
19th February - back to school
22nd March - Last day of term
Easter Holidays
8th April - Back to school
6th May - bank holiday Monday
25th May-2nd June - Half term
19th July - Last day of term
22nd July - INSET day for staff
22nd July-2nd Sept -Summer Holidays



Flu Immunisations

Please return your child's flu immunisation form before next Wednesday. The nurses are in school on Tuesday 19th September.



Showbie



You will have received a login letter for Showbie this week. Please follow the instructions so you can access Showbie - our online app joining you and school together - you will get newsletters and school information through the app and have access to message your child's teacher (between the hours of 8.30 and 5.00pm please!)

Parent Information Event for your child's year group

As the children are settling into their new class routines and learning the expectations in their learning, it is helpful for parents/carers to know and understand the expectations for their child in their new year group.

We are running Parent Information events, led by your child's Key Stage teachers, so you know exactly what to expect throughout the year.

It would be really good if you could attend, so you have all the information you need to support your child's learning.

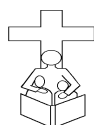
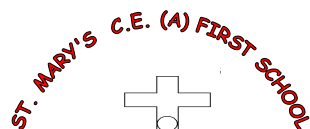
Tuesday 19th September 3pm - Year 1

Wednesday 20th September 3pm - Year 2

Thursday 21st September 3pm - Year 3&4

Newsletter 1

September 8th 2023



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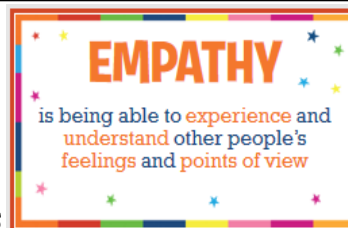
Head Teacher - Mrs Jo Moulton

Worship

During this week we have been thinking about our feelings and emotions and how we can show empathy towards others.

Empathy is a super power - it helps

us to see other people's points of view and understand how they might be feeling. In addition to kindness, empathy helps builds good relationships, helps towards positive wellbeing and gives us all the tools to make God's world a better place. Our children have been developing their super powers of empathy and kindness this week - showing us that they already make our school a wonderful place to be.



Clubs after school

The clubs available until October half term are:

Tues: Art & Craft Y3

Sing & Sign Y1&Y2

Weds: Dodgeball Y4

Thurs: Dodgeball Y2

Friday: Dodgeball Y3

Unfortunately, we will have to operate a waiting list again for some clubs, as they are turning out to be very popular! This year, clubs cost £2.50 per session, please pay the full amount on ParentPay as soon as you receive the text to confirm your child's place. Thankyou



....to our new families who have joined St Mary's this week. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

We also welcome Mrs Hill, Mrs Bridden and Miss Avery to our staff team, and our new caretaker, Mr Earl.

Celebration Worship



All families are welcome to join us for Celebration Worship on a Friday. The door at the back of the Hall will be open at 2.50pm, you will need to sign in, via the QR code, then take a seat!

FOOD FESTIVAL @y Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024:
11/9, 2/10, 23/10, 13/11, 4/12, 25/12, 15/1, 5/2

LUNCH WEEK 2 MENU



MAIN EVENT



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads



PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

MONDAY
All Day Breakfast
Brunch
Sausage, Egg, Hash
Brown and Beans

TUESDAY
Pizza Margherita
with Baked Potato
Wedges

WEDNESDAY
Roast Chicken &
Stuffing
with Mash

THURSDAY
Chicken
Chow Mein
(Noodles)

FRIDAY
Golden Fish
Fingers
with Chips

All Day Veggie
Breakfast Brunch
Veggie Sausage, Egg,
Hash Brown and Beans

Golden Vegetable
Fingers with Baked
Potato Wedges

Super Veggie Pie
Vegetable, Lentil and
Onion Pie with Mash

Mexican Bean Wrap
with Whole Grain
Rice

Cheese & Onion
Roll
with Chips

Baked Beans

Green Salad

Carrots

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce

Crispy Skin Jacket Potato
with Cheese or Beans

Fresh sandwiches are also
available - cheese or ham

Banana Sponge
Cake and Custard

Jammy Crumble
Bars

Apple Crumble and
Custard

Orange
Jelly

Vanilla
Cookie

Pick & Mix Packed Lunch, freshly filled sandwich, healthy snack, home bake dessert & a piece of fruit

Absence

Please let the **office** know, by email or phone, if your child is going to be absent from school. This makes our register keeping more efficient. Thank you

Swimming



The children in the Leopards class will start their swimming lessons on Tuesday 12th September.

Year 3 & 4 Playtime

KS2 children don't have access to the government's free fruit scheme, so if they wish to bring a piece of fruit in for playtime, that is fine.

Parent Pay accounts

Ladybird Parents - you will have received a letter about Parent Pay - please activate your account, following the instructions and codes on your letter. If you have any difficulties, please let the office know. We can help you.



Pupil Premium Funding

Do you receive any of the following?

- Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but **not** Working Tax Credit) and the household income is not more than **£16,190**.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (from 30th April 2005)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit
- Universal Credit - provided you have an annual net household income of **£7,400**

If you answer 'yes' to any of the above, then you may qualify for free school meals for the next 6 years for your child, and trigger pupil premium funding - this means our school receives £1385 to benefit your child. You will also qualify for help with school jumpers, school trips and some clubs (more info after you have qualified)

If you live in Staffordshire, simply Google "**Staffordshire Free School Meals apply online**" and you will get an immediate response on completion of the form.

