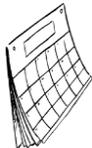


## Dates for the Diary

13<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day  
14<sup>th</sup> November - Wear something blue  
17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need  
22<sup>nd</sup> December - Last day of Term  
Christmas Holidays  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 - INSET day for staff  
9<sup>th</sup> January - Back to School  
10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February - half term  
19<sup>th</sup> February - back to school  
22<sup>nd</sup> March - Last day of term  
Easter Holidays  
8<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school  
6<sup>th</sup> May - bank holiday Monday  
25<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half term  
19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term  
22<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET day for staff  
22<sup>nd</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> Sept -Summer Holidays



## Parents Evening Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Appointments are 5 minutes, so we can fit everyone in! We will be trying to stick to the times, so you aren't waiting a long time for your appointment. We appreciate your understanding.

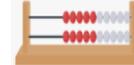


## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November



Children may wear **odd socks** today to help us stand together for the right things and work together to make sure that no-one has to experience bullying. During this week we are focusing on anti-bullying in our worship.

## Mastering Number



We are sharing our Mastering Number project with parents in the form of "family learning". Don't forget to book in for next week.

**Year 2: Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.15pm**

**Year 1: Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.15pm**

## History Week

The staff and children have had a great week, travelling back in their time machines to various periods in history - they have experienced Elvis in the 1950's, the Romans, the Ancient Greeks, World War II, the Egyptians, the Victorians, the Vikings and the Stone Age. They have learned lots of facts, made craft and tasted food of the times....and had a fabulous week!! We hope the time machines bring them back to 2023 before the weekend!



# Newsletter 9

November 10<sup>th</sup> 2023



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## Penguins @The Hermitage!

This week, our nursery Penguins visited The Hermitage Care home. The children and the ladies enjoyed making poppies together.



## Children in Need Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November



Children are welcome to wear Pudsey clothes, spotty tops or yellow tops. We just ask you to avoid onesies please, as they become hard work in school - too hot, and tricky to go the toilet! We have headbands (£2.50) and wristbands (£1.00) to sell, to help raise funds for this great charity. They will be available to buy on the playground from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Worship

We have been thinking about Remembrance during this week. Some children have made poppy art and it will be on display in the window of Coop Funeral Care on Carter Street.

If you attend the Remembrance Day parade and service in the Market Place this Sunday at 11am, look out for our poppies.

Our School Council led a beautiful tribute of remembrance this morning at 11am on the playground.



## Diabetes Awareness Day Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

This charity is very close to our hearts at St Mary's, as we support one of our children who has diabetes. To help raise awareness, children will be invited to wear a **little bit of blue** - top, sock, headband or even blue nail polish (just for the day!!) and making a small donation which we will send to Diabetes UK. Thank you



# FOOD FESTIVAL

at Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2022/2023  
11/9, 2/10, 20/10, 13/11, 4/12, 25/12, 15/1, 5/2

## LUNCH WEEK 2 MENU



### MAIN EVENT

**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



### MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

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



### RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads

Baked Beans

Green Salad

Carrots

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day



### PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce



### BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes with Cheese or Beans



### DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

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

## Christmas gift donation to the Oncology Ward at Stoke Hospital

We would like to provide some gifts for the children on the Oncology Ward this year, to help make Christmas a little bit brighter for those children who are being cared for in hospital. One of our children has needed to spend time there over the last two years, and we know we can help to make a difference.

*Ideas for gifts - colouring pencils, felt-tips, glitter, craft kits, sticking activities, colouring books, selection boxes, comics - activities children can do in bed!*

If you can donate, please drop them off at the office anytime during November.

Thank you so much



## Attendance in School

We are aiming to achieve our 97% attendance target this term. It is so important that children attend school and not miss that vital learning. Unfortunately, we have had an unpleasant sick bug this week, which has had affected lots of our children. We hope they all feel better soon.

This week, whole school attendance is:

**93.6%**



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
every school day counts.

## 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!

Here are some dates to put in your diary:

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day AND Christmas Lunch AND our Carol Service in church at 9.45am led by Year 2. All families are welcome to join us to sing carols and hear the Christmas Story.

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Penguin & Ladybird Nativity in the Hall 2pm - tickets will be available nearer the time.