



St. Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School

Devon County Council. Children and Young People's Services

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Dear Parents

Term is passing very quickly and we have now set some dates for events throughout the rest of the term. Please see below and make a note of these, if they affect you or your family.

Allergies

Across the school we have many children who have significant allergies to a variety of different food products. It is important that we safeguard these children to avoid them having an anaphylactic shock and require medical attention. An allergy to nuts is the most common and, as such, we ask that nobody gives their child nuts or nut based products (e.g. Nutella or Peanut Butter). Other severe allergies that we know about are to sesame seeds and hummus. Whilst we are not precluding these from being included in a child's lunchbox we would be grateful if you could tell your child if their lunch includes any of these products so that they can ensure they are not sitting near a child who is wearing a red lanyard.

Bingo

The Parents and Friends of St Mary's has organised a Bingo night as a social event for adults, and to raise money for the school. This event will next place next Friday (6th October) at the Bideford Blues Athletic Club Hall on the Pill. The evening will start at 7 p.m. and the cost of entry is £7.00.

Parent App

It is good to see that lots of people have already downloaded and installed the SIMS Parent App onto their devices and have started to use this facility to engage in their child's experience with us, in a different way. If you are having any difficulty installing or accessing this then please speak to the school office and we can arrange for Mr. Tim, our IT technician, to give you some support. The Parent App gives you access to your contact information that is held by the school (and gives you the facility to inform us if amendments need to be made), notifications of rewards given to your child and also up to date attendance information.

The Governing Board

The Governors met yesterday evening. There have been several changes in our Governing Board since the summer. The parent representatives are Mr. Michael Heard and Mrs. Rebecca Fearnley. The Board also voted a new Chair, following the retirement of Jerry Hope. The Chair of the Board for the coming year is Mr. Keith Bines. These Governors can be contacted, if necessary, by email at:

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or by letter left at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Scarrett

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IMPORTANT DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2017

Tuesday 3 rd October 2017	Year 1/2 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	Year 3/4 Parent Consultations
Thursday 5 th October 2017	Year 5/6 Parent Consultations
Friday 6 th October 2017	Foundation Stage Consultations
Friday 6 th October 2017 – 7 p.m.	PFSM Bingo Night at Bideford Blues Athletics Club
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	Year 5 to the Eden Project
Monday 16 th October 2017	Harvest Festival – Foundation & Year 1/2 at 9:15 a.m. – Year 3-6 at 10:15 a.m. – Parents Welcome
Friday 20 th October 2017	Last day of first half term
Tuesday 31 st October 2017	Return to school
Friday 3 rd November 2017	Year 6 to Bodmin Jail
Monday 6 th November 2017	Boots Flu Vaccination Day Years 1-4
Wednesday 15 th November 2017	Year 5 to Rosemoor – School Day
Wednesday 15 th November 2017	Key Stage 2 Choir to Rosemoor – school day plus evening concert, tickets to be confirmed
Thursday 16 th November 2017	Devon Fire and Rescue Service to visit Year 2 & 5
Thursday 30 th November 2017	Key Stage Two to St Mary's Church – Advent Service – 9 a.m. – Parents Welcome
Friday 1 st December 2017	Parents and Friends of St Mary's Disco – 5pm- 6:30 p.m. for Foundation & Key Stage One 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for Key Stage Two
Sunday 3 rd December 2017	Key Stage Two Choir performing at Bideford Christmas Lights 'Switch on'
Monday 4 th December 2017	Christmas lunch for Neighbours and Grandparents – 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday 5 th December 2017	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance for Parents – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6 th December 2017	Key Stage One Christmas Performance for Parents – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday 7 th December 2017	Key Stage One Christmas Performance for Parents – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12 th December 2017	Key Stage Two (Years 3-5) Christmas Performance for Parents – 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	Key Stage Two Choir to Cheverells Nursing Home – during the morning
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December 2017	Key Stage Two Choir to Atlantic Village – 6 p.m.
Friday 15 th December 2017	Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Christingle Service in the School Hall – 9:15 a.m – PARENTS WELCOME
Friday 15 th December 2017	Key Stage Two Christingle Service at St Mary's Church – 2:00 p.m. – PARENTS WELCOME
Friday 15 th December 2017	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	First day of the Spring Term