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UNCRC Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully, the bank holiday weekend will see some of the sunshine we had at the start of this week and the rain will stay away until night time!

Year 4 started their new topic this week by looking at some very strange items, as part of their inventions topic. Whilst we might remember them, many of the children had, for example never seen a typewriter before! These activities will be followed up with their Inventions Day next week. Also, as part of this term's new topic, Year 5 will be visiting the Gordon Brown Centre – keep your fingers crossed that the weather remains fair.

This week's Act of Worship brought the children together in upper and lower school groups. We covered the meaning of Easter and the Resurrection, following on from the subjects we had addressed before the holidays. We looked at how people were surprised about the events and I demonstrated my appalling juggling skills with some eggs and surprised the children with both fresh and hard boiled eggs! Over the next two weeks we will be moving on to our value of Curiosity as we continue to look at the events following Easter, including the Ascension.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Miss Cosgrove on her wedding over the Easter break, she will now be known as Mrs Butler! We wish her and her husband many years of happiness.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday next week.

Assessment 2022

Year 6 SATs will be taking place once again during the week commencing **9th May**.

This year will see the first Multiplication Tables check for Year 4, which will take place over a three week period from **6th June until the 24th June**. More information about these new assessments will be coming out to Year 4 parents.

Governors' Corner

At the last Governor meeting we were shown a list of the school visits and visitors confirmed for this coming term and beyond. The sheer variety of interesting and exciting activities, ranging from museum, theatre and farm visits to willow weaving and Taiko drumming, was very impressive. I am sure the children really appreciate their learning enriched and brought to life in so many ways.

It was also pleasing to hear that so many other aspects of school life at St Mary's have been returning to normal. Sports competitions have restarted with boys and girls competing in a range of sports including football, basketball, netball, cross country and table tennis.

In music as well, the school returned from the Basingstoke Music festival with a couple more trophies for the bulging St Marys trophy cabinet. Acts of Worship in the church have resumed while live Acts of Worship in school are also restarting.

Our three new governors this year have all settled in well into their roles, this has enabled us to continue to have a strong governing body with a broad range of skills and experience to draw on. Over the course of the coming term all of the governors will resume their various monitoring activities including meeting up with their assigned curriculum link teachers to understand and monitor progress against key objectives and report back to the governing body. I would like to thank all the governors for their continued help, time commitment and support.

Michael Wright
Chair of Governors

HeartSmart

This half term the focus for HeartSmart is Fake is a Mistake. This is about unpacking how to bravely communicate truth and be proud of who we are. Why do we lie? Maybe it's just to get out of trouble or maybe it's because we want to present a better version of ourselves to the outside world. If we know that we're loved and if we know that we're enough as we are perhaps we'll feel the urge to lie a little less? Choosing to tell the truth is a powerful way of showing love to ourselves but also to others. For others to trust us we have to show that we are trustworthy. This has an implication on everything that we say. Even white lies, small insignificant lies with no real consequence, impact our trustworthiness. If we're faithful in the small, we'll be faithful in the big. But aside from mere truth-telling, Fake is a Mistake means being free to be yourself.

News from The Rainbow Room

Thank you to the fantastic parents who attended this week's Coffee Morning. It was great to share ideas and know we are often going through a lot of the same experiences! I found it helpful listening to the

advice from Mrs Gannon and Mrs Shea from Costello - as a parent and a SENCo. If you would like to attend the next one, it is on 25th May at 9am, and we are going to be joined by Zoe and Sarah from the Primary Behaviour Service. Please send an email to the office if you would like to come and I will make sure there is enough tea and biscuits for everyone!

If you have heard your child talk about Relax Kids, you may be interested in the Relax Kids website. Kath has been working with small groups across the school to help support children with their emotional resilience. Out of school, Kath works with groups and individuals running courses for all age groups. She even runs adult courses to help us manage our stress levels! I was lucky enough to take part in one just before lockdown and it was really beneficial to my wellbeing.

www.relaxwithkath.com

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Jext 2 and Epi pens

As a school we keep a record of the expiry dates for this medication and will send reminders should we not receive a replacement in a timely manner. It is vital that these pens do remain in date, as the adrenalin they contain does have a 'shelf life'. You may not be aware that you can also register both of the above brands with the manufacturers as soon as you receive them and they will send you a reminder two months before the expiry date. We would suggest that if your child or in fact any family member has one of these pens that you do register them.

PE Kit

Please can we remind you that PE kits should consist of the following which should be worn to school on year group PE days:

- Plain white polo short / t-shirt
- Plain dark green shorts
- White socks
- Plain Green/black or dark blue tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE in colder weather
- Trainers
- School Jumper

Shorts should be worn underneath tracksuit bottoms as they must be worn for indoor PE sessions. It is important that leggings are not worn for PE as if a child wears these on an indoor PE day they will not be able to take part for safety reasons.

Summer term Uniform - reminder

Summer uniform can now be worn. This consists of green checked dresses, grey shorts and white polo shirts or short sleeved shirts, without ties. Sensible footwear, please – no flip-flops or open-toed sandals, school shoes should still be worn.

Reading Books

It can be difficult sometimes for parents to support children in selecting good books to read. The following website may be helpful in finding new, exciting titles to share at home.

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>

Love Reading 4Kids reviews the latest publication and is a great place to find recommended reads.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Our whole school picnic will be taking place on the field on Thursday 26th May during our normal lunch break. Further details to follow.

F.O.O.B.S. Update

Hello from F.O.O.B.S! We are well underway excitedly planning the return of the Summer Fair! We will be asking for donations of toys, books and uniform and tombola items. Dates of collections will be announced shortly.

It's the Year 3 disco on Friday 6th May! Tickets go on sale today. See separate parentmail for further details.

The Year 2s have just received their junior school places for next year. If you have any outgrown uniform you would like to donate please contact us on friendsofoldbasingschools@gmail.com. I'm sure we will have lots of requests for the smaller sizes in the coming weeks. Similarly, we have some summer dresses and shorts if you are still in need of uniform for this term. £2 for logoed items, £1 for non-logoed items.

Year 5 Church AoW – 19th May

Please note that the date for the Year 5 Church AoW has been re-arranged and will now take place on 19th May, at the same time of 2:30pm (instead of 12th May).

Inset Days 2021/22

27th May 2022

Inset Days 2022/23

1st September 2022

2nd September 2022

31st October 2022

3rd January 2023

26th May 2023

Dates for the Diary

3rd May - Y5 Gordon Brown Centre (White)
4th May - Y4 Inventions Day
5th May - Y5 Gordon Brown Centre (Brunel)
6th May - Y5 Gordon Brown Centre (Mitchell)
6th May - F.O.O.B.S. Disco Y3 5-6:30pm
9th-13th May - SATS week
16th -20th May - Walk to School Week
16th May - Y6 Space Dome
18th May - Yrs 5 & 6 Eucharist Service 10 am
19th May - Conan Doyle Sharing Assembly 2:45pm
19th May - Y5 Church visit, 2:30pm
23rd May - Summer Music Concert
25th May - Parent Coffee morning 9-10:30am
25th May - Y6 Church Visit 2.30pm
26th May - Queen's Jubilee Picnic on field (parents invited) 12:15-1:15pm

27th May - Inset Day

30th May-3rd June - Half Term holiday
6th – 10th June – Jam Jar collection for Summer Fair
9th June - Toys, Books and Uniform collection for Summer Fair
7th June - Southampton Art Gallery here (Y6)
9th June - Mitchell Sharing Assembly 2.45pm
15th June - Class/Group Photos
16th June - Austen Sharing Assembly 2.45pm
16th June - Y6 Leavers Service & day at Winchester Cathedral
17th June - BPSM Rehearsal (all day)
17th June - F.O.O.B.S Movie night Y6 (anyone at the BPSM rehearsals during the day will be able to attend as it is after school)
20th June - Y4 Egyptian Drama Day
21st June - BPSM Rehearsal (all day)
21st & 22nd June - BPSM Evening Concert
23rd June - Y4 Church Visit 2:30pm
28th June - Sports Day
30th June - F.O.O.B.S Disco Y4 5-6:30pm
5th July - Reserve Sports Day
3rd July - F.O.O.B.S Summer Fair
7th July - Y3 Church Visit 2:30pm
12th-14th July - Y6 Show evening performances
15th July - Shuffle Up Afternoon
18th July - Y6 Pilgrimage Day at Church
19th July - Y6 Picnic and Party
21st July - last day of term

For further detail and updates please see;
School website:
<https://www.st-marys-jun.hants.sch.uk>
and also our Facebook page
[@stmarysjuniorsoldbasing](#)

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