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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

This week we have been lucky with the weather and I know that next week it seems to be set fair as well. However, we might want to take a little time to think about the poor farmers who are desperate for rain. Overnight showers only of course!

Year 5 visited the Gordon Brown Centre last week as part of their topic based on the Rainforest and the different biomes of the world - great fun was had by all. Images of their trip can be found in the photo gallery on our website. Please also look for the full information about Year 4's Inventions day on the website.

Over the last two weeks there have been some mouth-watering smells as both Year 5 and Year 3 have been trying different foods and then designing their own vegetable tarts in Year 3 and tacos in Year 5 with guacamole and salsa on the side.

This week in Act of Worship we have been considering our value of perseverance, which Year 6 have demonstrated in bucket loads by successfully completing their SATs tests. We will continue to unpick this value next week as well. For our final week we will be looking at curiosity through our focus week on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as well as looking at the Ascension.

I hope that you are all considering your red, white and blue outfits for our Jubilee Picnic and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible on the day, so that this is a real community event. See below for the full details.

Eucharist

On Wednesday 18th May we will be having our termly Eucharist Service led by Rev Heather. Although the service is for Year 5 and 6 children only, all parents and parishioners are welcome to join us for the service which starts at 10.00am.

Jubilee Picnic – Thursday 26th May

This day will be a non-uniform day on the theme of red, white and blue. The more creative the better, but as usual no coloured hair.

If you have not already done so, please confirm your child's dinner option for the day. We envisage that most people will want to bring their own picnic.

The timings for the day are:

11:45am – parents begin to arrive
12:00pm – All classes (infants and juniors assemble on the field)
12:10pm Introduction and National Anthem
12:15pm – children with visitors are collected to make family groups, children who do not have visitors remain with their teacher
1:00pm - Bell rung, thank yous
1:05pm – children return to teachers
1:10pm – juniors return to classrooms
1:15pm – after parents have departed – infants to return to school

Governors' Corner

My most recent Governor visit involved meeting with Ms Welch and Mrs Lillywhite to go through the SFVS checklist. The Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) tool helps to ensure that we are meeting the basic standards necessary to achieve a good level of financial health and resource management in the school. A number of questions are asked around six areas of resource management to provide assurance that the school is managing its resources effectively; to identify possible areas for change to support high quality teaching and the best education outcomes for pupils. I am pleased to report that St. Mary's are on top of the job. It is always a pleasure to see the professionalism, dedication and talents that go into making the school such an outstanding place to learn.

Sefton Lucas, Parent Governor.

Administration of medicines

The administration of medicines is the overall responsibility of the parents. The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring children are supported with their medical needs whilst on site, and this may include managing medicines where appropriate and agreed with parents.

Routine Administration

Prescribed medicines

- It is our policy to manage prescribed medicines (eg. antibiotics, inhalers) where appropriate following consultation and agreement with, and written consent from the parents

Non-prescribed medicines

- It is our general policy not to take responsibility for the administration of non-

Online Safety

London Grid for Learning (LGfL) continues to add new resources to their website. As well as our own website, this is a really good go to website for all sorts of advice including explanations about new apps that you may not have heard of.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

Attendance

Attendance for the whole school at the end of April was 95%. Whilst this is low compared to our pre-pandemic levels it is high compared to national levels and we have seen some small improvements over the last two months. Thank you for working with us on this.

Scarecrow Festival 2022

Please find attached details of the Old Basing & Lychpit Scarecrow Festival taking place between 1st - 30th June.

Sports Xtra - Half Term Holiday Camp

Please find attached details of the Sports Xtra May half term holiday camp at Everest.

F.O.O.B.S. Update

Hello from F.O.O.B.S! We will be sending out an email next week with more information about the summer fair, keep an eye out, it promises to be a fantastic day! Many thanks to those who have agreed to have a signboard advertising the fair. We are also excited to announce the return of the F.O.O.B.S. trail and fun run! It will be held on 9th October at the Rec, again, more details to follow.

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

16^h -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) 12:00-1:15pm

26th May - Non uniform day (red, white & blue)

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

20th July - Y6 Leavers Service at Church 2:30pm

21st July - last day of term (end of year Church visits (am) for Yrs 3,4 & 5)

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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