



## No: 5 - November 2022

Article 17 Children have the right to reliable information from the mass media. Television, radio, and newspapers should provide information that children can understand, and should not promote materials that could harm children.

Dear Parents and Carers

This year's diocesan project, culminating in the Year 6 Leavers' Service next June, is based on the South African philosophy of Ubuntu, which says, 'I am because you are.' We can't be fully human all on our own, we need to be part of a community. We are particularly excited about this year's project as it dovetails beautifully into our own school ethos of 'One Family – achieving more together'. We will be introducing this concept to the children during our Acts of Worship, starting in Friendship Week, and further work will continue throughout this academic year.

During Act of Worship last week we introduced the HeartSmart focus for this half term – 'Don't forget to let love in' this principle helps children to understand how important, valued and loved they are. The school value we are currently looking at in Act of Worship is Compassion, this links into our work on remembrance and Friendship Week next week.

It was lovely to see so many children dressed up for the Year 4 Viking day this week – thank you parents for your support in putting costumes together!

Please refer to the dates both in this newsletter and on our website. This half term is incredibly busy and we would hate for you to miss something.

### Light of Hope Installation

Recently an art installation has been installed at Winchester Cathedral. The unique illuminated 'Light of Hope' art installation, a 5m steel star shaped sculpture, with neon changing lights, has been suspended above Winchester Cathedral's majestic nave. The artwork produced by Peter Walker will be on display in the cathedral until the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Follow the link below for full details:

<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/event/light-of-hope-installation/>

At school we will be taking part in a project related to this piece of art - look out on our website for more details.

### Timber Trail and woodland area

Could we please ask that younger siblings from the infants do not use our Timber Trail or woodland area while they are waiting for older siblings to come out of classes. We ask that all children brought onto our site are supervised by an adult at all times.

### Spotlight Christmas Toy Appeal

This year we are supporting Spotlight's Toy Appeal to ensure that as far as possible all children in our local area receive a present this year. **Items do need to be new** (see the attached flyer for suggestions) We will start collecting donations on the 21<sup>st</sup> November and will need to finish by the 8<sup>th</sup> December so that they can be delivered to Spotlight. Please could you use the attached flyer to spread the word around different organisations and work places. The infant school will also be receiving donations. Thanks in advance for your generosity – let's make it a really happy Christmas for everyone.

### School Gates

Our school gates are opened at 8.30am in the morning and closed at 8.50am. If for any reason you arrive late, you will need to bring your child down to the main entrance gate and ask for the front gate to be unlocked.

### Friendship Week and Odd Socks Day

The week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November is our annual Friendship Week which coincides with National Anti-Bullying week. This year we will be starting the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate the fact that we are all unique. You do not need to buy anything special or donate money for this event – just your odd socks basket at home! During the week all pupils will take part in a wide range of activities including drama and role play, poetry writing, picture book studies and art. We will endeavor to share some of our work from next week in the photo gallery on the school website.

### Children in Need Day

A reminder that Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November is the 'Children in Need' appeal day. On this day we will join schools across the country in taking part in a non-uniform day – we would love pupils to come in as spotty as they can! It would be great if, at home, they could create their own 'spotty' t-shirt, hat, or just have some other piece of already spotty clothing to wear – maybe even their own Pudsey bear eyepatch! We want the school to be as 'spotty' as possible (but no face paint or sports shirts, please).

Donations for coming in non-uniform and to support this great charity can be made through the following just giving site:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-mary-s-ce-junior-school-old-basing5?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=st-mary-s-ce-junior-school-old-basing5&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=c11d97fb03434f178ffdeba37a730bde](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-mary-s-ce-junior-school-old-basing5?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=st-mary-s-ce-junior-school-old-basing5&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=c11d97fb03434f178ffdeba37a730bde)

### **Remembrance Day**

Today we joined the rest of the country in a two minute silence to mark Remembrance Day. On Sunday representatives from both our school and Old Basing Infants will lay wreaths at the memorial at St Mary's Church and at the memorial in town. As previously communicated, children have been able to purchase poppies and other items in school to help raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal, we thank you for your support with this fundraising.

Thank you to the Saunders and Perry families for laying the two wreaths on behalf of both schools.

### **F.O.O.B.S. Update**

Hello from F.O.O.B.S! Thank you very much to those who donated to the Bags2School collection this morning. We will update you with the total raised once we know. Also a big thank you for your Christmas market donations this week. This event is a big favourite for the children so we are really looking forward to it!

We have sent out details for purchase of the Letter to Santa Kits this week. Please see the separate email for further details.

With Black Friday around the corner, I'd like to remind you about AmazonSmile and Easyfundraising. These are really easy ways to raise money for the schools with no additional cost to yourself.

Finally, we hope the Year 4's enjoyed Viking day! If anyone would like to donate their Viking costume for resale onto next year's Year 4's please send it into school next week. This is a new initiative aimed at reducing costs for parents and also being more environmentally friendly by increasing usage of pre-loved costumes.

### **Attendance**

At the end of October, the school's overall attendance stood at 97.9%.

Congratulations to Austen class with the highest attendance of 98.9%

### **Calshot October 2023 – current Year 5**

The details of next year's residential trip to Calshot were shared with parents last week. This was an opportunity for you to find out more about the fantastic residential trip in preparation for next year. A letter with further details and information regarding payment will be sent out shortly.

Should you have any queries/questions regarding the Calshot trip for 2023 (current year 5) please email **Mr Gibbs (Yr 6 team Leader)** using **Calshot and your child's full name in the subject header of the email.**

[A.Gibbs@st-marys-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:A.Gibbs@st-marys-jun.hants.sch.uk)

### **School Uniform**

Please note we are now in winter uniform so could all children please wear a shirt and tie. Please can you check that your child's tie is clearly named, we already have a number of un-named ties in lost property. With the changeable weather it is also important that children have warm, waterproof coats in school every day and that they are wearing suitable shoes with good grips.

### **A Message from the Governors**

Well done to all the Year 6 children for what looked like an amazing trip to Calshot Activities Centre just before the half term break. It's hard to believe they managed to fit so much into one week with activities including Kayaking, climbing, archery, dry sloped skiing and much more. As a parent of a child who was attending, it was lovely to see all the brilliant pictures of all of them enjoying these activities at the end of each day. There were certainly lots of smiling (and increasingly tired) faces! A big thank you to all the staff who went along as well for making it a week the Year 6's won't forget.

Andy Grayson  
Parent Governor

### **Year 3 applications for September 2023**

The application window for applications into Year 3 in September 2023 is now open. The deadline for applications is **15 January 2023**.

Please do see the school website for further information on applications and to see the virtual tour of our wonderful school.

<https://www.st-marys-jun.hants.sch.uk/news/?pid=195&nid=2&storyid=551>

### **Inset Days 2022/23**

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### **Dates for the Diary**

14th-18th November - Friendship week  
14th November - Odd Socks Day  
14th November - Yr.5 Orchestra concert, Winchester College  
15<sup>th</sup> November - Walk around Old Basing (Russell)  
16<sup>th</sup> November - Walk around Old Basing (Nightingale)  
16<sup>th</sup> November – Yr.5 Ukulele Concerts am  
18<sup>th</sup> November – Walk around Old Basing (Davies)  
18th November - Children in Need Day – spotty day  
21st November - Whole school Flu Vaccinations  
22nd November - Yr.5 Church visit 1:45pm  
24th November - Davies Sharing Assembly 2:45pm  
30<sup>th</sup> November – Yr.3 trip to Winchester Science Museum  
30th November - Yr.6 Christmas Carol Workshop  
2nd December - F.O.O.B.S Christmas Market  
8th December - Brunel Sharing Assembly 2:45pm  
w/c 12th December - No after school clubs this week  
13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert to parents 5pm (Orchestra, Band & Recorders)  
14th December- School Carol Concert at Church 6pm  
15th December - Class Christmas Parties pm  
16th December - End of term Church visits  
16th December – Last day of term

3rd Jan – INSET Day  
4th Jan – First Day of new term

For even more news, updates and photos, don't forget to visit our website:

<https://www.st-marys-jun.hants.sch.uk/>

And the Facebook page if you need to check events on the go.

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