



No: 19 - July 2023

Article 6: All children have the right to life. Governments should ensure that children develop healthily.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is just a short newsletter to update you on some recent events and to summarise the remaining events to come this term.

As well as saying goodbye to you myself, at the end of this year we will also be saying goodbye to: Miss Luck who will be going off travelling, Mr Sergeant who will be starting his teacher training course in September and Mrs Butler who will be moving on to another school in order to develop her career further. In September we will be welcoming Miss Hill and Miss Dee to our team of teachers and Mrs Rudman to our LSA team.

As of September, Mr Gibbs will be replacing Mrs Lillywhite in the role of Deputy Headteacher for the next academic year.

Classes for September

Class	Teacher	LSA's
Austen	Mr Whincup	Mrs Squire
Conan Doyle	Miss Hill	Mrs Bucknall
Dickens	Miss Eckett	Mrs Perry Mrs Raciborska
Paulet	Mr Rundle	Mrs Axford
Nelson	Mrs Candy/ Miss Shore	Mrs Bond Mrs Rudman
Wellington	Mrs Beeney	
Brunel	Miss Dee	Mrs Alvarez
Mitchell	Miss Bennison	Mrs Whittingham
White	Mr King	Mrs White
Davies	Mrs Parsons	Mrs Buckey
Nightingale	Mrs Gill	Mrs Edney
Russell	Mrs Stephens	Mrs O Beirne Mrs Clements

Dinner Money

Could you please settle all outstanding dinner money as soon as possible and at the latest by Monday 17th July, including any meals your child/children may be having before the end of term. Dinners are charged at £3.00 per day.

PE Kit

Thank you so much to all of you for ensuring that your child had the correct green shorts for Sports Day. A reminder that our PE kit consists of green shorts and a white t-shirt which are readily available from both uniform suppliers and supermarkets. On PE days children also need to wear their school jumper or cardigan. On cooler days they can also wear **plain black** tracksuit bottoms. Please do not be tempted to purchase leggings as these are not part of our uniform.

PE days will be as follows as of September:

Year 3 – Monday (Outdoor) Wednesday (Indoor)
Year 4 – Tuesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)
Year 5 - Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)
Year 6 – Tuesday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)

There will be no PE lessons on the first Monday back, therefore all pupils need to be in full normal school uniform. PE lessons will begin on Tuesday 5th September.

Autumn uniform

I am sure that the majority of children will want to start or return to school in their smart new winter uniform of shirts, ties and sweatshirts. However, if we do have an Indian summer children are allowed to continue to wear summer uniform of polo shirts or short sleeved shirts or dresses until half term. When you are purchasing new uniform, could I please remind you that our uniform is **grey skirts, trousers or shorts and NOT black**.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Borrow books and get amazing rewards this summer! It would be great if lots of our pupils took part in this summer's library reading challenge. This year's theme is Ready, Set, Read and if you complete the challenge of reading six books you will have the chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet.

Your child should have brought home a book mark with information about the challenge. If it didn't reach home you can find all of the information at:

www.hants.gov.uk/libraryor visit the national site:
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Shuffle –up

Today has been our Shuffle-up Day and all of the children have met their new teachers. It was lovely to welcome our new Year 3 children from their various infant schools.

As you will appreciate, organising class lists is a very difficult task and there are lots of things that have to be taken into consideration. No children will be moved from their allocated classes, unless there is a **very** exceptional circumstance.

Governors' Corner

The PTA at Old Basing Infants and St Mary's Junior School (F.O.O.B.S) is a group of dedicated volunteer parents who work to strengthen the bonds between home and school. They are best known for their fundraising efforts, which have helped to provide much-needed resources for both schools. F.O.O.B.S also serves an important social function by providing a chance for parents, staff, and pupils to come together and build relationships as I saw first-hand when I attended the fantastic FOOPS Fest 2023! Parents, carers and children who I spoke with on the day were all delighted by the variety and quality of the attractions on offer. What a day!!

This term I had an opportunity to meet with Mrs Stephens to see some impressive examples of how the children at St. Mary's are participating in cross curricular activities, through the linking of History with Geography and English. They are clearly enjoying the way the subject is being taught.

I am always grateful for the hard work and dedication of the staff at this school. They go above and beyond to make sure that their students have the best possible learning experience.

Sefton Lucas

Vice Chair (Foundation Governor)

F.O.O.B.S News

A massive thank you and well done to everyone who made the FOOPS Fest the huge success that it was! The current fundraising total stands around £12,300 with more matched fundraising due to come in so we are hopeful we may even exceed last year's amazing fundraising efforts!

With the end of term around the corner, if you have any uniform in good, resalable condition to donate please contact us on friendsofoldbasingschools@gmail.com to obtain the drop off location. Please note, at this time, we would only like donations of the branded jumpers/cardigans and school bags. Should you wish to purchase any second hand uniform please contact us on the same email address at any time.

A save the date for you - on Sunday 8th October we will be holding the F.O.O.B.S Trail and Fun Runs! After the success of last year's event, we are pleased to announce that entries are now open for the event. More details will follow on this event, but to obtain more information and to enter, please visit our

website www.foops.weebly.com

And finally, we are working on securing a date for another Bags2School collection so please hang on to any clothes etc if you're having a clear out over the summer holidays!

Year 6

18th July – Pilgrimage Day – all children will need a packed lunch.

19th July – leavers' Service at St Mary's Church – 2.30pm. All parents welcome.

20th July – Picnic and party

Memory books will be given to each child during the last week in order to capture signatures and comments from friends and staff. **Shirts should not be used for this purpose.**

Church Visits – 21st July

As Year 6 will have already had their own special service they will not be visiting the church on the last day of term.

09:15 Mitchell, Paulet, Austen

10:00 White, Nelson, Conan Doyle

11:00 Brunel, Wellington, Dickens

If you can help to walk the children to and from the church, please contact the class teacher.

Dates for your diary

17th July - HMS Inset Day (no music lessons)

18th July - Y6 Pilgrimage Day @ Church

19th July - Y6 Leavers Service 2:30pm @ Church

20th July - Y6 Picnic & Party pm

21st July - End of term Church visits am:

- 9:15am Austen, Paulet, Mitchell

- 10:00am Conan Doyle, Nelson, White

- 11:00am Dickens, Wellington, Brunel

21st July - Last Day of term – school closes normal time (3.25pm)

1st Sept - INSET

4th Sept – Start of the new term

Inset Days for 2023/24 term

1st September 2023

30th October 2023

2nd January 2024

19th February 2024

24th May 2024

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

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

and the St Mary's Facebook page if you need to check events on the go.

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