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Diary Dates

Thursday 29th January 10am

Morning Prayer Class 4

> Friday 2nd February

Non-Uniform day -Wear Red

> Tuesday 6th February

> > Rock Kidz

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st February

Reception children NHS Screening

(more details to follow)

> Friday 9th February

School Closes

Monday 19th February

School Re-opens

Head Teacher Column

Welcome back everyone! It has been a busy couple of weeks in school as we start the new year. Attendance has remained good despite the wet and cold weather which is fantastic - thank you! St Mary's remain slightly above national average for Persistent Absences at 21.7% where 17.0% is the national figure. This is much lower than last year which reached over 30%. If we can continue working together to get as many pupils as possible above 90% attendance you will all see better progress in learning for everyone in 2024.

Please can I ask all parents to check if you children's indoor black pumps need replacing? With the wet conditions and gritted paths and playgrounds it is really important that the children have clean, dry pumps to wear indoors. This helps keep the school clean and safe for all children and staff.

This term there is a huge focus on Reading; books, schemes, reading records and, of course, World Book Day on March 7th! Please support your children in practicing phonics sounds, reading for pleasure, reading their home/school book and signing the yellow reading record if your child has one. Thanks for supporting school with the book sale too!

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Glover.

Useful for reading: https://essentiallettersandsounds.org/parents/

https://www.worldbookday.com/

Teacher Training Days

Please note we have 2 teacher training dates to add to the diary. School will be closed to pupils on

Friday 22nd March 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

February Half Term

School closes on Friday 9th February at 3.20pm.

We re-open on Monday 19th February at normal time.

Lateness

As we start the new term we noticina are an increasina number of lateness. This has a knock on effect for assemblies and lesson time and can be very disruptive to classes. Please note school starts at 8.55am. Please ensure your child is in school and ready to start at this time.



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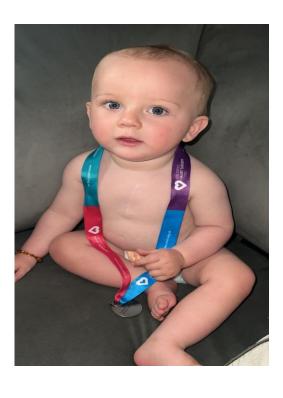
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Non - Uniform Day Friday 2nd February - Support Children's Heart Surgery Fund

Meet Archer & Willow.

Archer is the brother of one of our current pupils at St Mary's & Willow is the granddaughter of a member of our staff. Both families have been supported massively by CHSF and would love for our school to take part in raising vital funds for this amazing charity.

The simple action of pupils & staff is to wear something RED and make a voluntary donation of £1.00 on Friday 2^{nd} February.







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Free School Meals

At this difficult time, we are determined to support Kirklees families. We want to make sure all children who qualify for free school meals are receiving their entitlement. If you are on a low income or in receipt of any benefits listed below then your child may be eligible.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Please take a few minutes to see if you would be eligible.

How to apply

Please go to https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools_and_education___Apply_for_free_school_meals

Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to all our Mini Vinnies who received their certificates and badges this week. They have lots of plans for the future year, watch this space!







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Rock Kidz visit



Rock Kidz are coming to school to deliver an exciting rock 'n' roll workshop. Throughout the day we will transform the whole school into Rockstars.

A letter has been sent out last week through school ping with full details but we are asking children to come dressed as Rockstars, jeans and a funky top will be great or even a funky hair style. We do not expect parents to go out and buy expensive outfits, children could even make their own air quitars.

This is a free event, no donation required.

Superkid Star of the Week Class 1 - Jacob & Aiden Class 6-Alexsander Kallie & Ra'Nell Class 7-Willow C Class 8-Ava W Class 3 - Kai W & Frankie H Class 9-Class 10-Ruby B Class 4- James G & Hartley C Class 11 -Kian K Class 5- Jordi & Sebastian WELL DONE!



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Sporting News





Massive congratulations to the Sports Hall Athletics team who came 3rd in the North Kirklees final and have now qualified to the Kirklees Final on the 2nd February at Leeds Road Playing Fields. Julia, Scarlett A, Emerson, Eloise, Thea, Vanessa, Lydia, Elina, Tilly & Olivia De-Andre, Cohen, Oliver, Riley, Archie, Finnley, Roman, Kian, Tyler, Spencer and Tishe.



Well done to the year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics team who won the North Kirklees competition Michal, Pheobe, Grace, Igor, Eliza, Summer, Kayson, Harvey, Rithushan, Frankie, Manasvini and Isaac, Great result!



We have spaces on a Wednesday & Thursday at After School Club. If you require an application form, please ask at the office.

Children on pupils premium will be paid for by the school



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A massive well done to the year 6 girls team who competed in the Kirklees final of the Cross Country. Millie, Emerson, Casey, Scarlett A, Scarlett F and Elina & Grace from Year 4

Well done Year 5 / 6 Boys Football Team in coming 3rd in Europa Final football tournament & displayed fantastic discipline, teamwork & sportsmanship. Roman, Tishe, Archie, Freddy, De-Andre, Cohen, Finnley, Zachary & Chase.









Well done Year 5 / 6 Girls Football Team in attending the BSSA football tournament & displayed fantastic discipline, teamwork & sportsmanship. Olivia, Julia, Eloise, Scarlett A, Scarlett F, Emerson, Neveah, Lydia