

Well we are finally arriving at the end of a very strange academic year in school. This time last year we were recovering from the Ofsted Inspection and hoped to have a more normal and less stressful school year. However.....

I have to say a big thank you to several groups of people. Firstly to all you parents who have done heroics during lockdown; accessing seesaw where possible and trying to support your child to complete their online learning, often baffled by the maths ways of working especially but persevering!! Also to those who made sure their children worked on their paper packs too. St Mary's staff- a massive thanks to the St Mary's team who have worked throughout the lockdown period, supporting children in school as well as uploading and responding to the online work, preparing and cleaning down work areas to keep children safe. To our office bubble who have worked relentlessly to ensure free school meal vouchers have been ordered, printed and even delivered in some cases. Also to our gate team of Mr Sturdy and Mr Glover ensuring social distancing and a warm welcome every morning. Finally to our most important people our children- both those who have returned to school and settled back in so well and to those who are still at home. We are really, really, really looking forward to seeing you all again in September

Yr 6 Leavers

Congratulations on all their achievements whilst here at St. Mary's.

Goodbye to: Affan Ahmad, Michael Anderson, Layla Archer, Leah Birchill, Broden Blakeley, Mason Crofts, Daniel Curtis, Ellie Dakin, Georgia Finneran, Alicia France, Lily Gierula, Deacon Gmir, Scarlett Greene, Maddison Handy, Ryan Hosier, Jacob Howard, Evie Jagger, Aiden Kaye, Megan Lepidi, Ella Lettice, Georgia Lister, Finlay Tranter-Lister, Zac Littlewood, Lily Mankelow, Carson McFarland, Ruby-Leigh Morphet, Lucas Murray, Oliver Nahorski, Riley O'Sullivan, Riley Render, Maks Sajek, Karis Senior, Marcin Sosna, Lewis Squires, Bradley Stanley, Oliver Summers, Alfie Taylor, Molly Toohey, Scarlett Walker, Kaide Warren-Gott, George Wass, Lexie Widdop and Teejay Wilkinson.

We wish you all the very best for the future and good luck at your High Schools.

Star of the Year

Each teacher has decided on Stars of the Year from their class who they feel has consistently behaved well, worked hard or overcome various challenges.

Well done to: Lydia Littlewood, Emilia Korytko, Jake Forster, Archie Cummins, Lila Bedford, Gabriel Korytko, Harvey Hill, Kimberley Horbik, Sam Thorpe, Scarlett France, Patrick Pinder, Matilda Walker, Vanessa Bosela, Oscar Smith, Eliza Hepworth, Charlie Walker, Wiktor Chalinski, Oscar White, Mia Paluch, Bailey Marshall, Finton Gowlett, Noah Pinder, Layla Archer, Maddison Handy, Lewis Squires, Kaide Warren-Gott, Lucas Murray, Lily Gierula, Jacob Howard and Ryan Hosier.

Lawrence Conlan Award

Lawrence Conlan was previously a Chair of Governors at St Mary's. He donated a trophy to school for a child to receive each year for outstanding achievement or effort. This year's winner is Michael Anderson: throughout all his time at St Mary's he has embodied everything that represents our school ethos in attitude, spirituality and academic excellence. Well done Michael.

Class teachers

Next year the class teachers are:

EYU: Mrs Worth, Mrs Dixon and Nursery Nurse team Mrs McCabe, Mrs Martin and Mrs Wilkinson.

Cl 2 Mrs Hosier Cl 4 Mrs Gregson Cl 5 Mrs Farrar

Cl 6 Mr and Mrs McNally Cl 7 Mr Glover Cl 8 Mrs Blanchfield

Mrs Spivey will work in class 8 all day Friday and Wednesday afternoon as well as covering PPA across school.

Miss Liversidge will work in class 5 all day Wednesday

We wish Mrs Drury all the very best as she starts her maternity leave.

September reopening for all

At the current time we are expecting to open for ALL pupils in September. The Government have made it clear that attendance is compulsory again from September. Understandably both you and your child may be anxious about this but we have fully implemented all COVID-19 guidance. We will do lots of work and activities to help reduce children's worries and fears to help settle them back into school both emotionally and academically. We will inform you towards the end of August the exact time your child should arrive at school and the end time as these may have to be slightly staggered to allow for 300 children to enter school safely (also depending on local actions and measures that may be in place at that time). Our strict hygiene measures will still be in force in September and we have plenty of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitising gel etc. At this time the guidance is still in place that no adults/visitors will be on the school grounds so parents will drop children off at the school gate. This also means there will not be any whole school assemblies, Morning Prayer etc. for the autumn term at least. PLEASE do not book a holiday during term time but especially at the start of this new school year after such a long break

Uniform

Full school uniform please when we return in September. Please label all clothing especially tee-shirts and PE shorts as these do get mixed up easily. School bags can be brought into school once again but NO PENCIL CASES please. We will provide a pencil case and equipment for all children which is for their sole use and will be stored safely away from other people's hands. Your child should bring their own labelled water bottle to school every day.

To prevent a crowd in the cloakrooms, for the first half term children will wear their school shoes both indoors and outdoors. The guidance is to be outdoors where possible so we will be out in light and showery rain, on the field which may be muddy and playgrounds that can be a little slippery so please ensure the shoes your child wears are suitable for these eventualities and be prepared for them to come home muddier than they usually would be. Play areas will be zoned so some children will have a field area for break times. We will also have learning and playtimes outdoors as much as possible so a coat is needed every day in case of wind, rain or being cold.

Reports and belongings

School reports and belongings are still able to be collected until 12 noon on Friday 17th July. The school reports include a welcome letter for your child from their new teacher.

The school office closes for summer at 1pm Friday 17th July so any enquiries and phone/email updates after this time can be emailed to head@stmarysbatley.co.uk or office@stmarysbatley.co.uk. Please update your contact details otherwise you may not receive the text/message confirming your child's start time on Tuesday 8th September.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer break.