



Dear Parents,

Please find below a summary of events and details, as we move through the Summer.

### All about EYFS

- **EYFS Induction Meetings** were well attended, this week, via Zoom. It was great to see so many happy faced children (and their parents) preparing for the new Autumn term. Thanks also, to the staff for sharing advice and suggestions to help them be "school ready" in September. **The date for Reception and Nursery to start is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**
- **Nursery closure on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July-** as the new Nursery intake for September 2021/22 will be with us instead on that morning. Please add this closure to your diary.
- **Donkey Excitement-** Our Reception and our Nursery children are looking forward to a *beach day*, on Monday, on the school field. The risk assessments are already in place and Mrs Smith has asked that all EYFS wear their PE Kit on Monday. If there are any new allergies not already shared, re: donkeys, please speak with the school office before Monday. It sounds like they will be having great fun! As usual, I am not invited! ☺

### And now about Y6

- **Parents of children in Y6 RSE Lessons** - please remember to check the portal for details. These lessons will take place after the children's return on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- **SATs** - Y6 parents, you need to be very proud of your children, who have ably demonstrated just what they are capable of, this week. Their efforts and resilience have been second to none! We are proud of them and of their teachers.
- **Alton Castle** - the long awaited residential is due to take place, next week. Mrs Polito, Mrs Evans, Miss Marsh and Mr Gough are all geared up and ready to go, too. **Y6 Children can arrive at the front entrance with their bags and belongings, between 8.40-8.50am, walking through the staff car park, past Reception parents and into the Main Reception.** They need to be able to carry their bags themselves, and they need to be able to know where everything is. Any medications will need to be handed to Mrs Evans, in person by an adult at that time. Please can we respect social distancing also. We hope they have a great time. We also expect exemplary behaviour from them.

### And other news

- **Inset days** - School will be closed to all pupils on: **Thursday 2/9/21; Friday 26/11/21; Tuesday 4/1/22 & Monday 6/6/22.**
- **Y3 Willy Wonka Day - is planned for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July.** It promises to be great fun: designing, tasting, preparing and then indulging in chocolate, of course. Particular thanks to Mr Hill and to Morrisons (via Mrs Osborne) for their generous donations. Once again, I have not been invited. 😞
- **Homework club ceases on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June for KS2 and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July for KS1.** A summary of the success will be shared with relevant families.
- Please remember, our fabulous **Y5 virtual choir** will be live on Walsall Music Hub's YouTube channel **tonight, at 7pm.** The link will also be on the website homepage & Y5 class page by the weekend. Thank you Mrs Amann!

## June updates, changes and reminders -

**The PTA KRISPY KREME DONUT SALE** is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July for every child at £1 a donut. Please pay for your child's donut via the Gateway if you wish to take part. **50/50 club winners, this month**, are as follows: N Desorgher, C Bowker, A Meadows and R Brown. Congratulations to them all. £21.56 is on their way to each of them.

**A Colour Run** is on its way for Y6. The PTA have one more idea up their sleeve, to make sure our leavers receive a good send off, despite Lockdown. Details to follow.

**Showcase afternoons and Sports Day events** are planned for the next two weeks. Keep an eye on your class pages for details.

**Staffing details for next year's classes** will be shared with all children and parents next week.

## And Finally ...

I know how sad you will all be, to hear that Mrs Heenan and Mr Marsh are moving on to pastures new, in July 2021.

They have both secured new teaching roles much closer to home - that will save them considerable travelling time. We will miss their flair, their skills, their laughter, their dedication and their loyalty to St Mary's, and its pupils. We are, however, confident that they will be a great success in their new settings.

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