



Weekly Roundup – Friday 28th September 2018

Note from Mrs Stabler: Yet another sunny week passes by! However, twice this week I had to de-ice the car windscreen! As the days become chillier could we ask that children bring coats into school with them please. The warmth of the summer is rapidly leaving us and the playground can be quite cold when the wind gets up.

There will be staff changes in Year 1 after Christmas as Mrs Bainbridge leaves us to take up a post closer to home. We are very sad to lose her but understand the reasons behind her decision, and wish her well in her new school. We hope to update you before the half term break as to the staff change.

There appears to have been some confusion over the Pupil Premium policy, and payments for activities and school uniform. The current system remains in place, however it is under review and any changes will be shared with you as soon as the review is complete.

As with any new Headteacher joining a school, there is a review of all policies and practices to ensure we are keeping children safe and using our resources, both money and people, to ensure we are providing an effective education for all our children. We will keep you up to date with any changes as soon as we can, and would welcome feedback as to their effectiveness in meeting the needs of our children.

Enjoy a sunny weekend!

Lynne Stabler
Principal

Harvest Festival Appeal: St Mary's has in previous years given amazing support to the Food Bank at King's Church, we are appealing for your support again this year. Items they particularly need are listed below, please check what your year group should bring:

- EFYS - Breakfast cereals
 - Year 1 - canned beans or canned vegetables,
 - Year 2 - tinned meat or fish, Year 3 - soup or baked beans,
 - Year 4 - Uncooked rice or pasta,
 - Year 5 - canned fruit or jam,
 - Year 6 - UHT milk.
- If possible we would like all donations in to reception by the 5th October.
Many thanks in advance -
Miss Kingston



Early Years News: Early Years are going to the Church on the afternoon of Thursday 18th October for our first visit and exploration of St Mary's Church all parents/carers are welcome to join their child for the visit. We will be leaving school at 1:15 pm so if you would like to help us walk down then please meet at the EY's gate on North Terrace/Field Road, all support is greatly appreciated. However, you can also meet us at the church we aim to arrive around 1:30pm with the aim to start our session at 1:45pm. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would be interested in joining us.



Year 3 Appeal: Year 3 need empty chocolate boxes, preferably cardboard, for our topic on chocolate. If you are able to donate any, please drop them in to Year 3 or main reception.



School Packed Lunches: Just to clarify a slight change in school packed lunches on desserts. There are still two desserts on offer, however - at least **ONE** of these must be fruit.



School Emails: When you receive an email from the St Marys CofE Academy email address, please be aware that this is a **NO REPLY** email, if you have a query or reply please either email office@smpsac.org or telephone the school office 01638 713317.



Sainsbury's Active Kids: We would like to say a BIG thank you to all who gave us your Sainsbury's vouchers, your generosity has allowed us to get - gardening equipment for Year 1, and sports equipment for the PE department.

Many thanks everybody!



Reading Café - The next Reading Café is on Monday 1st October for **1JC**. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend one on one time with your **school-aged** child, listening to a story, and taking part in activities all aimed at improving confidence in reading. Reading Café always starts at 2pm, please arrive a few minutes early to sign in at the reception desk. Reading Cafés aren't just for parents - grandparents and carers are also very welcome to join us.



Music Lessons: All music lessons will be starting from Monday **1st October**. For more details please refer to the Round Up dated 14th September.



Sibling Rivalry Workshop - We are offering the chance be part of our Sibling Rivalry workshop. This is a fantastic opportunity to come together as parent and carers and share our experiences while unpicking the roots of sibling rivalry. During the first session, we will look at the reasons why our children fight, the triggers and the benefits too. Followed with the second session to focus on finding solutions that work! The two sessions will be held here at St Mary's Academy on Thursday 4th and Thursday 18th of October from 9 -11 am. To book your place please either email

ally.fairheadandrews@smpsac.org Or phone the school office on: 01638 713317



St Mary's Church, Mildenhall:

Have extended an invitation to Harvest Celebration week. A time to be grateful for God's good gifts. Harvest fun, food and faith - 4.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 30th September. Something for everyone; activities, crafts, quizzes, short harvest service, followed by tea - please telephone Sue for further details about the Harvest Celebration events on - 01638 711930.



Parent pop in Café - will be up and running next week on Friday 5th October from 9.00 to 10.00 am in the Eco Centre. Young children can also attend. Our first café will be a meet and great for all parents, old and new over coffee and cake. We can share our summer holiday experiences and have some time to plan what it is you would like to have covered during these Café sessions, whether it be a school nurse drop in session, building our children's resilience or ideas or an outing to do with our children over the half term break. We look forward to seeing you next Friday



Diary Dates 2018

Sunday 30th Sept - Harvest Celebration at St Mary's Church - 4pm

Monday 1st Oct - Reading Café - 1JC - 2pm

Thursday 4th Oct - Sibling Rivalry Workshop - St Mary's - 9-11am

Friday 5th Oct - Parent Pop-in Café - 9am - Eco Centre

Sunday 7th Oct - Harvest All Age Service - St Mary's Church - 11am