



Newsletter February 2021

Message from Mrs. Orchard

I hope you all manage to have a rest away from screens over the next week. All staff have appreciated the commitment you, as parents, have shown in supporting the learning this term as well as becoming IT experts! We are hopeful that it will not be too long before we can have the children back in school, but for now we will follow the guidelines and stay safe.

I appreciate it can be difficult combining home life and schooling, but requests for us to have children in school will be declined when we know there are family members available to care for a child. Where a parent is working from home the children must be kept at home, school is not an option for childcare.

TA Appointments

As I wrote in my last newsletter, Mrs Bryant is leaving us today. Not only is she an excellent member of the staff team at St Mary's she has been my only TA supporting the school during lockdown. Thankfully, we will see her again once we are back to school because she has offered to work on a Wednesday to support with catch up reading and phonics across the school.

On Feb 1st Charlotte Monk, Chair of Governors and myself held interviews for the post of TA. We are delighted to tell you two staff have been appointed, so we are now waiting for the necessary checks to be completed before we can discuss start dates which are likely to be at the end of term 4.

Screen Away Day

Don't forget to register with the class teacher at 9am then go off and enjoy the range of activities you were sent last week. We are looking forward to seeing your pictures uploaded on Dojo or Tapestry.

TD DAYS

Thursday 1st April 2021

Monday 5th July 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

Parents Evening

Next term we intend to hold a parent meeting on March 2nd. The appointments will start from 1:30pm and will either be a TEAMS meeting or a phone call. Your child's class teacher will communicate the information via Class Dojo.

Obviously, the format is not how we would normally like to run these meetings but we felt it was important to have the chance to chat about your child's progress especially now they are receiving remote schooling

Florrie – Willow Class

As many of you will be aware from my previous newsletter. Florrie, in Willow class, set herself the challenge to walk 20 miles to raise money for the Eveline Hospital, in London. This hospital is special to the family because it is where Florrie was treated as a baby. She decided she would like to raise £98 pounds for the doctor to be able to buy toys for the sick children. Amazingly, Florrie raised £1005 walking 6/7 miles each weekend.

Florrie featured in our values worship this week for perseverance. An amazing achievement Florrie. Mrs Daddow and Mrs Cruttenden wanted me to say they are especially proud of you – well done.



Science Week Events – Message from Miss. Wise

The science festival link below will allow parents to book events during the holiday. It would be great if you could upload images to dojo so the teachers can see the science the children have enjoyed over the break



Festival of Tomorrow 2021 - Science Swindon

STEAM Festival of Tomorrow, in partnership with UK Research & Innovation. Explore the latest in scientific research and technology. Join the challenge to help choose our future!

www.scienceswindon.com

'The Festival of Tomorrow' <https://www.scienceswindon.com/festival-of-tomorrow>

Parents can follow the link and book their virtual ticket to the events. Most of these are during half term so won't coincide with school time and lessons, etc.

In2Dance Half Term Workshops



We are delighted to announce that IN2DANCE will be running a number of Dance workshops over February half term on Zoom to keep your youngsters engaged and active!

Choose any workshop for £8 or x4 across the whole week for £30
£35 for 5 or £40 for all 6

BASIC BREAKDANCE WORKSHOP!

Monday 15th Feb

9.30-11am

7-14 year olds

Learn how to baby freeze, helicopter, footwork, freestyle & more!

With a breaking routine to finish!

LITTLE MIX THEME!

Tuesday 16th Feb

9.30-11am

Age 4-11 years

Learn the official choreography to Little Mix songs...

Sweet melody, salute, move!

STREET DANCE CRAZES!

Tuesday 16th Feb

1.30- 3pm

7-14year olds

Learn some of the most popular dances - savage love, say so, blinding lights & more!

MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE!

Wednesday 17th Feb

9.30-11am

Age 4-8 years

Musicals include - Greatest showman, Lion king, Frozen, Mary Poppins and Matilda!

STREETDANCE TECHNICAL WORKSHOP!

Weds 17th Feb

1.30-3pm

Learn how to pop & lock, house dance & tut!

CARNIVAL DANCE!

Thurs 18th Feb

1.30-3pm

7-14year olds

Learning some new dance styles including - African, samba, Bhangra/Bollywood Tracks including - Jeruslema & Jai Ho!

To book your child a place please contact Kim on 07584689142