



Newsletter September 2021

Message from Candida Hutchinson

I have really enjoyed my first few weeks at St Mary's and have no doubt that feeling will remain! I have had a very warm welcome from the whole school community which shows what a great school it is.

I think I have now mastered all of the children's names as I have enjoyed spending time in each class. I have enjoyed seeing the focus on place value in maths and sharing reading texts from 'A squash and a Squeeze' with our youngest learners through all the different tales of 'Little Red Riding Hood' in Maple Class, to 'Wonder' with year 5 and 6 who now know this book makes me cry.

I am looking forward to being able to welcome in more parents to events now that we can and for our reinvigorated PTA to provide us with some fun!

New PTA

If you would like to join the new PTA, please come along to an informal meeting on Friday 8th October at 7pm in the school hall.

Mrs Werran

Mrs Werran is our Higher Level Teaching assistant supporting Maple Class in the mornings and some afternoons. She is also supporting Oak class in the afternoons when Mr Laws is carrying out Assistant Principal duties. We are pleased to have Mrs Werran on our team as she used to be a teacher!



LGB Vacancy – make a difference!

St Mary's is looking for new Governor to join our team. This role champions our school and children's learning. If you would like to know more about the role please contact our clerk, Danny Holland dholland@broughtongifford.wilts.sch.uk

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Tuesday 4th January 2022

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Monday 4th July 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Wraparound Care

Don't forget wraparound care is now available should you need it!

Breakfast Club 7.45am – 8.45am £5.00 - includes breakfast

Afterschool Club

3.15pm – 4.30pm £5.00

3.15pm – 5.30pm £10.00

Include snacks – please book via ParentPay

Thursday 30th September – We will be watching Frozen 2 with popcorn and a few treats! If you would like your child to attend, please book them a place on the 3.15pm-4.30pm club via Parentpay following the "book meals and places" tab.



Dyslexia Awareness Week

Dyslexia Awareness Week this year is the week of 4th – 10th October. The theme is 'Invisible Dyslexia', with the British Dyslexia Association recognising that many people with dyslexia feel that their struggles are unseen because dyslexia itself isn't visible. With this in mind, we would like to take the opportunity this year to talk about and 'make visible' all the support available in Wiltshire, including the good practice happening around the county and in schools.

Wiltshire SSENS team will be holding a virtual event at 7pm on Thursday 7th October (via TEAMS), and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first serve' basis, but a copy of presentation will be available after the event. Please contact alison.szalay@wiltshire.gov.uk to book a place.

Dates for Diaries

25th September – St Mary's Church – Harvest Supper, Village Hall 7pm

26th September – St Mary's Church – Harvest Service, Church, 10am (collecting items for Melksham Food Bank)

29th September – St Laurence School Open Evening 5.00pm – 7.30pm (Year 5 & 6 parents)

PSHE Focus

Our PSHE focus this term is "Being Me In My World". This includes knowing our place in our family and our school and how important positive relationships are. For our youngest children the focus is "Helping others to Feel Welcome" so that we can settle our new friends in Willow class.

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Celebrations!

Well done to Eric, Rex, Jenson, Freddie, Ralf and Faolan for being chosen to receive a certificate in this week's Celebration Assembly for their hard work and following school values!

Well done to Sophie, Jake and Amber for being chosen to have Hot Chocolate this week for being an all round fantastic pupil!