



## St Mary's Newsletter – February 2023



### Half Term

We break up for Half Term on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Return to school **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

### Parent's Evening

Parent's evening is being held the first week back after half term – on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**.

Class lists for appointments will be available from **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, from the office.

Please either call the office or come into school and arrange a suitable appointment time. If you are not available on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, please let school know so that an alternative appointment time can be arranged.

Teachers may request an alternative date, if they require a longer meeting with you. Likewise, if you have a number of issues that you would like to discuss, please request a longer meeting.

#### SAFER INTERNET DAY

**Want to talk  
about it? Making  
space for  
conversations  
about life online**



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We marked **Safer Internet Day** last week. The key message shared was about talking about any concerns or worries that we have. This fit with recent conversations we have had in school, about speaking to a trusted adult when we feel worried or anxious.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/about-safer-internet-day-2023>

Please check out the website for further information.

# WORLD BOOK DAY<sup>®</sup>

We will be marking World Book Day in school, but it won't be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, as some of our children are taking part in a football festival.

We will celebrate

World Book Day

on

**Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

## Attendance

Our overall school attendance is currently, **91.78%**, which is **below national average**.

The recent outbreak of chicken pox has naturally had a negative impact on our overall school attendance and that cannot be helped, but we still have a high number of pupils who are regarded as persistent absentees.

Attendance updates will be sent out this week to those with consistently low attendance. Letters will also be sent to parents whose children are persistently late.

Attendance data will be available for all families who would like it, at Parent's Evening.

## New Head teacher awards



"You will shine among them like stars lighting up the sky"  
Philippians 2:15

New Head Teacher Awards have been designed into the format of a postcard. Staff will nominate pupils to receive these, and they will be sent home so that you can celebrate your child's success with them.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class 2 trip to Palace Green	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Break up for half term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Return to school	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>Possible industrial action</i> – details to be confirmed. This may not affect St Mary's.	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Lenten Mass to be confirmed	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March @ 2 pm
Year 1 / 2 Soccarena Festival – 10 pupils – <i>parents will be notified if this involves your child</i>	Thursday 2 March
World Book Day celebrations	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Break up for Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March