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Term 1 Week 1

Friday 13th September

Dear St Mary's families,
Wow, what a busy and exciting first week back! It has been so lovely to see you all and hear from the children about the brilliant summer holidays they have had! The children have hugely impressed all the staff here with the positive and motivated attitudes they have come back with and it's been great to see their excitement about the year ahead. We are really looking forward to seeing what they achieve in the coming terms.

James Procter

Becca Hare

Abbie Banks

After School Clubs

We understand there has been confusion about when these clubs will start and we apologise for any concern or inconvenience this has caused.

As the majority of our clubs are run by outside agencies, it can take time for the necessary checks to be completed. A letter detailing all current information to do with clubs at St Mary's went out in book bags today, along with a booking form.

Please note that whilst we want to be able to offer as much variety in school clubs as we can, some clubs have a minimum number of children needed and will be unable to run if there are not enough children. Some clubs have a maximum number and this will be offered on a first come, first served basis.



School day

Just a reminder of the school timetable:

- 8:40** Gates open
- 9:25** Collective Worship
- 8:50** School begins
- 12:00** Lunch time
- 13:15** Afternoon begins
- 15:15** School ends for all children

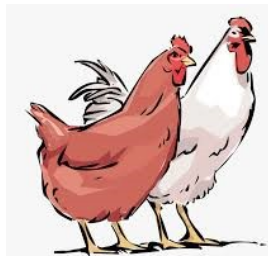
As our collective worships are now in the morning, pick up on Wednesdays will now be from school unless we inform you otherwise.



Our Chickens

Over the summer our chickens, Rose and Tulip, made their way to a new home. The hungry fox was showing just a little too much interest! They have moved to a lovely new home (just next

door with Hope!) and the news, hot off the press today, is that they have settled well and become part of a larger family group.



Maple Class



We have been so impressed with how beautifully Maple class children are settling in to life at St Mary's.

They have been taking everything in their stride, experimenting with new learning and making new friends as if they have been doing it for weeks.

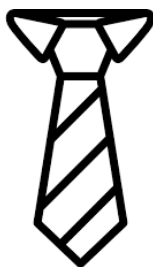
Their Year 6 buddies have also been amazing role models to the children, showing them different games at playtime and how to organise themselves in the lunch hall. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing about all of the exciting learning they get up to in their first term here!



Uniform

It's lovely to everyone looking so smart. If you are unsure of the uniform policy, a copy of it is on the school website.

As always, we have school ties available in the office (£3 each) and new for this year, we have embroidered badges (£5 each) that can be sewn or ironed on to navy cardigans or jumpers as required.



Dates for your diary

A full dates list will be sent out in next week's news letter but please see below for September and October

September

16th—Full Governing Body meeting at Chiddingly 6:00—8:00pm

18th—EYFS and KS1 Reading meeting at 2:45

25th—PTFA AGM at 2.45

26th—SEND Coffee morning at 9am

26th—Maple Forest School

30th—September Parent Forum 9am

October

2nd—Harvest Festival 9:00am

3rd—Cherry Forest School

4th—Willow Class trip

9th—Tempest Photography

10th—Lilac Forest school

15th—Awe and Wonder Day: British Value theme

17th—Willow Forest school

19th—St Mary's open morning 10—12noon

22nd—Full Governing Body meeting at East Hoathly 6:00—8:00pm

25th—Last day of Term 1



New AstroTurf

We are so pleased with the new Astro-Turf that now surrounds the play-ground! Please can you remind your children not to slide down it as we would hate to have any injuries; damage to their clothing or to the Astro itself. Thank you for your support.



Individual photos

There has been a change in date for individual photos with Tempest Photography.

These will now be on **Wednesday 9th October.**

If you would like to have your child's photos taken with a sibling, not currently at St Mary's, please come to the school hall at 8:30am on **9th October.**



Federation Governor News

We are pleased to share with you that Lucy Wicks is our new Parent Pioneer Governor.

Heidi Twort will be staying as an associate governor and we would like to thank her for all her support as part of the governing body.



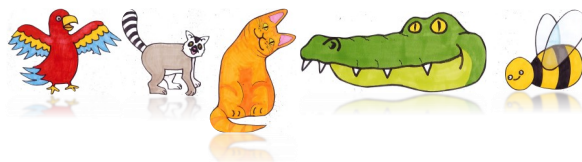
Friday Celebration Assembly

We now have our assemblies at 9:25am and would love to invite you to join us each Friday for our celebration assembly in the hall.

Each week, this is our time to come together as a school and celebrate our achievements both in and out of school. Look forward to seeing you there!



Learner of the Week!



On **Friday 20th September** in our celebration assembly at 9.25am the following children will be celebrating their achievements. Please come along if you are free.

Maple – the whole class

Cherry – Isla

Willow – Ella

Lilac—Callum