

# St Mary's News

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## Welcome Back

I hope everybody had a good half term holiday and is well rested for our new Term; the first half of the year went so quickly!

## Building Work

I hope everyone likes the new playground entrance; it's just about finished now. There are a few more plants to go in that should have been put in during the holiday, but they were frozen in the ground in France! Hopefully they should be here soon.

I'd like to say a really big thank you to Ian Kitson, who designed the new entrance for us and the Rose Foundation, who gave us £8,000 towards the cost of all this work.

It was really pleasing to draw on local people to do this project: Ian is an internationally renowned landscape architect (you may have seen him on 'Gardeners' World' a few months ago!) who helped re-design our main playground over ten years ago (you may recognise his trademark curves in the new entrance as well as the main playground!) and the Rose Foundation are also a local charity who support small building projects.



As part of the playground entrance we also made some improvements to the Foundation Stage outdoor space by replacing the chalkboard at the back of the stage in their playground and adding some new ones. The view as you come into school is now much better from the entrance and also from the Foundation Stage playground.

We also had our hall floor sanded and re-sealed, so the mahogany parquet is back to its best after the water dam-

age in the summer. With the new folding screens that the Friends' Association paid for the hall is now looking 'loved' again!

## School Lunches

Please note that school lunches are £54 for this term, preferably paid in advance, please.

## Valentine's Tea

Thank you to the Friends' Association for organising this - it was a real success. And well done to Cara, who won the 'design a placemat' competition.

## What's On This Week

- Friday: Year 1 and Year 2 to the library
- Friday: F2 class assembly
- Next week is BOOK WEEK

## School Dates

- Monday, 27th February: start of Book Week
- Monday, 12th March: start of Maths Week
- Thursday, 29th March: Church Service in school (9.30)
- Friday, 30th March: Last day of Term 4—please collect children from classes at 1.15
- Monday, 16th April: first day of Term 5



Welcome to Term 4



Peter Hadford