

St Mary's News



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Money Advice

There will be some Money Advice Leaflets in your child's book bag this week; we hope they will be useful. Please let Mrs Leith know if you would be interested in someone giving a talk on this subject in September.

Breakfast Club

If you're thinking about doing some training or starting a new job in September, please remember that we have a very successful Breakfast Club that runs from 8.00 am each morning. If you are interested, please come into school at the start of the day and see either Lesley Baillie or Cathy Watson to find out more.

Friday

It's the last day of term on Friday; I can't believe how quickly this year has passed.

We usually have the last day of term as a non-uniform day, and this Friday is no exception. If your child wants to wear their own clothes on Friday, please send them to

school with a £1 donation.

School closes at 1.15 on Friday. Please collect the children from class at 1.15 and have a great holiday!

The children come back on **THURSDAY, 6th** September.

Facebook

In the course of a lesson in one of our youngest junior classes, we discovered that at least 9 of the children claimed to be using Facebook. At least one of these children said that his parents did not know this.

This is a difficult area; social media, such as Facebook, seem to be the preferred choice for communication between young people. However, it does need to be drawn to parents' attention that the minimum age for someone to sign up to Facebook is 13 years of age.

If your child is using Facebook with your consent, please check that security settings are high and make

sure you know who your child's 'friends' are and what they are saying to each other. If you don't think your child is using Facebook, have an open conversation with him/her and find out for sure. If you don't know, you can't monitor and so you cannot ensure they are being kept safe from inappropriate content, inappropriate people and issues such as cyber bullying.

The very fact Facebook is for young people over 13 years old means that your 7 or 8 year old, for example, is in an environment that is designed for older people and most of the users are therefore, by definition, much older than your child is.

If you need some advice, talk to Mrs Leith and she can point you towards the right help.

Raffle

We still have an unclaimed raffle ticket prize:

04391 (*Hamper*)

Olympic Tickets

The school was given a small allocation of tickets for the

Please collect children
at **1.15** on Friday



Peter Hadfield

Olympic Weightlifting and over this last term staff have been noting those children who have displayed the Olympic values of:

- respect - fair play; knowing one's own limits; and taking care of one's health and the environment
- excellence - how to give the best of oneself, on the field of play or in life; taking part; and progressing according to one's own objectives
- friendship - how, through sport, to understand each other despite any differences.

Mr Carroll then drew the 'winners' from these children. We hope they enjoy their Olympic experience!

It's also been very heartening to note just how many of our children **DO** display those values on a day-to-day basis. We're very proud of all of them.

Summer Building Work

We've got some building work over the summer holiday. The children's toilets upstairs, outside Year 5 and Year 6, are being refurbished along with the floor of the upstairs corridor and the stairs down to the ground floor. This should all be finished during the holiday closure.

This Week

- Monday: Year 1 and Year 2 singing at the Regent's Hall
- Wednesday: Year 4 and Year 5 singing at the Regent's Hall
- Thursday: F2 to the library
- Friday: Year 3 and Year 4 to the library
- Friday: Last day of term (and first day of Ramadan!) - please collect the children from classes at 1.15
- Friday: It's also a non-uniform day. £1 donation please.

Some photos from Year 3's 'Victorian Day' are below.



School Dates

- **Friday, 20th July: LAST DAY OF TERM 6.**
Please collect children at 1.15
- **THURSDAY, 6th September: FIRST DAY OF TERM 1**