

# St Mary's News

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## School Meals Meeting

We have arranged a meeting on **Wednesday** at **2.30** in our **school hall**. There will be representatives from Chartwell's (the school meals contractor) and Westminster (who are responsible for monitoring the contract) at the meeting. They will be updating us on the current situation regarding school meals, but are also there to answer questions from parents. I would encourage as many parents as possible to come to this meeting - this is **your** chance to question the people with overall responsibility for school meals about what went wrong last month and the more parents who attend the more powerful the message we are sending them that this not 'yesterday's news' but is still a real issue for our families.

## School Uniform

It's probably tempting fate, but the worst weather seems to be behind us now. The children should be moving into Summer Uniform over the next week or two. Just a reminder that this means short-sleeved, white polo shirts (no ties) with grey trousers and dark shoes (girls can also choose to wear the mid-blue, checked, summer dresses).

Just a reminder, too, that sweat-shirts are still a compulsory part of our summer uniform.

## Playground Planters

Over the holiday we had another

five brick planters built along the southern edge of the playground to continue the work that was done at the playground entrance.



The idea was to increase the amount of planting in the playground, improve the environment, soften the fence (which is a little brutal!) and also provide some informal 'seating' for the children. They have been planted with more silver birch trees and also climbers that will spread along the fence in time.

I'd like to thank Ian Kitson, a local landscape architect, for designing and supervising this work. Ian was also responsible for the work at the playground entrance and, in 2001, the major landscaping that was done in the main playground.

## Parent View

I'd just to flag up again that the government has a website called 'Parent View' where parents can register and complete a questionnaire about the school. I would encourage all parents to register and record their views. OFSTED no longer have time to issue and collate a parent questionnaire when they inspect schools, but rely to some extent on the views expressed on this website. Whether you have positive things to say about the school or less positive views, please use this website to express those views.

We would also hope that, if you think there are things we could be doing better, you feel able to tell us directly.

There is a link from our school website, but it is also below:

[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

## What's On This Week

- Wednesday: Year 1 and Year 2 to the library
- Wednesday: Meeting for parents about school lunches (2.30 in the school hall)

## School Dates

- Wednesday, 24th April: Art Exhibition
- Thursday, 2nd May: Class Photographs
- Monday, 6th May: Bank Holiday
- Week of 13th May: Year 6 SATs Week
- Thursday, 23rd May: Church Service at 9.30 (in church)
- Friday, 24th May: Last day of Term 5 (please collect children at 1.15)
- **TUESDAY**, 4th June: First day of Term 6

**Meeting for all parents  
on Wednesday at 2.30**



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