St Mary's New

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Parent and Teacher Meetings

We are half way through the school year and so, this week, we are holding our parent and teacher meetings. This is an opportunity to review your child's progress so far this year and to discuss anything that may be concerning either you or us.

Most teachers, but not all, are holding these meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. You should already have received a letter asking you to book a time or sign up on the sign -up sheets outside some classes. If you haven't done this already, please look at what times are still available, or talk to the class teacher to find a suitable time.

End of Term

Friday is the last day of this Term (where has the time gone?) and also a non -uniform day. If your child is wearing his/her own clothes on Friday, please send them to school with a £1 donation.

The Friends Association are also holding a Valentine's Tea Party for the children from 1.15 on the Friday. You may have seen them selling tickets in the playground already and they will also sell tickets this week. Tickets are £1 and include sweet treats, juice and a fun time!

Please note that the children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please collect children from classes at **1.15 on Friday**, whether they are going to the Valentine's Tea Party, or not.

Speaking and Listening

Good speaking and listening is essential for good learning. Would you like to know how best to support your child with speaking and listening at home? Our Speech and Language Therapist, Natacha Davies, will be talking about this on **Thursday**, **7th March at 9.05 am** in our school hall. Please join us - everybody is welcome. Put the date in your diary now.

Headship Vacancy

The advert for my replacement (yes, it does feel peculiar writing that!) went live on the Times Educational Supplement website last Friday (I believe). It will be advertised on the Westminster website this week.

If you are interested to see the documents, they are all on our school website and you're welcome to have a look. The school council's person specification is particularly interesting and shows just how amazing and perceptive our children are. If you want to take a look go

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to our website at:

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and click on the 'Job Vacancies' tab.

While you're browsing our website, take a look around the rest of it too. There's lots of information there for you and if there's something you'd like that isn't there, tell us!

Building Work

We've got some more building work over the school holiday, though you probably won't notice it! The school kitchen's are being refurbished: all of the tiling will be replaced and a fresh lick of paint applied to everything else.

ICT

I mentioned last week that our school network failed mid-week. The failure was pretty catastrophic, in network term, and all of our file back-up were also corrupted.

We're almost back to something that looks like 'normal' but there are still some things that aren't working properly or, indeed, working at all. One of these things is access to our system that allows us to email everybody. Hopefully we can sort this out over the week, but apologies if you normally receive this newsletter by email.

What's On

- Tuesday: Year 1 'Frozen Planet' Day
- Tuesday: is also
 Shrove Tuesday
 don't forget
 the pancakes!
- Wednesday:
 Year 5 and Year
 6 to the library
 - Wednesday: Nick McIvor working with Year 6 mathematicians
 - Thursday: Church Service at St Mary's Church: 9.30 am, Years 1 to 6. Parents welcome Friday: last day of Term - nonuniform day (£1, please) and Friends' Valentine's Tea after school.
 - Friday: Please collect all children from classes at 1.15.
 - Monday, February 25th: First day of Term 4.



Happy New Year to anyone who was celebrating over the weekend

<u>School Dates</u>

- Wednesday and Thursday, 13th and 14th February: Parent and Teacher meetings.
- Friday, 15th February: Last day of Term 3, Valentine's Tea Party and Non-Uniform day.
- Monday: 25th February: First day of Term 4.