

# St Mary's News



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## Attendance

We gave out attendance certificates in assembly on Friday to the children who managed 100% attendance for the two Autumn Terms. We managed to miss some children, so we'll put that right this week, but altogether 38 children managed 100% attendance at a time when there was lots of sickness in the school; both children and adults.

We also awarded the class attendance cup which goes to the class with the best attendance for that period. On Friday it was awarded to **Year 2** who had **96.2%** attendance for the Autumn.

The percentages for the other KS1 and KS2 classes are below.

1. Year 2: **96.2%**
2. Year 5: **95.9%**
3. Year 3: **95.6%**
4. Year 4: **95.3%**
5. Year 6: **95.0%**
6. Year 1: **93.7%**

## School Lunches

For information, the cost of a school lunch is £53.65 for this Term.

## Christmas Fair

The total profit from the Christmas Fair stands at £1125. Thank you to everybody who made the Fair such good fun and special thanks to Trine Maaetoft.



Trine was the Chair of the Friends Association until Christmas when she and her family moved to Denmark.

## Photographs of Children

I just wanted to remind parents of our policy on taking photographs of children. We

take photos in school all of the time for many reasons. These photos are used within school and may also find themselves in Newsletters or on our website. When children start school you will have been asked to give your permission for photos to be used in this way. Photos that go into newsletters or on our website are carefully chosen and the children in the photographs are not identified.

We have a 'Safe Use of Images' policy that gives more detail and this is available from our website if you are interested.

I would also like to remind parents that, if they have taken photos at a school event (an assembly, for example) they should not post those photos online.

## Mobile Devices and Fire Hazards

I would just like to bring to your attention the dangers associated with mobile 'phone chargers, etc. There was an incident that made the newspapers in December about a youngster who was woken when

**Well done Year 2!  
Brilliant!**



*Peter Hadfield*

his bed caught fire. The fire was caused by a mobile 'phone charger at the foot of his bed. Apparently, it is not uncommon for chargers to cause fires. A link to the article in the Daily Telegraph is below.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/blackberry/9722046/Boy-burned-as-BlackBerry-phone-bursts-into-flames.html>

I guess the point is to be very careful about where and when your children charge their mobile 'phones and other devices. It's also worth getting into the habit of switching chargers off when they aren't being used. Mobile 'phone chargers use power even when they are not charging a 'phone.

## Helping Your Child With Literacy

Sian Rickett, Cara Bazley, Paulette Williams and Sheelagh Leith are running some workshops for parents of children in F1 and F2. Parents of children in these classes will get more details closer to the dates but we just wanted to flag up the dates:

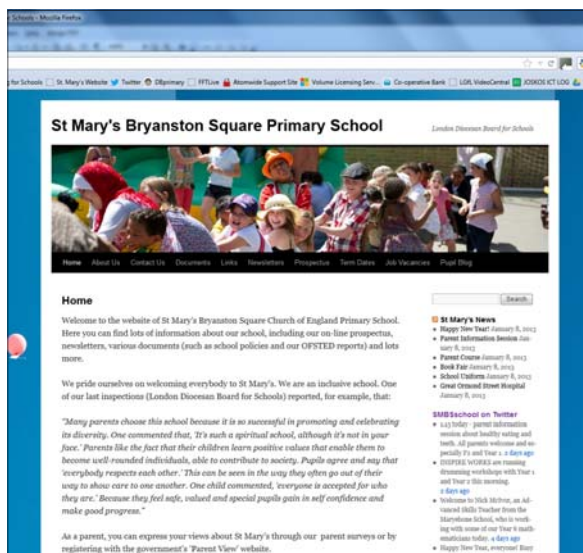
- **F2: Thursday, January 24th at 9.00 and 3.15**
- **F1: Tuesday, January 29th at 9.00.**

I think parents will find them really interesting, so please put the dates in your diary and watch out for a separate notice about this.

## School Website

You may remember that we up-

dated our school website a few months ago. It was largely the format that changed and the content was copied over.



The school governors are reviewing and updating our school prospectus at the moment and this seems a good time to ask you whether the website has everything you need to know (or too much!) and if there are any suggestions you would like to make.

If you do have any ideas or observations, please email me at [head@bryanston.net](mailto:head@bryanston.net).

The website can be reached via [www.bryanston.net](http://www.bryanston.net), or you can get there directly by putting [www.stmarys.bryanston.net](http://www.stmarys.bryanston.net) into the address bar of your browser. If you have been there before, you may need to refresh your browser when you get to the site.

Remember, also, that we have a Twitter feed on this website as well as a feed from our 'St Mary's News' blog so there's LOTS of information

there - both historical (Newsletters from 2001!) and up-to-the-minute via Twitter.

## This Week

- **Tuesday:** Closing date for Reception class (2013/14) admissions
- **Tuesday and Wednesday:** Year 5 and Year 6 Poetry Quest (King Place)
- **Wednesday:** Year 5 and Year 6 football tournament
- **Wednesday:** Year 3 and Year 4 to the library
- **Wednesday:** Nick McIvor working with Year 6 mathematicians
- **Thursday:** F2 to the library
- **Thursday:** Year 3 and Year 5 swimming day
- **Friday:** Y2 assembly at 2.30

## School Dates

- **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February:** Parent and Teacher Progress Meetings
- **Thursday 14th February:** Church Service at 9.30.
- **Friday, 15th February:** **Last day of Term 3.** Please collect children from classes at **1.15**
- **Monday, 25th February:** **First day of Term 4**