



St Mary's
Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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World Book Day 2020

World Book Day 2020 takes place on **Thursday 5th March**. Please start thinking about that **book character costume!**

In **Y3 & Y4** the children are invited to take part in a **Bedtime Stories' theme**.

The children are invited to come dressed in their **pyjamas and dressing gowns!**

They will also need to bring with them their **favourite bedtime story** to share with

the rest of the class and a small teddy if they have one. As part of their bedtime story outfit, please ensure that the children wear their usual school shoes as they will still be going outside for break and lunchtime.

Children may also need to wear a layer of clothes underneath their pyjamas to keep them nice and warm when they go outside



In celebration of World Book Day, on **Friday 6th March** pupils will be visited by the **award-winning children's author Harriet Goodwin**, who will be speaking about her novels and the process of creative writing.

The Boy Who Fell Down Exit 43 was shortlisted for a total of thirteen awards, including the Blue Peter Book Award; one of only three titles in the "Book I Couldn't Put Down" category. It is a fantasy-adventure. Harriet's second novel, *Gravenhunger*, is a ghost story and was shortlisted for nine national awards. *The Hex Factor* and its sequel, *Dark Tide*, are Harriet's third and fourth novels.

The experience of listening to a good author is invaluable and can inspire the most reluctant of readers and writers. We are delighted that Harriet will be speaking to our pupils about her books, the process of writing, and her journey to publication.

All pupils will have the opportunity to purchase a copy of any of the books on the day of the visit and Harriet will sign them after her talk. Please look out for the letter with the order form attached!

EYFS & KS1 Film Night

On **Tuesday 17th March**, **EYFS and KS1** are invited to enjoy a **Film Night**. Staff felt that the children would much prefer a film night to a disco.



Parent Consultation Meetings Spring 2020

Parent consultation meetings this term took place on the **12th and 13th February 2020**. If you were unable to make an appointment before half term, please arrange a mutually convenient time over the next few weeks! Thank you!



Sing Up Concert Dates



Please note the following dates in your diary as they have changed from those originally published:

Thursday 12th March: Sing Up Parents' Concert Years 1 and 2

Friday 13th March: Sing Up Parents' Concert Years 3 and 4.

Electric Scooter

Electric scooters are powered partly by a battery motor and is therefore classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicle (PLEV) by the Department for Transport (DfT), making it illegal to use on UK roads and pavements. Please do not bring electric scooters on site or store them in our bike shelter. Thank you!



School Spider App



Please remember to download the school spider app. It is a vital app for you as parents and a key way that school will communicate with you. Without downloading the app, as parents you will not be receiving the information you need! As we continue to reduce paper and increase our electronic communication with you, this is a vital app to download. If you have any difficulty, please come and speak to a member of our admin team who will be happy to help you get set up. Thank you!

Reward System

Class Dojo. The reward system encourages positive behaviour in school. Children can earn Dojo points by demonstrating positive behaviour such as helping others, working hard, being kind to others and making good progress during lessons.

However, children can also lose Dojo points for breaking the school rules, including being disrespectful, being off task or hurting others etc. The KS2 pilot has proved really successful and effective with the children.

As part of this system, Parents/carers can access the details of their child's Dojo account through the Class Dojo website www.classdojo.com or the Class Dojo app for their mobile phone or tablet. Once parents are signed up, they are able to monitor the points that have been earned or lost each day so you can track your child's behaviour whilst they are at school.

Please ensure we have an email address for you, so you can join in!



Term Dates 2019 2020

Please do not Google St Mary's Crewe to find our term dates. By doing this you may open a link to an external website which is incorrect. Please make sure you are viewing our website and check the dates below for accuracy. Thank you!

	School Closes	School re-opens
Easter 2020	Thursday 9 th April	Monday 27 th April
May Day	Friday 8 th May (changed in June 2019)	
Summer Half Term	Friday 22 nd May	Monday 1 st June
Summer 2020	Friday 17 th July	

Good Friday 10th April 2020 Easter Monday 13th April 2020 May Day 8th May 2020

Remaining INSET days: 20th & 21st July 2020

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	School Closes	School re-opens
Summer 2020		Thursday 3rd September 2020
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 rd October	Monday 2 nd November
Christmas 2020	Thursday 17 th December	Tuesday 5 th January
Spring Half Term	Friday 12 th February	Monday 22 nd February
Easter 2021	Thursday 1 st April	Monday 19 th April
May Day	Monday 3 rd May	
Summer Half Term	Friday 28 th May	Monday 7 th June
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 th July 2021	

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5 INSET DAYS: 1st & 2nd September 2020, 18th December 2020, 4th January 2021, 21st July 2021

March	
2 nd	Test Week
5 th	World Book Day - all pupils to dress as book character
6 th - 15 th	Science Week – all classes
12 th	Sing Up – Parent concert
13 th	Sing Up – Parent concert
17 th	EYFS & KS1 Film Night
20 th	Zoo Lab YR
23 rd	Booster final week
April	
1 st	Y4 Residential
3 rd	Class 6 Parent Assembly 9.10 KS1 Hall Y4 Return from Residential
6 th	Holy Week
9 th	School Closes for Easter Break
May	
4 th	Pupils + staff in school – as Bank Holiday re scheduled
8 th	Bank Holiday – VE Day celebrations
11 th	SATs Week
15 th	Class 5 Parent Assembly 9.10am KS1 Hall
20 th	Y1 Sports day 9.15am

21st	Y2 Sports day 9.15am
22nd	School closes for Whitsun Break
June	
8 th	KS1 Phonics Test Week
10 th	Welcome to St Mary's – YR Parents for September
15 th	Reception Sports 9:15am Nursery Sports 2pm
22 nd	Town Sports
25 th	Town Sports
26 th	Y5 Retreat Day STM
July	
1 st	Crewe Y6 Transition Day 1
2 nd	Crewe Schools Transition Day 2 Welcome to St Mary's – Nursery Parents for September
3 rd	Class 4 Parent Assembly 9.10 am KS1 Hall
3 rd	Y4 Sports 9.15am Y3 Sports 2.00pm
6 th	Newsletter – final one
10 th	Reports to Parents
13 th	Y3 Y4 celebration am
14 th	Meet new teacher Open Afternoon Y6 Tie & Tiara Event
15 th	Y1 Y2 Celebration am YN YR Celebration pm
16 th	Y5 Y6 Celebration am
17 th	Y6 Leavers Mass 9.30am School Closes for Summer break
20 th	INSET DAY 4
21 st	INSET DAY 5

