

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursey, Southam | March 5<sup>th</sup> 2021



## FROM THE HEAD



We're looking forward to seeing you all in school again on Monday!

Dear Parents and Carers,  
We're really looking forward to having a full school again next week. Please do familiarise yourself with the new routines we sent yesterday (see links opposite).

I do need to reiterate that children must be dropped by you directly to their class or sibling arrival point – and all children are properly escorted to Before and After School Club for signing in – please do not drop them from the kerb and please leave our gates clear of vehicles. Key Stage 2 children can walk themselves into the playground from the green gate which is opened 10 minutes before school starts at 8:45.

Mrs Price

Please see our back to school information sent to parents yesterday and on our website:

- [Helping Keep Children Safe Poster](#)
- [March 8th Risk Assessment](#)
- [Back to School Letter to Parents](#)

New Class Support:

- **Little Robins (Nursery):** Mrs Hilditch and Miss Lyons
- **Big Robins (Reception):** Miss Maclean and Mrs Crowley
- **Goldfinches (KS1):** Year 1 and 2 remain unchanged Mrs Whiteford (Mon-Wed) Mrs Hawley (Thurs-Fri) supported by Mrs Reeves as TA
- **Kingfishers (KS2):** Miss Righton is supported by Mrs Toon as TA and our students Miss Dymond and Mrs Nelson
- **Skylarks (KS2):** Year 5 and 6 remain unchanged with Ms McAloon and Mrs Hopkins sharing teaching

Siblings Sorted:

As we've had a few questions, we wanted to clarify sibling procedures: We will continue to request Robins are collected and dropped off in person. All other class siblings are matched and brought either to the front door (if the eldest child is a Goldfinch) or the Key Stage 2 playground. There is no need to wait the full 15 minutes before advertised opening and closing times; the natural staggering this brings helps ease congestion on site.

## DIARY DATES

Monday, 8 March

### BACK TO SCHOOL!

We're so excited to see (and hear!) you all back at school. Face-to-face Music lessons will also resume on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, 10 March

### World Book Day

Dress up as your favourite character in a book, poem or play. You can bring the matching book too.

We will be organising a socially distanced parade outside (weather permitting) so all the children can see how great each other look. We'll share the pictures on Google Classrooms.

March 8-12

### British Science Week

Fun science themed activities

Sunday, March 14

### Mother's Day & Clocks Forward

Wednesday, March 17

### St Patrick's Day

Wear green, a shamrock or the flag

Friday, March 19

### Comic Relief

**Teacher:** Give me a sentence beginning with "I".

**Student:** I is....

**Teacher:** Stop there, you need to begin with "I am".

**Student:** Okay...I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.

Get your thinking caps on for brilliant jokes. We'll be organising a St Mary's Joke Book for Comic Relief.

Friday, April 23

### St George's Day

Wear red or the George Cross flag

### PLEASE NOTE:

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
More dates and details online at:

<https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>

## FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear parents and guardians,

The governing body were pleased to have 4 applications for the role of head teacher for when Mrs Price retires at the end of the academic year. After short listing on Tuesday, the interview panel decided to invite 3 candidates to interview.

This process will take place over the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March and will involve 5 governors, the Diocesan deputy director and a Local Authority advisor.

Please keep the team and candidates in your prayers next week, praying for a good outcome.

Also, I hope the return to school goes smoothly and that we can return to a more normal life in school (and at home) I know Mrs Price and the staff have prepared everything to ensure all are kept safe and happy and are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming the children back.

Mrs Scull