

St Mary's Community Primary School

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Welcome back. We hope that you all had a restful half term break and that the children are refreshed and ready for one of our busiest half terms!

This week we have welcomed lots of new faces to St. Mary's; Mrs Short, our new Year 4 teacher and Mrs Butler who is currently working in Year 5. We also welcome George (Y4) and Sophie (Y1). I am sure you will all join us in making them feel at home.

Our first week back has been an incredibly busy one. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at Parents' Evening appointments this week. Thank you to those of you who completed a Parents' Questionnaire. If you did not have the chance to complete a questionnaire and would like to, please contact the office and we will send one home. Your views and feedback are very important to us.

Unfortunately, Mrs Roberts was unwell this week and we have, therefore, had to postpone the Reception Parents' Evenings. Once she returns to school, we will contact you all to rearrange appointments.

KS2 Cross Country: On Thursday Mrs Kempson, braved a day of torrential rain, and took 24 Key Stage 2 children to a Cross Country Event at Langley School. The event was attended by a number of schools from across Norfolk. Results are still being totalled up, but we can say a huge well done to Charlie (Year 4) and Amelia (Year 5) for coming 10th in their year group races. A huge thank you to Mrs Hensby and Mrs Sarll for standing so patiently, for 4 hours, in the rain to help Mrs Kempson at this event. All the children were fantastic despite the horrendous weather. Congratulations to Eva (Year 4) for receiving the Determination Award.

Year 5 and 6 trip to Gressenhall: On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 visited Gressenhall Museum to take part in a World War 1 activity day. The children had a fantastic day and were very lucky to learn so much that supports their current topic. Photos will be uploaded to our Facebook page shortly. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Nutt for helping on the trip.

Poppy Appeal: In aid of the Royal British Legion, Year 6 will be selling poppies and other items, on the playground from 8.40am to 8.50am each morning next week (whilst stocks last). Most items are 50p or £1.



Reception Phonics meeting: We have sent home a letter today and will be postponing this meeting until Wednesday 14 November.

Bring it in Day: Next Friday, 9 November, we will be having our second Bring it in Day. Please can the children bring in sweets in exchange for wearing their own clothes. These sweets will be used on our Sweet Tombola at the Christmas Farye.



New IT equipment

Details have been sent home this week (a copy of which is attached to this Newsletter). Please, please vote for us and get family and friends to vote too! At present, we have 1227 votes, but we are sure we can get lots more!

We hope you all enjoy a happy and safe Bonfire weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs J Balado

Letters sent home this week:

- Y1, Y2, Y5 Y6 - Letter regarding the new term (via email)
- KS2 - JD Coaching form
- All - Bonfire meal (by letter and email)
- Youngest - Aviva Community Fund
- Reception - Phonic meeting

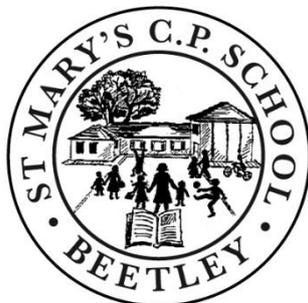
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STAR, DIAMOND AND ANGEL OF THE WEEK

	STAR: Great progress 	DIAMOND: Great effort 	ANGEL: Excellent behaviour 	WRITER 
Year 1	Jayden	Clover	Sophia	Keira
Year 2	Ricky	Grace	Cameron B	Noah
Year 3	Oakley	Sienna	Chloe	Charlie G
Year 4	Ella	George	Brightmer	Charlie
Year 5	Oscar	Euan	All of Year 5	Isobel
Year 6	George	Asher	BB	Poppi

Dates for your diary (new/amended items are in bold and italics)

Tuesday 6 November	Reception 2019 prospective children visit
Thursday 8 November	KS2 Girls Football (16 children)
Friday 9 November	Bring it in day - Bring in sweets and wear your own clothes
Friday 9 November	Year 1 Phonics meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 November	Reception Phonics meeting 9am
Friday 16 November	Open Morning - join us in the hall from 9am and then visit your child's class
Friday 16 November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Monday 19 November	Year 6 to Hilltop
Monday 26 November	Scholastic Book Fair (details to follow)
Tuesday 27 November	Scholastic Book Fair (details to follow)
Wednesday 28 November	Year 6 performing at Norwich Cathedral
Friday 30 November	Decorations morning (details to follow)
Monday 3 December	Christmas post box out
Monday 3 December	Flu immunisations
Monday 3 December	KS2 Swimming Gala (details to follow)
Tuesday 4 December	Year 6 Height & Weight checks
Thursday 6 December	Buy a gift (details to follow)
Friday 7 December	Buy a gift (details to follow)
Monday 10 December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Tuesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Tuesday 11 December	Choir to Woodstock and Bilney Hall (details to follow)
Thursday 13 December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 13 December	Carol concert at Gressenhall Church 6.30pm (details to follow)
Friday 14 December	Christingle service (children only)
Friday 14 December	Bring it in day - Bring in cakes (KS1) / gifts (KS2) & wear your own clothes
Friday 14 December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 17 December	Party day
Tuesday 18 December	Last day of term
Wednesday 19 December - Wednesday 2 January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Thursday 3 January	Back to school



The PTA and our school need your help!!!

You may have seen on Facebook that the PTA have signed up for the **Aviva Community Fund** in the hope of receiving £5,000 towards new IT equipment. Many of you will be aware that our current netbooks are not fit for purpose and we are in desperate need of updating them. We really hope that, with the PTA's help, this may be possible.

How it works:

All you need to do is ...

1. Google **Aviva Community Fund**.
2. Register your details (an email address is needed)
3. Verify your account via the email they send
4. In the *Search project titles or organisations* field type in **Beetley**
5. Click on **St. Mary's CP School - New IT Equipment**
6. Give us your 10 votes!!

Please, please get ALL your family and friends to register and give us their votes; grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings (13 plus), family friends. Every vote will count towards us standing a chance of receiving this funding and enable your children to enjoy and embrace their IT lessons.





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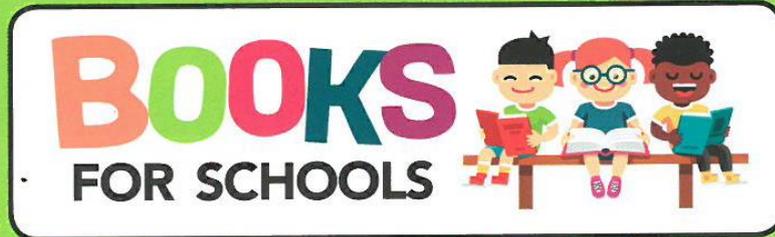
Monday to Friday 8am - 8pm

Saturday 4pm - 8pm

Sunday 8am - 12 noon



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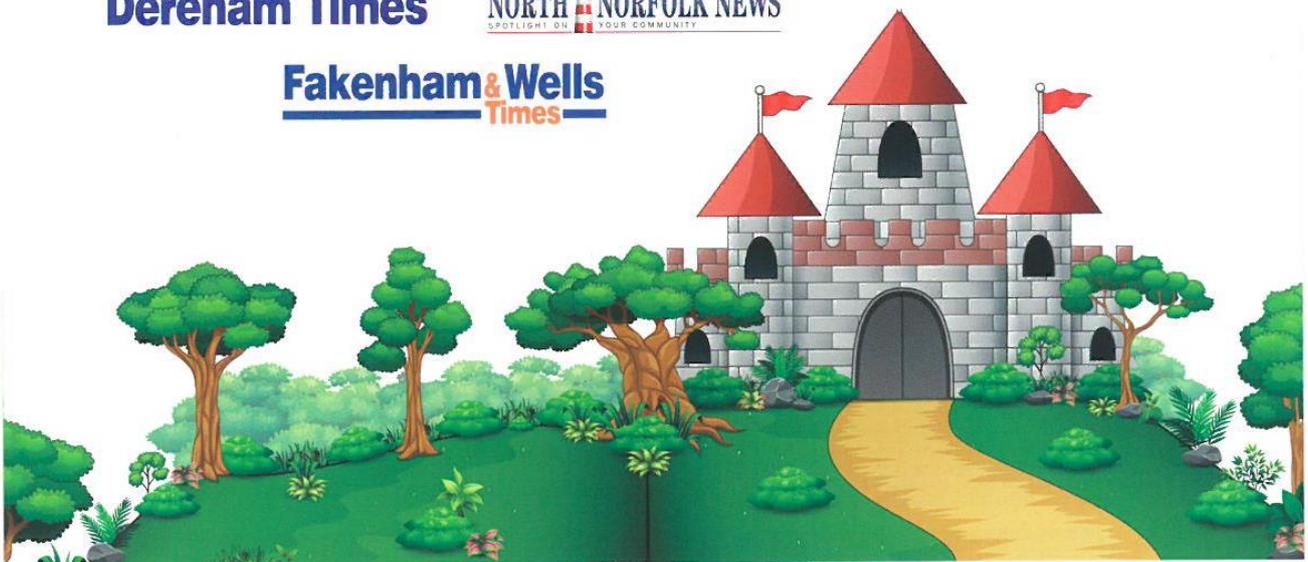
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