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Upcoming Events

March 4

World Book Day

March 8

EVERYONE back to school

March 19

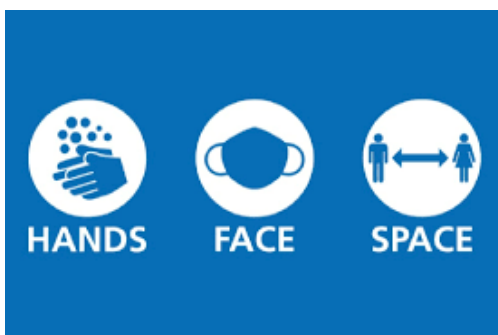
Red Nose Day

Not long now until we can open the doors of the school to everyone again.

We are so looking forward to getting everyone back to school from Monday 8th March and hopefully we can all work together as we have done throughout the last year, to make sure that we are all moving forward in a positive way.

As I have said repeatedly, thank you so much, for all of your continued support and hard work. You have been a great support to us over the weeks and months.

Re-opening the school – MARCH 8th 2021



routine. We know that this will be a really positive thing for everyone.

You will have received a letter this week to let you know about the organization for re-opening the school on Monday March 8th. The systems that we had in place in September will continue and we know that the children will soon get back into the school

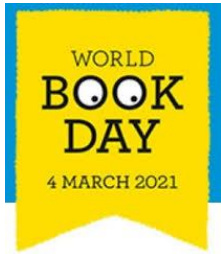
Important Announcement

For anyone who needs to continue to use the out of hours provision, please make sure that you now book through ParentPay, **7 days in advance**. For urgent bookings within 7 days, please continue to phone the office and confirm that we have space available before paying on ParentPay and completing a booking form.

Please remember that we currently don't have after school provision on a Thursday and Friday.

Thank you

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March



World Book Day is here again and this year it is on March 4th which is next Thursday. Even though we are still in lockdown we would like to celebrate this annual celebration of books and reading by having a special day as we would normally do in school.

Here are some suggestions for you to do on the day...

1. We always like to **dress up as book characters** and we would like to invite you to do this again this year, whether you are at home or at school. Why not dress up as a character for your morning registration.
2. **MyOn** – you should all have access to the new online library called myOn which has such a wide range of books for all ages. Why not have an explore if you haven't done so already and find a book to read on the day. When I login to myOn I can see that many of you have already been looking at the books available and lots of you have been reading all sorts of fiction and non-fiction books.
3. **Quiz number 1** - I will be posting a special picture quiz on the day based on the 'Where's Wally' books so look out for that on Google Classroom.
4. Mrs. Kay had a great idea for a **fun activity** too. She suggested turning a piece of fruit or a vegetable into your favourite book character. Why not have a go and then email a photo of your creation to our new home learning email address homelearning@stmarys-brixton.devon.sch.uk with the subject heading 'World Book Day'. (Please only use this email address to send specific work when we ask for it to be emailed in to school).
5. If you have a spare box, like an old shoe box for example, why not **create a scene** from your favourite story inside the box. We'd love to see these too so you can also send them to homelearning@stmarys-brixton.devon.sch.uk
6. **Quiz number 2** – 'Staff Book Case'. We will post a few pictures from the staff and all you have to do is look at the books in each picture and try and match them to the right member of staff. These pictures will be posted on Google Classroom on the day
7. Login to a google meet with me at 11.30am to **listen to a story**. I'll send the code on the day. We normally give out World Book Day vouchers on the day. This year you will be emailed a voucher which can be used towards a new book.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

More information will follow later but for now, put the date in the diary.

Assemblies

I have really enjoyed our online assemblies on a Friday afternoon and thank you to all of the children for logging in to take part. It is so important that we all engage with each other in the best ways that we can and feel that community spirit that is so evident at St. Mary's.

The final online Friday get together will be next Friday – 5th March.

Play Trail



You may have seen the photo posted on Google Classroom to show the improvements that have been made to the play trail on the school playground. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school and enjoying the new equipment.

MyOn



I have sent information to everyone about the new online reading library that we have in school called 'myOn'. Each child has a login to be able to access a wealth of books to support their reading progression. Please encourage your child to log in regularly and find books to add to their list and then they can access and read these books at any time.

Term Dates

To see the term dates for the rest of this academic year as well as for the next school year (2021-22), see the school website.

<https://stmarys-brixton.devon.sch.uk/parent-zone/calendar/>

Regards,

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Head of School