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Upcoming Events

April 1

Last day of the Spring Term.

April 19

Start of the Summer Term.

May 3

Bank Holiday

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.

After Easter we will again be able to offer the After School Club every day.

Thank you

Sphero Robots



We have some new technology in school and some of the children have already had the opportunity to explore what it can do. We have a set of Sphero robots in school which the children can use to develop their understanding of coding. So far, the KS2 children have experimented with them and have had a great time, already showing some amazing skills.

After School Club

During the lockdown period we have not been able to run the after school club as a full time club. Thank you for your patience with this and we are sorry if this has caused any inconvenience. From the start of the Summer Term, the after school club will be back to full strength and so booking will be able to be made 5 days a week. Please go through the normal booking procedures to secure your child's place for the new term.

Achieve4All clubs



In line with the Government guidelines, Achieve4All will be able to offer their after school clubs for Summer Term (1st Half) and **these are now live on the booking system and ready for booking**. Please note clubs will align to the bubbles that are in place during the school day, the details are as follows:

Day	Year Group and Activity	Start date	Cost
Wednesday	KS1 Sports Club – 6 sessions	21 st April	£19.50
Thursday	KS2 Football and Sports Club – 6 sessions	22 nd April	£19.50

You can book these sessions by going to www.achieve4all.co.uk, scrolling down and click on BOOK NOW and then you can sign in or, if new, register.

Parents Evenings –



Thank you for your attendance at our online parent evenings which we held last week. The attendance at these meetings has been very good and the feedback has been very positive, so thank you for that. There is always going to be the occasional technical issue but as a school we feel that these are a really good way to hold these meetings as they support people who may need join form work, or even those who cannot leave home for whatever reason.

Net Zero Heroes



Doing our part for the global environment is very important and something that everyone at St. Mary's is committed to. Last week I introduced the idea of becoming a 'Net Zero Hero' to the children in KS2.



The idea is all about how we can all reduce our carbon footprint and help to save the planet. Can we work towards being a Net Zero Hero? The children in KS2 all brought home an activity and information pack full of ideas and we would love to know that as many families as possible are going to look at ways that they could save energy.

South Dartmoor Community Energy have their own introduction video on YouTube called The Net Zero Heroes Project.

<https://youtu.be/-a3d93ojkgQ>

Once you have watched that, you may want to know what your household carbon footprint is?

To do this, log onto the Carbon Savvy online carbon footprint calculator and answer all of the questions.

www.carbonsavvy.uk/net-zero-heros/

See what you can do in the next few months to reduce your carbon footprint.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March



Thank you so much for all of your kind donations to Red Nose Day this year.

We managed to raise £175 for this important charity. Thank you to all of the children for taking part so positively too.

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. This will be an ideal resource to access during the Easter holiday.

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/>

Happy Easter

And finally..... we all want to wish you a very Happy Easter.

I have asked Rev Trevor Filtness to let me know when services will be held in the local churches over the Easter period, and he has kindly supplied the following information.

- St Mary's Brixton: 11 am (Rev Jane Lankester)
- St Bart's Yealmpton: 9.15am (Rev Kim)
- St Werburgh Wembury: 8am (Rev Alan)
- Holy Cross Newton Ferrers: 10am (Rev Alan)
- St Peter's Noss Mayo: 9.15am (Rev Trev)
- All Saints Holbeton: 11am (Rev Kim)

Due to Covid restrictions the churches would be grateful if you could let their Administrator Alison Hawes know that you will be there: 07710 836806 or churchesoffice@gmail.com



Regards,

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Head of School