

# Newsletter

*Hope, Belonging, Respect and Tolerance*



The end of this term is fast approaching us. It has been a very busy, productive and enjoyable term and your children have been working very hard.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. We had a really positive response with lots of you able to come along and talk to your child's teacher.

I would like to thank all of you for your involvement, and supporting the school, with the road closure on 25 March 2019. All staff worked extremely hard to ensure this was a successful day. Your comments were valuable; as you could see the impact of your children when crossing the road. Therefore, we would appreciate if you do not park near the school especially near the gates. This would really support everyone to enter the school safely.

We hope that the children have a lovely holiday and that you manage to get a break as parents and we wish you a good Easter if you celebrate it.

## **Gentle Reminder**

Don't get caught out this weekend – it's time to change the clocks again. The clocks go forward one hour on Sunday March 31, heralding in the lighter nights and better weather as spring gets well underway.

Nagindra Chungh - Principal

## **Easter Holidays**

The last day of school is Friday 5 April and children are due back on Tuesday 23 April.



## Road Closure

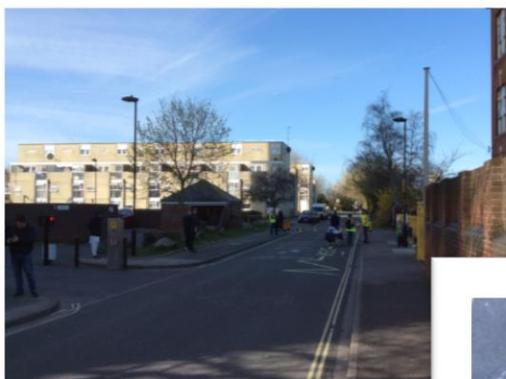
Wow, a massive thank you to the School Council and Junior Travel Ambassadors who worked closely with Sustrans to help make Monday's road closure such an amazing success.

At St Mary's we believe it is important for all our children to feel safe as they walk to school, but also for us to all look at little things we can do to help the environment. Parking just 5 minutes away from school has such a huge impact on the amount of air pollution around our school but also means that the roads are clear for the children to cross safely. This is why the road closure on Monday was something the School Council were passionate about making happen.

It was such an amazing day for the children, and it was lovely to see children being able to cross our road safely outside of school. Thank you to all the parents who managed to park further away from the school, we hope you can manage to continue this. Over 86% of our children managed to walk to school on Monday.

The afternoon was probably my favourite part of the day. It was a real delight seeing children being able to play on the streets and parents enjoying the time to talk to each other. I especially enjoyed watching the parents teaching their children how to skip. There was a really relaxed and happy community feel in the air, which all the volunteers commented on.

Thank you to everyone who gave feedback on the road closure, it was lovely to hear such positive responses from our parents and children. We will be looking at all the comments as we continue to consider more permanent solutions to help keep our children safe on their journey to school. We are looking forward to seeing a much clearer Ascupart Street with parents being more considerate of their parking in the future.



## Online Learning

Here at St Mary's school we are proud to be able to offer the children several different opportunities for on line learning at home. Below is a list of the different opportunities we provide:



Sumdog (Years 1-6)



Bug Club

Bug Club (All year groups)



Rock Stars (Years 1-6)

To log onto Times Table Rock Stars, you need to first type in the school name and a long list of schools will appear with the same name. To make it easier, just type in the school's postcode which is: **SO14 1LU**

## Staff News



Mrs Winters, our SENCO, and Mrs Pottival our Lunchtime Supervisor and Breakfast Club Assistant will be leaving us at Easter to start new posts. We are very sorry to see them go but I am sure you would like to join us in wishing them every success in their new roles.

We would like to welcome Miss Vavyla who will be joining us as a Nursery teacher in April.

## Year 3 Scooters

Year 3 have had a fantastic time learning scooter skills with Jenny from Sustrans. The children learnt all about using their scooters safely on the paths and practised scootering around different objects and stopping quickly. Scooters are such a great way for children to get around and get their daily exercise in, but we believe it is important that children are taught how to keep themselves safe on them. These sessions are a great way for them to get key skills and help them take responsibility for themselves on their journeys. We look forward to seeing more children scootering to school!



## Diary Dates for April/May

| Week Beginning | Date                           | Event   |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 April 2019   | 1 April 2019<br>5 April 2019   | Celebration Assembly<br>End of Term               |
| 22 April 2019  | 23 April 2019<br>26 April 2019 | Term starts<br>Newsletter                         |
| 29 April 2019  |                                | Clubs start                                       |
| 6 May 2019     | 6 May 2019<br>7 May 2019       | Bank Holiday – School closed<br>2M Class assembly |
| 13 May 2019    | 13 -16 May 2019<br>17 May 2019 | KS2 SATs<br>Newsletter                            |
| 20 May 2019    | 24 May 2019                    | INSET Day – School Closed                         |
| 27 May 2019    | 27 May – 31 May 2019           | Half term   |

## Dinner Money Payments

The cost of a school lunch is £2.25 each day. The cost for a week is £11.25. Please can you make payment for lunches in advance. If you have been advised of payment arrears please pay as soon as possible otherwise it may not be possible for your child to continue to have school lunches. It is very easy to pay for school lunches online and guidance on how to do this is available from the school office.



**Attention** all parents!

**ParentMail**

**Have you registered?**

It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages.

**You can:**

- ✓ Receive messages on your computer, tablet or mobile
- ✓ See all your messages in one handy, uncluttered feed
- ✓ Link to other schools or clubs that also use ParentMail
- ✓ Keep up to date with your school calendar
- ✓ Authorise trips or permissions online



**Registering is really easy...**

Ask your school office to send you a registration message