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Family Update – Friday 7th November

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope you all enjoyed a restful break and some precious family time. It has been a real joy to see the children return to school full of energy and enthusiasm, ready for the weeks ahead. As we settle into the second half of the autumn term, the changing colours of the trees and the crispness in the air remind us what a beautiful time of year this is.



Next week, we will be holding our Remembrance Collective Worship in school. This ties in strongly with our value of the half term, which is Forgiveness.

Remembrance is always a very special occasion and an opportunity to pause what we are doing and take time together to remember and give thanks for those who have served and sacrificed for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We look forward to sharing this meaningful moment with the children

and helping them understand the importance of remembrance in a way that feels both respectful and age-appropriate.

Anti-bullying Week

Power for Good – Odd Socks Day!

Next week, our school will be celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week**, a special time to remind us how important it is to be kind, respectful, and to stand up for one another. The aim of Anti-Bullying Week is to help everyone understand what bullying is, how it affects others, and how we can all play a part in making our school a happy, safe place for everyone.

This year's theme is **"Power for Good"**, encouraging every child to recognise the positive difference they can make through kind words and actions. To celebrate, children are invited to wear **odd socks on Monday 10th November**, it's a fun way to show that we're all unique and special in our own way!

Throughout the week, classes will be taking part in activities and discussions to think about how we can use our *power for good* to bring positive change and stand up against bullying. Together, we can make a big difference!



Maths Week

We are excited to announce that **Maths Week** will take place during the week beginning **Monday 17th November**! This year's theme is "**Money Matters**", and each class will take on a special enterprise challenge. Mrs. Marius-Beeko will give each class £20 to design, create, and sell a product at our Business Fair on Friday 21st November.

Throughout the week, children will use their maths skills to budget, price, and plan their projects, putting their learning into real-life practice. The class that makes the most profit after paying back their business loan, will win the Maths Week Trophy!

To celebrate the end of Maths Week, children are invited to come to school on **Friday 21st November, dressed in business attire** – perhaps as a shop owner, entrepreneur, or banker! We can't wait to see the children's creativity, teamwork, and money sense in action.

On this day, children are encouraged to wear a smart, business outfit to school and bring a maximum of £5 in cash to spend at the fair.

Parent Choir

As is now our tradition, we would like to invite parents to sing at our school Christmas service on **Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm**. The parent choir will perform at the start of the service, and we will sing a version of 'Carol of the Bells' in two parts (in the style of the band Pentatonix).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSUFzC6_fp8&list=RDWSUFzC6_fp8&start_radio=1

There will be two rehearsals:

- 1) Tuesday 2nd December at 2.15pm
- 2) Monday 15th December at 2.15pm

There will be a brief opportunity to warm up our voices and run through the song before the service.

All parents are invited to join and you do not need to be able to read music to take part. We ask that all parents taking part attend at least one rehearsal.



Please sign up, using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BjDSNjTi4SQ22FQFT1iqf3f2wDvjdhFyY8eFMSnQSE0/edit>

Attendance

Well done to Year 3, our attendance winners this week.

Congratulations, Year 3!

Class	Attendance figures
Nursery	94.4%
Reception	95.8%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5 /6	96.9%

Dates for Diaries

Due to the restrictions that affect the use of the building, we have had to postpone some events and make alterations to others.

Important events for the remainder of the academic year. All of these dates are also on our school website calendar here: <https://www.stmbs.org.uk/diary/grid/2024/09/>

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
10 th -14 th Nov		Anti-Bullying Week	All year groups
17 th -21 st Nov		Maths Week This will include a business fair on Friday 21 st November where children can come dressed in business attire.	Business Fair 21 st November 2.15pm -3.15pm. Parents can purchase items from 3.30pm -3.45pm.
Wed 19 th Nov	All day	Individual and sibling photos	All children need to wear full school uniform on this day (no PE kits).
Wed 19 th Nov	6pm	Choir (and additional children from Years 3-6) singing at the official Christmas Tree Lighting outside St Mary's Church.	All members of our school community are welcome to come and watch the festivities.
Mon 24 th Nov	2.30pm - 6pm	Parent Teacher Meetings	Nursery to Year 2
Tues 25 th Nov	2.30pm - 6pm	Parent Teacher Meetings	Years 3-6
Wed 3 rd Dec	3.30pm	Festive Bake Sale	Whole School
Mon 8 th Dec	3.30pm	FOSMA Christmas Fair (TBC)	Whole School
Mon 15 th Dec	9.30am	Early Years Christmas Show	Nursery and Reception parents
Tues 16 th Dec	9.30am	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Show	Year 1, 2 and 3 parents
Tues 16 th Dec	4pm – 5.30pm	Carol singing at Marylebone Station	Choir plus children from Years 3-6.



Year 5 & 6's visit to the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Parlour.



Year 1 experimenting with water colours.



A visit from the dentist in Early Years!



An immersive opportunity for our Wallace Collection

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing us safely back to school after the half-term break. We are grateful for the time to rest and for the joy of being together again with our friends and teachers.

We thank you for the beauty of autumn all around us, for the bright colours of the leaves, the crisp air and the changing of seasons that remind us of your wonderful creation.

Help us to work hard, be kind, and share your love in all we do this term.

Help us as the season changes and we look towards Advent, may we be filled to overflowing with hope and joy.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

