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Dear Parents and Carers,

Time is flying by, we can't believe we are nearing half term on the 20th of October. Its lovely to see the sun this week and the children are very much enjoying playing outdoors.

So far this term, we have reviewed the Plymouth CAST Behaviour Policy and this is now been circulated to you all. If you need a hard copy please do let us know. We continue to work on the three simple rules of;

- Ready
- Respect
- Safe

It is really important that we revisit these often and get children to take responsibility for the actions and their behaviours so a huge thank you for helping us ensure children are remembering them every day in school.

We have also updated our homework policy and sent home links to Maths Flex and School Jam, both online maths programmes that work along side the Power Maths scheme. Please encourage children to have a go at home; teachers are able to monitor the areas of learning and ensure extra practice can take place in the classroom or extend pupils learning. It is a great tool for developing mastery in maths.

'Pathways to Read' is also working well in school- this is a mastery approach to teaching the skills of reading and comprehension. The children are learning a lot and their confidence is growing due to the focused teaching.

Spelling shed is also being used and children are practicing spellings on a weekly, daily basis. There are many games on spelling shed that can help with that. We are just investigating how children can access their own spellings with the team.

Please do have a look at our website for policies, curriculum planning, keeping children safe online and much more. <https://www.st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk/web>

We continue to build on the steps taken so far and have so much more to do but if you have any areas that you would like to see improved please do message me via Dojo.



Police Visit to St Marys



Autumn Half Term	23-27 October 2023
Inset Day	30 October 2023
End of Term	19 December 2023
Spring Term starts	4 January 2024
Half Term	12-16 February 2024
Inset Day	19 February 2024
End of Term	28 March 2024
Summer Term starts	15 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	6 May 2024
Summer Half Term	27-31 May 2024
Inset Day	3 June 2024
Inset Day/End of Term	24 July 2024



Headteacher's special mention to: Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils for beautiful behaviour during the visit from Bodmin Police Officers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

DURING OCTOBER HALF-TERM

ALL CHILDREN AGED 2-12 YEARS
FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES
FUN FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE
PRIZES, MEDALS & GIVEAWAYS
SIBLING & CLUB TEAM DISCOUNTS
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OCTOBER

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New signing in procedure for late arrivals

We now have a new signing in procedure for children who arrive after the bell has gone and the gates have been locked.

You will be required to sign your child in at reception. You will need to let the office team know the reason for the lateness and then sign your child into school.

Attendance Update:



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Both St Mary's expectation and the Government's requirement for attendance is 96%. After half term we will begin to contact parents and carers where we have concerns about attendance. This is to offer support and to ensure all our children are accessing the education they are entitled too.

If you have any queries or questions regarding this new procedure then please do not hesitate to contact me.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 96%.


How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for concern

100%-96%
Excellent




Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

Thank you for your support on this. 😊

Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October is world mental health day.

We will be recognising this day by having a day of art and sport related activities. We have some great things planned and can't wait to share with you what the children get up too.

We are also inviting your children to wear an item of green or yellow to show their support for mental health day. School uniform is still to be worn.

If you are worried about your child's mental health please do get in contact with me at school. You can also visit the Young Minds Website which is full of advice, guidance and support

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

— OCTOBER 10 —

#HelloYellow

WEAR YELLOW ON 10 OCTOBER

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