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Welcome back all,

We are now into our third week (not sure where the time has gone!) and it is lovely to be back into the swing of things at school.

Pupils are looking very smart in their uniform, so a huge thank you to you all for supporting us with ensuring the children look smart.

We are continuing to work hard on our new behaviour approach, which is very much along the lines of restorative justice and pupils taking responsibility for their own behaviour choices. We have seen some great turn arounds which is wonderful with most of our children are really shining bright. We are working hard to reiterate the rules every day and thank you for your continued support.

The teachers are currently reviewing the homework policy to ensure it is consistent across the school. The main focus remains reading and spellings but we have enrolled all of the children onto a new mathematics platform linked to the Power Maths White Rose scheme that we follow in school. As soon as we have had this ratified by our Local Cast Board, we will send home the updated policy for you for your information.

The Friends of School are having a 'Welcome Afternoon' with coffee and cake on Friday the 22nd if you wish to pop along; we need new members to help raise funds for the school and help us with the cost of transport for our school trips. The first event in the diary is a 'Bingo' fundraising event on Friday 13th of October at 6.00 to 9.00. There will be more details to follow.

The Friends of School, Bags to School is on the 27th of September. Please do not bring bags before this date as we do not have anywhere we can store them. You are more than welcome to drop them off after dropping the children at school or before.

It is really lovely to be back full time at St Mary's, I have really missed it and its lovely to spend time with all the children, the teachers and you. If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, my door is always open.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Breakfast Club Booking Procedure Reminder

- Login to Parentpay
- Click make a booking under the pupil's name
- Change make bookings for: ensure this is set to Breakfast
- Week commencing: select week
- Click make or view a booking
- Scroll down the page and click the date required
- Click confirm bookings
- Follow procedure to pay in basket.

KS2 (Years 3-6) Lunch Booking Procedure Reminder



- Login to Parentpay
- Click make a booking under the pupil's name
- Change make bookings for: ensure this is set to lunchtime
- Week commencing: select week
- Click make or view a booking
- Scroll down the page and click the date required
- Click confirm bookings
- Follow procedure to pay in basket.

A message from Mrs Langton,
SENDCO.



Hello everyone, and welcome back to school! It has been so lovely to see the children back again and we're really excited to be starting a new school year. Just a message to introduce myself to those of you whom I haven't met yet: I am the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-Ordinator (SENDCO) for St Mary's. I work 2 days a week (usually Thursdays and Fridays) and I oversee and co-ordinate the support we make for children with additional needs. I work closely with Mrs Cox, our Pupil and Parent Support Advisor, and we will be holding some parent coffee mornings where you can find out more about supporting additional needs. In the meantime, if you have any questions please catch me on the gate or send me a Dojo message. I look forward to working with you this year to support our pupils at St Mary's

BODMIN COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

TOUR THE SCHOOL
MEET STAFF AND STUDENTS
BE INSPIRED

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023
4:00PM - 6:00PM

FAO
Year 6
Parents

Term Dates	
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

Headteachers special mention to: All our new pupils who have transitioned so well into school life



Parent Support Advisor Update

Attendance:

As we start a new school year I wanted to remind parents and carers that at St Mary's our expectation for attendance is 96%. This is in line with the government expectation. We are passionate about all our children achieving our full potential and by attending school regularly we can help them to do this.

If your child's attendance falls below 95% at any point in the school year we will begin monitoring this closely and make contact if we have any concerns.

Please could you also make sure your child arrives to school on time. We will be following up on all late arrivals as it is very unsettling for the class, and the pupil.

Thank you for your support on this. 😊

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 child'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

The Grace Project

The Grace Project is an amazing charity based in Wadebridge and provides childrens clothing and shoes to those that need it.



The Grace Project has now linked up with the FoodBank in Bodmin and you can collect clothing bundles from them.

All you have to do is message the charity saying what size clothing you need and they will do the rest ! No questions asked and confidential. Find them on Facebook for more information.

New School Rules

The new school year has seen the launch of the new school rules. These three rules are the same across all CAST schools and link with our new Trauma Informed behaviour policy.

Trauma informed is something I am very passionate about and I believe simplifying our rules and taking a restorative approach is going to benefit the whole school community.

Please talk to your children about these rules and what they mean to them and you as a family.

BE READY

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

Please remember to send your child into school with a



Healthy Snack



Water to drink



Coat