



St Mary's Newsletter



April 2018

SUMMER TERM

Welcome to the Summer Term!

This is a busy time for all our children but especially those about to do their SATS. We are very proud of their hard work this year and all their achievements. All the staff wish them continued success and lots of luck as they make their final preparations. This term is also full of fun and learning as many children will be enjoying residential trips. I hope they make many fantastic memories and thank you to all the staff who make them possible.

Fashion Show



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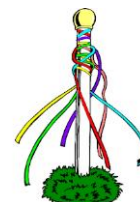
The Fashion Show is taking place on Saturday, 28th April, the show starts at 2pm. Please come along and support the Friends of St Mary's in this event

Royston May Fayre

Monday 7th May, Royston Town Park, 12 - 4.30pm

The Friends of St Mary's have a stall at the May Fayre, we are in need of helpers for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour slots. Please see your class rep or the school office if you can help.

We are having a 'dress-down' day on Friday 4th May, please bring a donation of Chocolate / Sweets / toiletries or a bottle for the stall.



Sports Relief



The school raised a fantastic £200.15 for Sports relief.



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NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

New laws coming into force about protecting our data

You may have already seen or heard about new laws that will be coming into force very soon called **GDPR**.

It's a new regulation designed to give us **clearer visibility and control of our personal data in this new digital age**. It applies to anyone who handles people's personal data, including schools, businesses, and the public sector and more.



A few of the school leadership team, staff, and governors have been attending training on this complex topic to understand how it applies to schools and, in particular, what it means for us.

So, what should you expect from us?

In due course, we will be sending out clear statements on what personal data we hold, why we hold it, who we share it with and why, and how long we hold it for.

We will have new policies in place for how data will be handled, what will happen if there's a problem, and how you can request your data or have it corrected.

While it can be a rather dry topic, shrouded in legalese, it's important to remember that the core principle is that our children's personal information and digital identity should be protected in the same way they are in every other way.

The school office and other members of staff are working hard on getting everything in place and will share more details with you when they are available.

What will we be asking from you?

It may be that we'll need to ask for your consent for various things on a more regular basis as the laws around this have become a lot stricter.

We would also ask that you keep us updated with the best ways to contact you (email, phone and your home address).

To learn more about who the governors are, what they do, and how to get in touch: please visit <https://www.stmarysroyston.co.uk/our-school/governors>



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100 CLUB - Join now for the chance to win one of three monthly prizes!

The results of the April 2018 draw are as follows:

Drawn by Julia Pearce & Sharon O'Toole	April 2018		Prize
1st prize	74	No winner*	£22.13
2nd prize	86	Liz Lock	£13.28
3rd prize	24	No winner*	£ 8.85

* Winnings rolled-over to the May draw

Well done to Liz Lock! If you'd like to join the 100 club, you can pick up an application form from the school office.



Save the Date!

Following on from the success of last year's Holiday Club and the Easter Club, we are going to run another Summer Holiday Club this year during the first week of the summer holidays, 23rd to 27th July.

A flyer will be sent out next week so please book as soon as possible to secure your place.



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R E News

Pope Francis encourages us to "respect the unique traditions" of other Churches. As part of our ecumenical outreach here at St Mary's, we regularly welcome GenR8 (a group of local Christians) to lead our assemblies. We asked Year 5 what they enjoyed about these assemblies and here are a few quotes:

"We enjoy the sketches they do as they help us think about our actions"

"We like the puppets as they are often a bit naughty or silly"

"We enjoy the songs with the actions"

These assemblies certainly enrich your children's awareness of the many ways Christ can be worshipped!

Thomas Rustean, Year 6 wrote this! We thought it rivalled Paul's definition in his letter to the Corinthians (Cor/3:4 – 10)

What is Love?

Love is one of the things in the world that money cannot buy, except it's not exactly in the world! It is inside your mind and heart; and is a feeling that makes people happy.

Love is not something that you go around boasting about, you use it wisely, as putting a smile another person's face.

Love can be tricky to find and if used carelessly, it can be lost fairly easily. Love is as precious as gold, but is free. It can be used wisely or unfairly, leading to happiness or misery.



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DATES

Monday 16 th April	Summer Term starts Year 4 to Phasels Wood.
Thursday 19 th April	Mass in School Hall, Parish invited, 9.15am
Saturday 28 th April	Fashion Show, 2pm School Hall
Monday 23 rd April	Big Pedal Week
Wednesday 25 th April	Year 3 start swimming
Friday 4 th May Stall	Dress-down day in exchange for a donation to the May Fayre

Remember Monday 7th May Bank Holiday

Monday 7 th May	Royston May Fayre, 12 – 4.30pm
Week Beginning 14 th May	Year 5 Wye Valley Trip Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 Scarborough Meeting, 2.45pm SRE meeting, 7pm