



St Mary's Newsletter



February 2017



*Welcome back and Happy New
Half Term!*

*We hope you had a restful half
term break.*



In the event of snow closure, a decision will be made by 7.15am and you will be contacted by text message very soon after that time. Please ensure all mobile numbers are up-to-date with the office.



Chair of Governors

Hello, my name is John Williams and I have been Chair of Governors at St Mary's since September 2016.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce a new feature that will be appearing in the school Newsletter over the coming months to support communication between the governing body and yourselves. Each month the governing body will be using a small section of the Newsletter to provide details on who we are, what we do as governors and other items of interest.

More information on the governors can be found on the school website.

In the next Newsletter, we will be talking about the 'role of a governor and the governing body'.

Library Visits

This term all classes will be visiting Royston library. There will be an opportunity for children to take a book home and to get a library card during this visit, more detailed information to follow.



R E News

This half term we enter the season of Lent, a time for prayer, fasting and works of love. Your children will be encouraging you to sponsor them in their Lenten fundraising which will help to support the work of The Sisters of Charity, a charity that we at St Mary's have supported for many years.

Year 6 pupils will also be helping at the Lent lunches which will be held on Wednesdays during Lent to raise both money and awareness of the work of Christian Aid and Cafod.

We do appreciate your continuing support in our fundraising. You are of course invited to our Penitential Service on Ash Wednesday at 2pm.



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Friends of St Mary's News

100 Club

The results of the January and February draws performed by Mrs Pearce and Mrs O'Toole are:

	Jan-17		Prize
1st prize	94	No winner*	£31.20
2nd prize	39	No winner*	£18.72
3rd prize	97	John Jewson	£12.48

* Winnings rolled-over to February draw

	Feb-17		Prize
1st prize	54	No winner*	£36.71
2nd prize	27	Claire Dicks	£22.02
3rd prize	90	John Williams	£14.68

* Winnings rolled-over to March draw

The prize fund for the March draw will be a minimum £60.21. With six draws left, there is still plenty of time to join the 100 club and be entered into the next draw. Prices are now £6 per number. You can pick up a form from the school office.

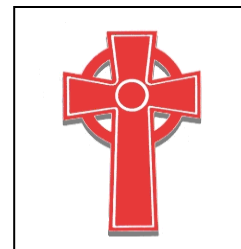
Help Needed for Juniors' Film Night & Infant Party

We need parents to help out at the Juniors' Film Night on Saturday 25th February (see flyer at end of the newsletter) and also for this year's Infant Party (date tbc). These events are run for the enjoyment of the children rather than to make a profit, but we need volunteers to make them happen. Both involve a very small time commitment. If you can help out, please speak to the office or your class rep.

Finally, just a reminder that the next Friends meeting will be taking place this Thursday at 8.15pm in the Old Bull. All parents are welcome. We hope to see you there.



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E Safety

After a successful safety week and a visit from Richard Maskrey, a Hertfordshire consultant, the children should now have a better understanding of how to stay safe online.

If you would like information on how you can support this at home, please see Richard Maskrey's powerpoint from his parent meeting and other helpful web links on our school website.



New Multi-sports club starts on Wed 22nd Feb at 3.30pm. Cost £17.50. If you want to register your child please go on-line at www.cuyd.co.uk and follow the links for booking. Alternatively please call direct on 01223 566500.

ZOOTROPOLIS

Saturday 25th Feb
2017

*In the School Hall
Doors open 4pm
Film starts 4:20pm*

*Followed by Disco until 6:30pm
Tickets: £5, includes drink &
popcorn*





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DATES

Wed 22 nd Feb	SEN Workshop
Sat 25 th Feb	Junior Film Night 4-6.30pm
Mon 27 th Feb	World Book Day – Panto Bus Performance Book Character Dressing up day
Wed 1 st Mar	Ash Wednesday Penitential Service, 2pm
Mon 20 th Mar	Great Fire of London Day, Year 2
Wed 22 nd Mar	Reception School Nurse Checks Year 6 School Nurse Checks
Thurs 30 th Mar	Passion Play, Yrs 3 & 4, 2pm. Parents welcome.
Fri 31 st Mar	Stations of the Cross, Yr6, 2pm. Parents welcome. End of term, 2.45pm

Easter Break 3rd to 17th April

Tues 18 th Apr	School re-opens at 8.50am
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25th February 7pm Town Hall

Royston



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including:

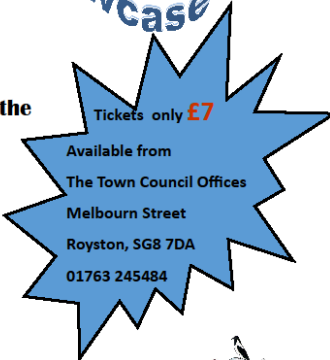
ROYSTON TOWN BAND

Music-ina-Nutshell

G-Stars,

Hannah Theobald

And more...



Tickets only **£7**

Available from

The Town Council Offices

Melbourn Street

Royston, SG8 7DA

01763 245484



All proceeds go to the Mayor's Community Trust Fund, which benefits the people of Royston.

Better health and social care services for Royston

Royston Community Health wants to see the old Royston Hospital be developed into a pioneering new health and social care 'hub' for the people of Royston and beyond. This would ensure local people benefit from access to high quality and integrated services locally now and in the future. The proposed 'hub' also aligns well with NHS and government policy and is supported by a strong business case.

Make your voice heard by **signing our online [petition](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HM3T6ZL)** by 4 March.

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ROYSTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Inclusive Football programme

Football coaching for children & adults with sensory, learning or physical disabilities (providing they can walk unaided) who would enjoy recreational football

Day: Every Thursday

Time:
5.00pm – 6.00pm ages 5 – 13
6.00pm – 7.00pm ages 14+

Venue: Meridian School Gym
Cost: £2.00

For more information contact
Royston Town Youth
roystontownyouth@gmail.com 07904157940



Royston & District Twinning Association

Royston and District Twinning Association are expecting a visit from their French twin town, LaLoupe. We are looking for families who are interested in forming a friendship with a French family. Hosting is a very rewarding experience and can often lead to long-term friendships. The visit is from the evening of Thursday 25th May till the morning of Sunday 28th May.

If you are interested in being a host family, or simply want to know more about twinning please contact Keith Ginsberg, vice-chairman of the twinning association.

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