



Newsletter 20

Friday 14th February 2020

February

Monday 24th

Tuesday 25th

Friday 28th

T2 Ends

Training Day #4 TD#4) – no children in school

T4 Starts – children back to school

Charity sale as part of PSHE – 3.30 – 4.00 pm

March

Thursday 12th

Friday 20th

Friday 27th

Disco

Mothers' day sale

School photos (classes)

Summer Fayre (FOSM & WPSA) Planning Meeting – 7.30 pm in the Training Room

April

Wednesday 1st

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

Easter Service – led by Y5 at St Francis Church at 10.00 am

MUFTI Day/Easter Egg Tombola

T4 Ends; Reports Home

Parent View

Our next parental survey is not due until May 2020. We have always included the standard questions OfSTED ask as part of their surveys using [Parent View](#). The questions have changed subtly (there are now 14). The survey asks parents to respond to 14 statements and questions. If you have a moment to complete the survey we would be most grateful.

Beavers – Appeal on behalf of local group

Please see attached presentation.

Salisbury Schools Mini-Marathon

With reference to the recent letter regarding Mini-Marathon training please note this event is taking place on Saturday, 16th May 2020 and the venue, as usual, is the Laverstock Schools Site.

Mobile Phones

Polite reminder that pupils are **NOT** permitted to bring mobile phones in to school under any circumstances. If your child does own a phone please ensure it remains at home.

School Menu – Week 2 (week commencing 24th February)

We wish to advise you the roast dinners for this week have been swopped – Tuesday 25th will be roast chicken and Thursday 27th roast beef.

Friends of St Marks (FoSM) News

Last month's **Quiz Night** was a great success making approximately £360 for the school. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported it. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

FoSM have had a busy T3 kicking off the **Sensory Garden Project** with planters, patio, plants and paint. It looks fantastic and the children are already enjoying it. It is not yet finished and will be added to over time but the first, and largest, stage has now been completed. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, from those directly involved to those supporting our events so that we have the funds to do these large projects. Special thanks to Mrs Lambert for the vision, Mrs Holme for the plans, Gaia Landscapes for the groundworks and the team of parents on a cold day painting fences and putting up some of the smaller structures.

We have also been sourcing **books** for the classes, 90 for each year group. Thank you to everyone who donated any of the titles we asked for. We are still in need of more copies of *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman and *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Parks. Hopefully, your children have spoken to you about the exciting **500 words competition** that is taking place in school? FoSM are funding prizes for the three best stories in each year group, we look forward to reading the winning stories.

There are quite a few events next term, so please pop these dates on your calendars:

5th March – World Book Day Book Sale – Please consider passing any unwanted books (in good condition) to us for the sale, a box will be put by the shop for donations. We shall be setting up in the street (probably where the tables/benches are under cover) so come and grab a bargain after school.

12th March – School Disco - Y3/4 5.30-6.45pm, Y5/6 7-8.15pm. £2 entry. Sweets/crisps/popcorn/ice pops will be available to buy from 20p as well as guess the number of buttons in the jar.

20th March – Mother's Day Sale – Children are given an opportunity to choose and wrap a present for their mother (or other significant person) for £2.

2nd April – Mufti Day & Easter tombola – Children are invited to dress in home clothes in exchange for an Easter egg or sweets donation. There will be a tombola after school in the Street and a chocolate hamper raffle. This will be a joint event with WPSA.

Other dates for Terms 5 and 6 are below, more details will follow later.

15th May – Family Bingo

19th June – Father's Day Sale

25th June – School Disco

4th July – Summer Fayre – planning meetings will be starting after half term, the first will be at 7.30 pm on **27th February**, so please get involved if you can. This will be a joint FoSM and WPSA event.

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Please let us know if you are able to help at any of the events via your class rep, Norma or by email (ptafosm@gmail.com)

Safer Internet Week

We had a good week discussing online safety as part of Safer Internet Day. Mr Williams will write to you soon in detail about the sorts of things children were saying and how we can help them grow up confidently and safely in the digital world. For now, why not use some of the media coverage of Safer Internet Day #SID20 or one of the parent sections of the online safety websites below to read up on digital parenting skills and tips?

- Safer Internet Centre <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>
- Childnet <https://www.childnet.com/>
- Digital parenting - Vodafone <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>
- Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

New j2e login

Lots of children like to use j2e at home which is great! There is a new way of logging into j2e. We are no longer using "Sign in with Google" - this won't work. Instead we are using the: school, user and password boxes. The school name is: st-marks-wilts-sch-uk (all hyphens), user is the short username, eg bw16 and the password is their usual password. This new way of logging in will also mean that they can use the j2e tools through the free j2launch app available in the App Store if you have an apple device.

<https://st-marks-wilts-sch-uk.j2bloggy.com/MrWs-Computing-Blog/>

Y6 WWII Project

Thank you to all the parents for coming to the culmination of the WWII project on Friday afternoon. The children have worked so hard on their research, producing the published pieces and artwork, producing period food and preparing the dance. The staff have also worked so hard to make this such a memorable and successful term for everyone. I am very proud of them all.

Have a great half-term. We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 25th February for T4.