



Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding from the Government to support pupils facing challenges to do their very best at school. These pupils might be from families with lower incomes, families facing unemployment or pupils who have been 'looked after'. This funding means that the school is given additional money for those eligible children to support their learning or development needs and to diminish differences with their peers. If you think you qualify, please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call on 0300 123 4048.

Service Pupil Premium

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service pupil premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant. Service personnel with children (reception to year 11) in state schools in England should notify schools of their children's service status to ensure they are recorded prior to the next autumn census (first Thursday in October) in order to qualify for Service pupil premium.

CHANGE: Nature club is cancelled next Monday 21st November

Safeguarding

A message from Mrs Britton (Junior School Headteacher) Please can parents leave the premises at both collection and drop off next to the Reception class gates and not via the Junior School. Thank you.

Christmas Nativity

A letter about the Nativity and a google form for tickets has been sent out today. Please return the google form by Friday 25th November. Tickets will be handed out on Monday 28th November.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our PTA have organised a Christmas jumper day this year on the 8th of December. In return for non-uniform and a Christmas jumper, please can pupils bring in a donation in the form of chocolate, for their chocolate tombola. Thank you!

Christmas Dinner

All children will be able to have a Christmas dinner on Tuesday 13th December. This is now available on school grid to order if your child would like a Christmas dinner at school. As we will be having our roast dinner on the Tuesday, Wednesday 14th December school dinner choices will now be Tuesday 13th December choices. This has already been reflected on school grid.

Just Talk

Next week is 'Just Talk' week. This is all about raising awareness of mental health in children and young people. To mark this in school, our pupil parliament have decided to raise money for Childline. On Thursday 24th November all children are invited to take part in a non-uniform day and make a voluntary donation of your choice to the charity. Class teachers will collect donations on the day. Miss Woodbridge is our school's mental health lead and she will be on the playground on Monday morning for parents to put a face to a name. Please stop by to introduce yourself.

Attendance

The class that has had the best punctuality and attendance this week is Venus, again! With a 99.5% attendance! At St Mary's we want all children to attend school on time, every day unless there is a valid reason why they cannot. Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Absence from school is the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement. Attend today, achieve tomorrow!

Occasional Day

Just a reminder that the school is closed next Friday 25th November 2022.

Calendar Dates

Please follow the link below which will take you to our school calendar. This is regularly updated for you all to refer to.