



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.

Head and Chairs afternoon tea

Thank you so much to those parents who joined us for our Head and Chair's afternoon tea and to those who provided feedback in different ways. We were delighted to hear about some of the things that parents think are real successes of the school such as:

- 'The new team are friendly and really know our children'
- 'The new team are engaging well with parents'
- 'The curriculum has been shared so we can help our child at home'
- 'The Friday Flyer is easier to read and more informative than the previous newsletters'
- 'Sharing learning sessions with our child have been great to see what the child is learning and what they are doing'
- 'SATS and reading talks have helped us to know the expectations for our child'

In response to feedback, we will be considering the following:

- Understanding if we can enable the website calendar to link into parent emails.
- Sometimes hosting parent talks on later days in the week and not just on Mondays.
- Live streaming or recording talks so that working parents can access.
- Communicating with parents further information regarding the benefits to the pupil and the school of parents applying for Pupil Premium funding.

Please do join us for our next Head and Chair's afternoon tea and our SENCO afternoon tea, share your views, ask questions and help us to grow with you!

Attendance

The class that has had the best punctuality and attendance this week is Starlight, with 100% 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 often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

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.

<https://stmarysinfants.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar/>