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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were all very proud watching our Year 4 children perform in the DASP Year 4 Concert last night at the Thomas Hardy Theatre! Thank you so much to all of our families for joining us and for supporting the children as they sang with such enthusiasm and joy! Mrs Joy, Mrs Trevarrow and Miss Thornicroft have worked so hard with the children. Thank you to Mrs Joy for teaching the songs and inspiring our children to perform in front of such a large audience.

Following her 23 years teaching music here at St Mary's I have to announce that Mrs Jane Joy will retire at the end of the summer term. Our love of music has been led for so many years and for so many generations of children by Jane. She has been an inspiration as a colleague, a teacher and a friend. Her contribution to our school has truly been outstanding! We will make the most of our time left with Mrs Joy but wish her well as she makes plans for her retirement.

We all enjoyed our RE Day on Monday with a focus on Biblical Heroes from the Old Testament. Our thanks go to Miss Webster for her organisation of the day in her new role as RE leader. We were joined by Reverend Leila for the day in her role as Foundation Governor and clergy link for our school.

We are all looking forward to celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday. All children can come dressed as a 'word' which could be a book character with a word to describe them! Please look out for your child's book voucher in his/her book bag! Our School Association Readathon has finished today, please send back your child's completed form for the chance to win a prize!

Our Spring Term Parent Consultations will take place next week over four days. We have offered a combination of face-to-face and virtual appointments in order to support the needs of all families. Please click on the link to make your appointment. Booking will be open from 5pm on Wednesday 1st March until 5pm on Sunday 5th March. A guide for booking your appointment is attached to this email.

<https://stmaryscevfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Homer to our school for his first day with us today and I am sure that everyone will make him very welcome!

Yours sincerely



Extended School – Stay and Play Survey

We are currently looking to review provision and fees for our Stay and Play Club which runs after school as childcare provision. We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey so that we are fully informed of the requirements and thoughts of our parents and families:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSclibISeWh-iB8rLa710-bkDxC9Azip6Wui8FZVNfEgDWLVQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

School Photographs

This Friday 3rd March Fraser Portraits will visit to photograph our children for individual and sibling photographs. **Please send your child in school uniform and not PE kit on this day. Children will not need to bring PE kits as they will just remove shoes and socks where needed in the hall.**

Julia's house

You may recall that during our three Christmas Play performances we did a collection to raise money for Julia's House. I am delighted to let you know that we were able to send £385.30 for this very good cause. Thank you for your support with this.

Premier Sport – Easter Club

Premier Sport will run a holiday club from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April. Please book your places through the following link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19786/>

Planned Strike Action – 2nd, 15th and 16th March

We will not be closed this Thursday 2nd March due to the National Teaching strikes but will advise nearer the time for the further dates of 15th and 16th March.

Hooke Court – Year 4 – Residential

If your child is in Year 4 and you have yet to pay the final payment for the residential trip to Hooke Court please can you log on to School Gateway and pay this by Friday, thank you.

Please read on for updated future dates.



Future Dates:

2 Mar	World Book Day - Dress Up as a 'Word'
3 Mar	Eco Uniform Sale - school hall
3 Mar	Individual and Sibling Photographs
6 Mar	Linden Class Assembly - 9.00am - Parents Welcome!
6-9 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
7 Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting (3)
9 Mar	Class Assembly - Beech - 9.00am - Parents Welcome!
17 Mar	Comic Relief
23 Mar	Easter Service 9.00am -School Hall Easter Service 2.00pm -School Hall
24 Mar	School Association - School Disco - more information to follow
27-29 Mar	Hooke Court - Year 4 Residential Visit
31 Mar	Last Day of Term for children
SUMMER TERM 2023	
17 Apr	Term begins for children
25 Apr	Full Governing Body Meeting (4)
2 - 26 May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
1 May	BANK HOLIDAY - no school
4 May	Class Assembly- Oak- 9.00am
5 May -NEW DATE	Coronation Celebration - Afternoon Tea - Parents Welcome!
8 May - NEW DATE	BANK HOLIDAY - no school