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Dear Parents

Welcome back. On behalf of everyone at St Mary's I hope you have had a wonderful, relaxing summer and have enjoyed some sunshine along the way. I have had a fantastic few weeks with my family discovering what Surrey has to offer young children- I think we will be spending plenty of time at Bocketts Farm Park over the next few years!

In addition to welcoming back the familiar faces I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge welcome to our new children and parents- I look forward to getting to know you all more over the next few weeks. Meanwhile, if there is anything you are worried about or want to discuss in more detail during these early days please just ask or make an appointment to see Miss Marjoram or myself- we will be happy to help.

While we have all been busy enjoying ourselves there has been much hard work happening at school. We are delighted with our new windows, guttering, fences and, of course, canopy. I hope you are as eager as us to see how it positively affects the outdoor learning for the children.

We will be sharing our school development targets with you in the next few weeks and one of our key development areas will be to improve communication between staff, parents, governors and children. We will be seeking more ways to involve the whole school community fully in key decisions (policy changes, school targets, fundraising ideas, etc) so please look out in future newsletters for how to get involved.

We are all looking forward to a really successful year.

New Beginnings Service

You are invited to come and celebrate the opportunities open to us all during the next year at our start of year service to be held on Tuesday, 13th September at 10.00 am at St Mary's Church.

Diary Dates

The diary dates for the Autumn Term are attached. Please remember to check the regular newsletters for any changes.

Staff News

It is great to welcome some new members to the St Mary's team - Alison Howells (Y6 classteacher), Helen Fozard (Y4 Teaching Assistant/Lunchtime Supervisor), Laura Johnson (Y3 Teaching Assistant/Midday Supervisor) and



Jon Strutt (Y6/Y3 Teaching Assistant/Midday Supervisor). It is also lovely to congratulate Kate Klein (nee Hanna) on her recent marriage.

Good News

We are delighted to have received a cheque for £375 from the Chiddingfold Fete Committee. This will be used to purchase something to enhance the outdoor area and we will let you know what we buy in due course.

Prospective Parents

There will be an open day for prospective parents on Wednesday, 28th September. Please spread the word to anyone you know whose child is due to start school in September, 2012 and contact the Office for an appointment to have a guided tour of the School.

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Assessment Week

The week beginning Monday 19th September will be an assessment week for the children. The results gathered will enable the teachers to set targets for the term.

German Student

Anna Gruin will be joining us for two weeks from the 12th September. She will spend a week working in Y2 and a week with Y4. We look forward to welcoming her to our school.

Governor News

Sadly I have to report that Don McPhail is very poorly and ask that you keep him in your prayers. Harold White a former school governor and one of the leading lights in ensuring that a school remained in this village in the early 1990's has regrettably passed away at his home in Cheshire. Many of you may have read Harold's history of St Mary's School and of the village. He was a great supporter of the school throughout the decades during which he lived in Chiddingfold.

Parent Governor Election

Today you will have received a pack of information regarding the parent governor election. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of parent governor please look at the governors section of the website or email cog@stmarys-godalming.surrey.sch.uk to arrange an informal chat with Stephen Bell.

Meet the Teacher

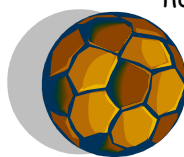
We are holding short meetings for parents to meet with their child's new teacher. This time will allow the teachers to tell you about what is planned for their class during the year and is also a chance for you to ask any questions you may have. Please come along to the classroom at 2.30pm on the appropriate day:
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Monday 12 Sept
Years R, 1 and 2 - Thursday 15 Sept

Celebration Assembly

Our first Celebration Assembly of the year will be at 2.30pm on **Friday 9th September**, in the School Hall - you are welcome to join us.

Clubs & Extra-Curricular Activities -

Information about school-run clubs is being sent home today. Please read it carefully and return your child's completed form to us by 12.00 noon this Friday (9 September). With the streamlining of our staff this term there is an impact on the number of clubs we are able to offer. If any parent/carer (or maybe a few of you) would like to volunteer to run a club during the year please speak to me. It would be wonderful to harness your skills to offer more extra curricular activities for the children.



School Photos

The school photographer will be here on Monday 12 September. An individual photograph of each child will be taken and, in a change from previous years, we will automatically photograph all sibling groups in the school - there is no obligation to buy! This year we are not able to offer a photo session for pre-school siblings.



School Meals

Many thanks to everyone who has already paid for their school meals.

Cost for Whole Term:

Year R	£128.00
Year 3	£134.00
Years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6	£136.00

Cost for the first Half Term:

Year R	£ 60.00
Year 3	£ 66.00
Years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6	£ 68.00

Remember that you can now pay for dinner money through the Tucasi website.

School Fund

We look forward to receiving your termly donation of **£5.00** per family towards School Fund. This term draws heavily on school fund for all the little Christmas extras and other special events that we have planned. In order to make this donation as painless as possible for you, we are able to accept standing orders if this would be more convenient. Please ask at the Office for a Standing Order Mandate.

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Changes to PE Kit

We would now like the children to have indoor and outdoor PE footwear in school. Please could you ensure that your child's PE kit includes plimsolls for indoor use and trainers for wearing outside. Thank you.

Parenting Courses

Details of two new courses can be found by visiting the School website or asking at the Office for details:

- Parenting Children with Challenging Behaviour
- Parenting Puzzle

VILLAGE NEWS...


Mrs Wright's Combat and Zumba Classes

Please note these classes will now start on Wednesday 14th September and not tonight.

Any queries about anything - don't hesitate to call, e-mail or use the 'Right to Reply' at the bottom of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Nikki Mackie
Acting Headteacher




PHILLIPA HOGAN SCHOOL OF DANCE

RAD Ballet and ISTD Tap and Modern Dance Classes for Girls and Boys. Adult Ballet.

Held at St. Hilary's School, Godalming, Hascombe Village Hall and St Mary's in Chiddingfold. Weekdays and weekends.

*For more information please contact
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Newsletter Attachments

The following attachments have been issued with this week's Newsletter:

- Diary dates

Parents Right to Reply slip

Name:.....

Date:.....

Please use the space below or overleaf to notify us of anything you wish to discuss:

Signed:.....

Child/ren's class/es:.....