

# NEWSLETTER

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The newsletter is distributed every Friday. It contains information that parents need to know about events, activities, fundraising etc. Please read your newsletter



**School bus stop needed on:**

Friday 27 April 2018

Yr 3 swimming returning approx. 3pm



## SUMMER IS HERE!

It may not last long - but the term has started with some fabulous weather. This has been a great reminder of the particular issues summer can present. There are a few simple things you, as parents, can do that will really help your child through the school day.

1. Make sure all clothes are named to ensure any left around school can be returned.
2. Provide your child with a sunhat for playtimes. Put sun cream on before school and it should last until after lunch break.
3. Make sure your child has a drinks bottle. We have water coolers freely available all day but the children need a bottle to fill.

Thank you for your support with these things. Let's hope we get more than a few warm days over the term!

## WANDERING WOODCHIP

A big thank you to all the little helpers who helped return the wood chip to the Millennium Garden. The playground must have flooded again during the holidays as we returned to a thick layer of woodchip spread around. It costs around £3000 to replace the covering in the garden so we are eager not to lose so much. The layer is there not only to look nice but as a safety feature around the climbing equipment. Neither of these functions can be fulfilled if it all floats away.

Once the job of sweeping up was started many little volunteers came to help and a super job they have done. Thank you to them all.



## MENU CHANGES

There are a couple of dinner menu changes over the next couple of weeks, please make a note if your child has school lunches.

**Tuesday 1 May** - Chicken Korma (not Chicken in Tomato Sauce)

**Tuesday 8 May** - Sausages or Baked Bean Jacket Potato

**Thursday 10 May** - Chicken Korma or Cheese Jacket Potato

Please order in the usual way at the beginning of the week.



## PARENT GOVERNOR

St Mary's currently has a vacancy for parent governor on the school's governing body.

Your voice as a parent is very important to our school and it is vital that the governing body has good representation by our parents among its membership. We are seeking parents who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully, read important documents, ask questions, attend training and be able to actively contribute at meetings.

If you can spare approximately 5-10 hours or more a month then please consider nominating yourself for this interesting voluntary role.

What are the benefits of being a parent governor?

- Being a governor is a privilege. You are a small but very important part in an educational system with a very long history
- The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supported the school's staff
- A chance to develop new skills, to practice and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing meetings,
- researching or leading on a key school issue.

What can you offer as a parent governor?

- Enthusiasm, time and commitment
- Your local knowledge will be valuable: you will have a feel for what is important to people
- Any professional or other skills you may have will be very helpful
- An openness to learning and change and wanting to make a difference
- Objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add different perspectives to school matters.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please first check that you are eligible to stand. The definition of parent is:

- all natural parents, whether they are married or not
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person
- Parent is defined as including any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18. It includes a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be to someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

Please nominate yourself by writing to the school outlining the reasons for your application and what benefits you can bring to the role of parent governor. Please include your full name and a contact telephone number and hand in your nomination to the school office no later than **4 May 2018**.

Any nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted.

If the school receives more than one nomination, we will hold an election and parents will be asked to take part in a secret ballot to vote for the candidate they feel would be most suitable as a parent governor. The information you provide in your nomination letter will be circulated to parents to help them decide who to vote for. Your personal details will not be shared.

If an election needs to be held then the school will inform all nominees personally. Parents will also be provided with details of how to vote and the deadline for doing so.

Thank you