



### Revised Attendance Policy

The revised Attendance Policy Statement was sent out via Parentmail on Monday this week and is also attached to this newsletter. Our policy has now been brought in line with Herts CC guidance and includes details of fixed penalty notices. Please read through this carefully.

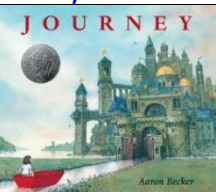
#### DOJO

- If your child is absent from school, please **inform the office via Dojo or by phone before 9.10am**. Due to very busy mornings and preparation for teaching, teachers do not get the time to check Dojo during the mornings, so please avoid contacting them about absences.
- If you need to let teachers know about any issue in the afternoon about pick ups etc, please **let the office know this**. Teachers do not have time during the afternoons to be checking Dojo, due to teaching commitments
- Please also be mindful of the fact that Dojos sent after 6pm (quiet hours on Dojo) may not be picked up until the following morning.

#### SCHOOL DEFIBRILLATOR & FIRST AID TRAINING

For some time now, we have been working towards purchasing a defibrillator unit for our school. After speaking to the PTA, they have generously agreed to purchase this and it will be arriving very soon! This will be situated in the medical area at the Juniors, but will be available for both the Infant and Junior schools as a First Aid resource. We are going to be offering some First Aid training for parents and staff as soon as we take delivery.

Many thanks to our wonderful PTA members for funding this life-saving equipment for our schools.



#### Parent Open session Whole school writing project

We are now at the end of our whole school writing project in school, which is a project that St Mary's is taking part in alongside other Junior schools in our area. The children have really enjoying this imaginative adventure story, whose elaborate illustrations inspire wonder. We have linked this with some wonderful artwork and would like to invite parents to come and see both the writing and the artwork that children have produced on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30-4.30pm. This open session will allow parents to see work on display around the whole school, both in the corridors and in classrooms. Let your child be your guide and help them celebrate their successes during this wonderful learning project!

Your Local A-Plan Insurance in Bletchley is now a proud sponsor of St Mary's Junior School.

We provide insurance for Private Car, Commercial vehicle and Home Insurance. For every new policy taken out by anyone quoting St Marys Junior we will donate £25.00 to help support the funding for new computer equipment.



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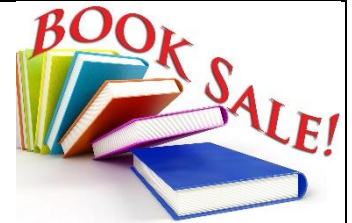
**Aplan have, so far, donated £50 for new school equipment and saved two customers over £900. Please call now don't wait till your renewal and start saving money - ask for Nick Becks.**

## CAKE SALE



## Cake sale and PTA book sale

*On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, our School Council children will be organising a cake sale. All money raised will go towards our school fundraising project to update our school library with new furniture, books etc. We would like this to be a more comfortable place that can be used for small group work, or just a space to relax or reflect in, when needed.*



*It would help the children enormously if we could have as many donations of cakes as possible for this worthwhile event. Please send any cakes in on the morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.*

*The PTA will also be raising money towards our library fundraising project by selling books at this event. There will be a range of books available, from pre-school ages up to adult.*

Both the cake sale and book sale will be in the school hall, **from 3.20pm onwards on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.** Please help us by supporting this event.

## Do you have any unwanted board games at home?

**We are in urgent need of board games that children can play during wet breaktimes. If you have any unwanted games at home, please send them into school and our School Council members will distribute them within classes.**



Fortune Financial are offering parents a FREE review & service from start to finish, for every household that completes on a protection or mortgage case we will donate a £25 contribution to your child's school, not only that we will ensure our chosen charity MIND for mental health receive the same £25 contribution on your behalf.

**Please see the attached letter for further details.**

## THIS SCHOOL IS A Snacks and packed lunches



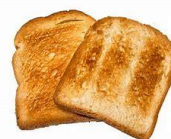
When preparing your child's snack or packed lunch, please ensure that you read the ingredients carefully to check that any items **do not contain nuts**. We have children in school who have severe nut allergies and require epi-pens for anaphalaxis - contact with any product that may contain nuts could prove extremely dangerous for them. Thank you for your support to keep our children safe.

## PTA News

Please see the attached PTA newsletter for details of all the exciting projects that are planned for our school.

## TOAST

School Council members raised £102 towards our library fundraising! Great job! Thank you to parents and children for supporting this project.



## Dinner money

To help us keep ahead with our contracts with Herts Catering, please pay for all school meals in advance. Late payments may mean that your child may need to be moved on to packed lunches. Thank you.

## Diary dates (further dates will be added throughout the term)

### February

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Stone Age workshop

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> - Open session for parents to come into school to look at our writing project and art work for 'The Journey' 3.30-4.30pm (please note a change of date for this from the last newsletter)

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - Writing project week awards assembly 2.45pm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Cake sale and PTA book sale (3.20pm school hall)

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Half term (school closes at 3.20pm)

### March

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday service in school

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - PTA to sell Red Nose Day merchandise after school (3.20pm)

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Passover/Communion session

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Passover/Communion session

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day (Dressing up! More details to follow)

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Knex Challenge

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Voice In A Million (Wembley Arena)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Communion

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation Evening 5-8pm

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation Evening 3.40-6pm