



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

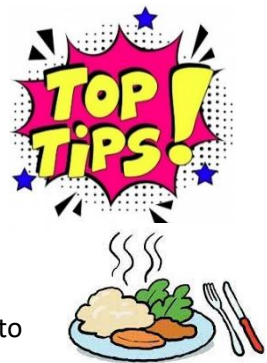
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WB 16th January 2023

It has certainly been a cold week this week. Thank you for making sure the children have had enough layers. It is so important to have layers for break time and lunchtime plays so that we keep the children warm.

Top tips – Chartwells lunches to view what you have booked and how far ahead you have booked and to also to get a printout for your fridge at home go to:-

- **ParentPay / Home page / Select your child / Book meals & Places / Make Bookings.**
- Click on the **blue box** “**Make or View Bookings**”
- Top bar click on “**Download Meal selection report**” - **PRINT**
(This will need to be done separately for each child)



Chartwells meal choices – Please could we ask then when ordering your child’s meal choice that you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them. As a school, we only get delivered what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

January Cut off Dates

Thursday 19/1 for w/c Monday 30/1
Thursday 26/1 for w/c Monday 6/2

February Cut off Dates

Thursday 9/2 for w/c Monday 20/2
Thursday 16/2 for w/c Monday 27/2
Thursday 23/2 for w/c Monday 6/3

March Cut off Dates

Thursday 2/3 for w/c Monday 13/3
Thursday 9/3 for w/c Monday 20/3
Thursday 16/3 for w/c Monday 27/3

Vine leaves – **Jayden (NZ)** for friendship as he took care of someone else. **Ethan (NZ)** for resilience as he gives above and beyond during the day. **Victoria (NZ)** for her gratitude as she showed some great manners and respect to others. **Louis M (NZ)** for persevering with his learning and trying his very best.

Ava (Ita) for kindness and including others in play at lunchtime. **Arlo (Ita)** for polite manners and helpful at lunchtime. **Harper (Ita)** for kindness as she was doing her best to help another student when they were bit upset.

Humility – **Victoria (Ind)** is always humble, kind and thoughtful, putting others above herself.

Service – **Oliver (Ind)** always loves to help out and does lots of jobs around the classroom. **Toby (USA)** is awarded for humility as he is always so kind and is very forgiving towards his friends. He is always humble and is a great role model. **Amara (SA)** for showing such maturity and resilience in response to a tricky situation.



Professional development meetings for staff – This week the teachers have been learning about hearing impairments. If your child has glue ear, has had this historically or has issues with their ears then please let the class teacher know so we can monitor this.

Strike Action – You may be aware that the teaching unions have been balloting their members regarding strike action. The NEU have decided to strike. This may affect us as some of our teaching staff belong to the NEU and we will keep you informed as to whether your child's class may be affected. This will be the 1st February and the 2nd March initially. Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.

Reflection – Thank you so much to Mrs Smith for her reflection. [Forgiveness - YouTube](#)

Our first million words in 2023!! Daniel Phillips has hit the first million words this year on Accelerated Reader - 1,053,808! Well done, Daniel, keep it up!



Splash Assembly – Splash talked about being 'insignificant'. We looked at 'small things' and how they can be so important in the bigger picture such as snowflakes, a seed that gives us food and the skin cells on your body. We want children to recognise that they are important and how important their contribution is to our school.



Roosters – We love getting positive comments about the provision that St Mary's provides.

"It is a great after school club for children to be involved in. It focuses on improving self-confidence, listening, concentration, and recall. We have noticed a huge difference in our child since she started last September, and it is also good for children to meet and mix with children from other classes," says one parent. Thank you for the support that we receive.



Learning – Science in Mexico, Japan and South Africa has been about Sir Isaac Newton and his theory of light. The children created their own colour wheels and discovered how prisms split a ray of light into the colours of a visible spectrum, enabling us to see different colours.



Penguins – UK and Thailand have been learning about birds, feathers, flight and flightless birds this week. We love seeing the paintings that the children created.



Peace Posters - The Billingshurst and District Lions are looking forward to working closely with our school again in 2023. Attached are details of our Poster for Peace art competition, which runs during the spring term, with the theme 'What is Peace'.



St Mary's Church has a workshop coming up. The theme is 'Mardi Gras comes to St Mary's' – **Saturday 18th February from 9.30am to 11.30am** for children aged 4-12.

Book a place by emailing stmaryschildreuschurch@gmail.com



Online Safety – Please be aware of a game called Doki Doki Literature Club. It is a free game but should not be accessed by children at all.

PTA thank you – Last term the PTA were a force to be reckoned with! A huge thank you to the PTA for all the events that they ran. They really do go above and beyond to make a difference for the children. There was the Harvest Fayre, Fireworks, School Disco, Christmas Carol event and a Christmas raffle. If you would like to join the PTA and make a difference, we are looking for new members to continue this driving force! Come and talk to the office if you would like more information.

Spring celebration assemblies to showcase learning

These begin at 9am and will last about 20 minutes.

Thur 26th Jan – Italy class,
Thur 2nd Feb – India class,
Thurs 9th Feb – Mexico class,
Thur 23rd Feb – Thailand class,
Thur 2nd Mar – New Zealand class,

Thur 9th Mar – USA class,
Thur 16th Mar – Japan class,
Thur 23rd Mar – UK class,
Wed 29th Mar – SL class,
Thur 30th Mar – SA class.

Dates for your diary

1st February – Potential strike action for some classes

Monday 13th Feb – Friday 17th Feb – Half term

Tuesday 28th Feb - Sibling photographs to be taken

Thursday 2nd March – Potential strike action for some classes

Thursday 2nd March –World Book Day (dress as a word – E.g. all in white for the word white or in a book costume)

Achievements





PANCAKE DAY

Friday 24th February 2023

Book online and view the
full menu at

<https://www.parentpay.com/>



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