

Week 1 12th January 2024

Value-Perseverance



"For I know the plan I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. "

Jeremiah 29:11

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Attendance

This month, the Government is launching a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. Improving school attendance is everyone's business and, to tackle the challenge we face, we need to work together. The campaign strapline is "**Moments matter, attendance counts**".

To support this campaign, we have produced a St Mary's Attendance Information for you. This will be sent by parentmail.

Regular school attendance can lead to better relationships with their friends, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Before Covid, in 2018/19, just 40% of children whose attendance was below 90% (persistently absent) at the end of Year 6 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of children who were regular attenders

Please take a look at our Attendance Leaflet, do contact me via the school office if you need and further information or help with attendance.

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance.

Diary Dates

We have lots of exciting events taking place this term.

- St Mary's Choir is performing at Young Voices 22nd January 2024. We are so excited! Please take a look at Young Voices Facebook https://www.facebook.com/YVConcerts?locale=en_GB
- National story telling week 29th January- 4th February 2024 – Special activities are planned across school, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Kingswinford Library. Letter to follow with further information.
- Internet safety day 1st February 2024
- Child' mental health week 5th February 2024
- Chinese New Year 9th February 2024
- World Book Day 7th March 2024
- Red Nose Day 15th March 2024
- Pioneer Centre Year 4 residential 4th-6th March 2024

As we think about the New Year, join us as we pray,

Dear God,

Thank you for all that you have given us in 2023,

Thank you for the new year of 2024,

We pray that everyone in our school community will experience joy and happiness this term,

We ask you help us as we learn new things,

We pray that you lead us each step of the way in this new year. We pray that you help us to care for each other in our school community.

Amen