



St Germans Academy

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Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed half term although it seems the illnesses have not left us! Next week each school is celebrating World Book Day in different ways. The children have lots of opportunities to develop their reading at school through class texts, Book Flix, guided reading sessions, comprehension tasks and phonic lessons. However, I cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home and the impact this can have on accelerating their progress in reading.

The book trust website has an interesting article on the benefits of reading which include:

- Children who read are more likely to overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities.
- Children who read are more likely to be happier, healthier, and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem.
- Children who read are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum.
- Children who read are more likely to develop empathy and creativity.

If you would like to read more of the details behind these headline statements, please visit:

www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/impact-and-research/Research/the-benefits-of-reading/

If you would like any ideas on how to support your child with reading at home, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

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Next week....

Tuesday ~ Dragonflies Swimming.

Tuesday ~ SATs Breakfast Booster for Year 6

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Thursday ~ SATs Breakfast Booster for Year 6

Thursday ~ World Book Day Lunch for those who have prebooked.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip

Ladybirds ~ Please continue making payments via ParentPay for this trip if you have not yet paid in full. If you have any questions or issues about payments, please contact the school office.

Don't forget to hand in your tuck shop order form with payment to the school office on Monday. Thank you.

Friends of the School Valentine Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported The Friends of the School Valentine Disco – We raised **£175.77**



Year 6 SAT Breakfast Booster Sessions at St Germans

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Booster sessions continue every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.10am until 8.45pm and will be held every week until SATs. (not the Residential week) Mrs Brown looks forward to seeing you all there!



Outstanding Monies



Please could all outstanding monies be paid. Please can we also remind you to make payment when booking your child's lunch, childcare or breakfast club. It is taking the school office an increasing amount of time to reconcile the weekly banking because of this issue. If you are having trouble paying, please speak to the office or Toni Clarkstone as they will be happy to set up a payment plan for you. Thank you.

Friends of the School Easter Tabletop Event

We are having an Easter Tabletop Sale on Friday 22nd March after school. If you would like to have a table at this event to sell your secondhand items please book via the school office, the cost will be £5.00 for a table. There will also be an Easter Raffle, secondhand uniform for sale along with refreshments and Easter Crafts at the event. Thank you for supporting the Friends of the School.



My School Fund

Please remember that St Germans Academy is part the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.



How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to St Germans Academy. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

To sign up go to myschoolfund.org or if you would like a leaflet, please contact the school office.

Celebration Board

Please remember to let us know if you've done something worth celebrating so that we can put it up on our board in the Reception Area.



World Book Day Thursday 7th March

For World Book Day we are not dressing up this year but children in each class will be creating Little Miss / Mr Men books. There will be a class vote with the winner in each class receiving a £10.00 book voucher kindly donated by Friends of the School. Good Luck everyone. Don't forget it is the World Book Day Lunch for those who have prebooked - if you haven't a home packed lunch is needed. Thank you.



St Germans Preschool

It is never too early to place your child's details on the list indicating you wish them to attend St Germans Pre-school. Please contact the school office to have your child added to the list, we can then arrange to have a pack sent home and a phone call booked in the diary in good time for them to start.



Diary Dates

Dragonflies Swimming Spring Term on Tuesday mornings.

March

Thurs 7th ~ World Book Day Lunch

Thurs 7th ~ World Book Day Competition

Thurs 14th ~ WNSSP Netball Bee Festival for Selected Year 3 and 4 children

Fri 22nd ~ FOS Easter Event ~ poster sent home with all children.

Mon 25th to Wed 27th ~ Residential Trip for Ladybirds Class

Tues 26th ~ Last week of Swimming for Dragonflies

Wed 27th ~ Last Day at School before the Easter Holidays

April

Mon 15th ~ Back to School

Thurs 25th ~ Pret A Portrait ~ Class Photographs

Mon 29th ~ WNSSP Tri-golf Festival for selected Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 children

May

Wed 1st ~ Nursing Team to see Reception Children and Year 6

Fri 3rd ~ Crucial Crew Event for Year 6

Mon 6th ~ Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tues 7th ~ WNSSP Girls Tag Rugby Event – Information to follow.

W/C 13th ~ Year 6 SATs

Tues 14th ~ Dragonflies Trip – Information to follow.

Fri 24th ~ Last Day at School before Half Term

June

Mon 3rd ~ Back to School

W/C 3rd ~ Health and Wellbeing Week

Mon 17th ~ Bikeability Session for Year 6 children who have pre-booked

Tues 18th ~ Dance Festival for Fireflies Class – Information to follow.

Wed 19th ~ Year 6 Leavers trip to London

Tues 25th WNSSP Area Sports Event for Selected KS2 – Information to follow

July

Fri 5th ~ Friends of the School Summer Fair

Fri 19th ~ Last Day at School before Summer Holidays

More events to follow – watch this space!!