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Dates for diary:

Wednesday 14th October– Flu Vaccinations whole school—Please complete your online consent form.

Friday 23rd October – half term holiday. See holiday list also on our school website.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

- * Robins- Matthew
- * Larks- Robbie
- * Swifts- Evie
- * Owls- William



National Teaching Assistants Day

On Wednesday it was National Teaching Assistants Day—a perfect opportunity to show our appreciation and say **thank you** for the hard work and dedication from our teaching assistants here at St Mary's. They really do go over and above what they are expected to do—especially during days like these!

So, I would just like to say a HUGE thank you once again to:

- Mrs Tallentire
- Mrs Lewandowski
- Miss Holywell
- Mrs Fells



We think you are fabulous!

As of today, new local restrictions are in place for County Durham. Please make sure you read the Newsfeed on Weduc regularly and also read emails on Weduc to keep up to date with any changes.

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/localrestrictions>

Home to School Communications



We hope you all found the new 'Home to School Communications Policy' which sets out how we can continue to communicate effectively during the Covid-19 pandemic useful. A copy of this policy was sent out via Weduc and it is also in the 'Hub' section on Weduc.

Homework: Our homework will continue to go out on a Monday and must be returned (in 1 message) by the following Monday. The weekly task will be set and marked as a **Weduc** task.

Reading Books: Reading scheme books and EYFS phonics books will be brought home on a **Monday** and **MUST** be returned on a **Friday**. KS2 children with free reader books will just bring the book back when they have finished reading it and their teacher will help them choose another one and keep a record of what, and how much they are reading. Books will then be quarantined and then sent out again the following week. Children do not need to bring in their yellow reading diary, this can be filled in at home and just stay at home for now. Teachers will continue to make their own reading assessments and monitoring in school. **We still do not need to bring in book bags**— if it is raining we will pop the book in a plastic wallet for the child to send home.

Thank You

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to Isobel (10) and Chloe (10) who celebrate their birthdays next week.

Have a wonderful day girls!



Foodbank Collections

We are still collecting for the foodbank, as the need for this service has never been greater. If you would like to make a donation please send any dry, tinned and non-perishable goods in with your child on a morning and the class teacher will safely collect the parcels in. Thank you.

Mr Dougall is looking forward to his wedding next week. He will marry his fiancée Ellie on Saturday 26th September and is very much looking forward to his big day!

