



# St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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**Head's Lines:** You will have been receiving letters via the Parent mail app this week and letters sent home are also posted on our website under the community menu or on the relevant class page. If you have not signed up for Parent Mail yet please do so as you may be missing out on important school news and information. All forthcoming school diary dates for parents are on the school calendar on the website. Currently all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hrs free early education for 38 weeks of the year. St Mary's will be working with another well known local provider, Piglet's Pre-School, from September 2017, to offer the extended entitlement of an additional 15 hours to eligible parents. Please look out for the letter sent out today for further information.

We wish the children in Year 6 Pineapple, all the very best next week in their SATs tests—good luck, you deserve to do well and have a restful weekend! We will see you at breakfast on Monday morning.

We want to say a huge well done to Zoe Corcoran who completed her 'Jump for Jade' parachute drop recently. She raised a great deal of money and the children all admired her bravery when they enjoyed a video of her jump earlier this week. The whole school community would like to pass our thoughts, prayers and love to Jade as she bravely battles her illness.

We are so lucky at St Marys to have such supportive Families and Friends of the school as shown at the meeting this week. The children will be planting out their vegetable beds from next week! Many thanks to Mr Worsfold and Mr Crafter who have spent their time building them from recycled wood and thank you also to F&F for donating gardening tools and pond equipment so that the children can enjoy learning from them. We are looking forward to lots of fresh veg soon children! Thank you to the children who are taking part in the Family Service at St. Mary's Church this Sunday at 10am.  
Mrs Hodgson

## Class news this week:

**Kiwi:** The children in Kiwi Class have been busy outside, come rain or shine! We have been taking care of the plants in our garden and have platted some strawberries this week. The children have also enjoyed our mud kitchen and have created a range of delicious mud cakes as well as some leaf soup!



**Cherry Class:** This week in Cherry Class we have been exploring the book 'Oh No George'. We have been thinking about how Harris would feel if he realised his cake had been eaten. We have also written our ideas about what might happen next in the book. We had some great ideas! Next week we will continue to explore what happens in the story.



**Lemon Class:** This week lemon class have been learning lots about planting seeds. We have been reading Jasper's Beanstalk and we have helped Jasper to plant tomato, lettuce, kale and flower seeds. We are looking forward to watching them grow and transferring them over to our new planter next week. In maths we have been learning how to use tens and ones to partition numbers and add 2 digit numbers.

**Orange Class:** This week Orange Class have enjoyed creating their own version of Jack and The Beanstalk. Our version is called 'Amy and the Apple Tree'. We particularly liked acting out the story and also drawing our plans in pictures.



**Blueberry Class:** The children in Blueberry class are starting to investigate the factors that help plants to grow. As well as growing bean plants at home, we have developed questions to test (such as, can a plant grow without air?) and set-up some investigations for healthy plants to see how this will affect them. We will be keeping a record of all of our observations!



**Strawberry and Apricot Classes:** In science this week, Strawberry and Apricot classes have been developing their knowledge of sound. They have learnt how sound is made and the difference between pitch and volume. They also carried out various investigations to find out how sound travels.



**Mango Class:** This week, we have continued our learning on Wind in the Willows and held a conscience alley to decide if Mr Toad was in the wrong. We have then written some wonderful newspaper reports on his arrest and appearance in court charged with dangerous driving and car theft.



**Pineapple Class:** This week the children in Pineapple Class have been learning about rationing during World War Two. They discovered that a range of food items were rationed including meat, cheese eggs and jam and this was partly due to the fact that the Germans bombed the ships carrying the food being imported from abroad causing a food shortage. The children have enjoyed looking at an example of a ration book and have written radio adverts to explain to wartime families how the system worked.



### Stars of the week:



**Lemon Class: Freddy** for the super effort you put into your maths and Jake for your wonderful writing work this week.

**Orange Class: Storm** for a huge improvement on the presentation of all her work **Tilly** for giving all her work 100%.

**Blueberry: Abigail** for great perseverance and concentration when developing her handwriting. **Ross** for an excellent learning attitude in every lesson.

**Apricot: Aaron** for the good progress he continues to make in maths and **Lauren** for the enthusiasm she shows in her writing.

**Strawberry: Rhys** for fantastic effort in Geography, avoiding distractions and **Izzy** for his fantastic effort in Geography, avoiding distractions.

**Mango. George and Cameron** for excellent effort during our conscience alley activity in literacy.

**Pineapple: Tom and Samuel;** for consistently showing a positive attitude towards their learning and setting a great example to others.

**144 Club: Congratulations to Briana** for becoming a member of the 144 Club.

**Congratulations to all of you we are proud to have you as part of our school!**



### Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 96.7%. Strawberry class had the best attendance this week with 99.1%. Well done to Strawberry Class.

The classes we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is Blueberry Class.

### Families and Friends News:

Preparations are well underway for the Summer fair on 1st July. Do you have any china you no longer need we could have for the China Derby game?. Also, are there any parents or friends who could offer their time on the face painting stall?. If you can help with a stall or setting up in the morning please contact your class rep. A list of the committee and class reps can be found on the school website. We would really appreciate any help we can get.

We would also appreciate any donations of items of school uniform with the school logo on.

### **Upcoming events:**

Wednesday 10th May—Strawberry class cake sale.

Wednesday 24th May—Apricot class cake sale.

Friday 26th May Muffin day for packets of sweets.

Wednesday 21st June—Pineapple class cake sale.

Tuesday 11th July—Summer Disco

### Notes from the office :

Details and permission requests for trips will now be sent by Parent Mail, so it is important to sign up. This can be done on a phone, PC or tablet. A text and email was sent to everyone during the Easter Holidays. Follow the link to register. If you need the link resent please contact the office.

Thank you to everyone who entered the St Mary's Reading Bingo Challenge last term. This event raised £318 which will go towards new books for our class book corners. All entries were placed in a prize draw and we are pleased to announce the winners of a £5 National Book Token were Naledi (Cherry Class), Jemima (Lemon Class) and Joanne (Apricot Class).



**Diary Dates:** \* = new date **Don't forget!** You can also see a full list of school events on the school calendar which is on our website.

8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 assessment tests( SATS week)

\*8<sup>th</sup> May -Y3 to Wisley Gardens

15<sup>th</sup> May – Class photos

17<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Council meeting 7pm

25<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 Sayers Croft info. Session for parents 2.30pm

### **29<sup>th</sup>May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half – term week**

Wk beg. of 5<sup>th</sup> June Yr 5 Bikeability

\*5<sup>th</sup> June—Y4 to Wisley Gardens

12<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening Week Yr 1

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June – Yr6 to Sayers Croft

19<sup>th</sup> June – Science Week

21<sup>st</sup> June – Kingston Singing Festival – Choir

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Yr 5 to CCC Science Labs

27<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral

1<sup>st</sup> July Summer Fair 12-3pm

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July – secondary school induction days Yr 6

6<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

10<sup>th</sup> July Arts Week

11<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 to Lookout Discovery Centre

17<sup>th</sup> July – Class Swap morning and Celebration Evening

21<sup>st</sup> July – Yr6 Leavers Assembly and evening party

**21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term at 12 noon**