



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head's Lines: This week has seen the children working on their end of key stage assessments and congratulations to Pineapple Class, Year 6, for working so magnificently towards their SATs tests. The tests went smoothly and they completed their Reading, Grammar & Spelling, and Mathematics papers this week. The whole school are really proud of you for your perseverance and hard work. From next week Year 6 will be concentrating hard on their writing and Year 2 will be completing some of their papers for Miss Russell.

I would like to politely remind the whole school community that one of our school values is respect and it is disappointing and surprising this week that there have been a number of incidents, when adults have been disrespectful towards our staff at the school. If you have any questions or concerns then please raise them in the first instance with the class teacher in the appropriate manner by making an appointment via the school office. The team of staff at our school work hard with you all to provide every opportunity they can for the children and we appreciate your support. Many thanks.

Don't forget that class group photos are being taken on Monday so I am sure that the children will be looking smart as usual, in the correct school uniform, with hair tied back and shining shoes when they arrive at school on Monday morning! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi: This week in Kiwi Class we have been camping! First we had to work out how to put the tent up. Some children have been camping before so we had some expert helpers. Once the tent was up, everyone was keen to go inside. We managed to fit 16 children in! The children got some mats and blankets and made the tent nice and cosy. We even found a story about going camping to read together!



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have been continuing to find out what happens in the story 'Oh No George'. We have been thinking about what we think Harris will say when he sees the massive mess George has made! We have thought about what George could do to say sorry. We have also visited the pond and used the nets to see what we could find in the pond.



Lemon Class: This week lemon class have really been enjoying science. We have been investigating the trees in our playground and have made bark rubbings of them. We have planted some flower seeds and learned about the parts of a

flowering plant. In maths we have been working with money and have been learning how to use coins to pay for toys in our shop.

Orange Class: This week Orange Class have enjoyed writing their own version of Jack and the Beanstalk. Our version is called 'Amy and the Apple Tree'. The children have been really creative with their story language and we think our version is even better than the original.



Blueberry Class: Blueberry class enjoyed their visit to Wisley Gardens this week as part of our topic on plants. We explored the glasshouse and observed how plants adapted to thrive in different conditions. We were also inspired to create some scavenger art out of material we found. Can you identify the natural materials we used to create the dragonfly below?



Strawberry and Apricot Classes: This week Strawberry and Apricot Classes have continued their learning about sound waves. Firstly they planned a fair test and then used their measuring skills to find out how far sound travels. They were very surprised to discover that some sounds travel very long distances.



Mango Class: Mango Class have been looking at Mr Toad's escape from prison from the perspective of the Gaoler's daughter. We used hot-seating in drama to explore what happened from different viewpoints and then wrote our recounts as if we were the daughter.



Pineapple Class: This week has been a busy week for the children in Pineapple Class who have been sitting their end of Key Stage 2 tests in Reading, GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Mathematics. The concentration and determination shown by the children throughout the week has been fantastic. All children did their best and should feel proud of their efforts. Well done Year 6!



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: Archie for your continual positive attitude towards all your learning and **Gracie** for being a fantastic role model to your friends.

Orange Class: John for checking his writing and editing mistakes. **Zoe** for an amazing three part story.

Blueberry: Italy for great concentration and perseverance during writing and **Ryan** for a great learning attitude in all of his work.

Apricot: Mia, Megan and Amy for working hard towards achieving their times table targets.

Strawberry: Adam for a brilliant improvement in his writing. **Eva and Tyler** for fantastic teamwork and **Faye** for always trying her hardest and being kind and helpful to others.

Mango: Bobbie for her fantastic organisation and **James** for lovely manners to adults.

Pineapple: All of Pineapple Class for their fantastic attitude and excellent concentration throughout their Key Stage 2 tests week.

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



Notes from the office :

Parent Workshop

Mrs Johnson, Special Educational Needs Coordinator, will be running a work shop on 7th June at 2.30pm .

The workshop will take place in the Nursery and will cover how to support your child if they are struggling in the key areas of reading, writing and math. Strategies to help your child develop skills in these areas will be demonstrated and discussed. Parents of children with Special Educational Needs might find it particularly useful. Please come along, Mrs Johnson will look forward to seeing you.

Free School Meals Taster for Reception, Y1 & Y2 Thursday 18th May

We would like to encourage all children in Reception , Y1 & Y2 to try the hot meals on Thursday 18th . You can choose and order your meal at www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk but Margherita pizza will be available for all infant children to try. Please feel free to provide a packed lunch as well if you wish .

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.

Attendance & Behaviour:

Please note that fidget spinners are not permitted at school. Thank you for your support.

Whole school attendance this week is 96.9. Pineapple class had the best attendance this week with 99.6%. Well done to Pineapple 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:

Friday 26th May Muffin day for packets of sweets.

Wednesday 21st June—Pineapple class cake sale.

Tuesday 11th July—Summer Disco

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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.

15th May – Class photos

17th May – Parent Council meeting 7pm

***25th May - Y6 Sayers Croft info. Session for parents 2.45pm—please note new time**

29th May – 2nd June Half – term week

Wk beg. of 5th June Yr 5 Bikeability

5th June—Y4 to Wisley Gardens

12th June – Phonics Screening Week Yr 1

14th – 16th June – Yr6 to Sayers Croft

19th June – Science Week

21st June – Kingston Singing Festival – Choir

22nd June – Yr 5 to CCC Science Labs

27th June – Y6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral

1st July Summer Fair 12-3pm

4th & 5th July – secondary school induction days Yr 6

6th July – Sports Day

10th July Arts Week

11th July – KS1 to Lookout Discovery Centre

17th July – Class Swap morning and Celebration Evening

21st July – Yr6 Leavers Assembly and evening party

21st July – End of term at 12 noon