



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: Welcome back from the holidays at the start of an exciting Summer Term, I hope that you have had a chance to download our new **Parent Mail App** and are finding it informative. On Monday morning, subject to no hitches this weekend, we will have a fresh, **newly updated website** with the same domain address (www.stmaryschessington.co.uk). Please explore the site and we welcome your comments. We will be updating the photos and news feed regularly and we believe that you will find the site easier to navigate particularly on mobile devices.

As you know our priority at the school is the **welfare and safety** of the children. As from Monday morning you will need to ring the bell to gain access to the school building. I am sure that you appreciate the importance of this in helping us to be totally secure in our knowledge of everyone inside the school at any time. Thank you for your patience in allowing the office staff time to answer the bell if they are on the telephone.

You received a letter at the end of last term about a **vacancy for a Parent Governor** at the school; we look forward to receiving any nominations by Monday 24th April.

Mango Class have been having a wonderful adventure in Dorset this week and we are expecting them back later today full of excitement and with stories to tell from **Hooke Court**— I would like to say thank you to all of the staff who accompanied the children to Dorset and enabled the trip to go ahead.

The school received almost 100 **applications** for a place in next year's Reception Class September 2017 and we were delighted to be able to offer 30 places this week 18 were to families already at the school and we would like to welcome twelve new families to the St Mary's community.

Don't forget sign up for our new after school **Young Engineers Club** which we are keen to start this term!
Mrs Hodgson

Year 5 at school this week have been learning in our Wildlife area

Just because we didn't go to Hooke Court didn't mean we missed out on fun learning! Mr Spicer took non attendees on a special ECO project on our school grounds. We couldn't believe how many rare species we found! To make things even better the sun came out to smile on us and made our school community grounds even more exciting to explore!



Notes from the office :

School Lunches

As you may be aware, there is currently a problem with the Feeding Hungry Minds website, which is affecting all their schools in Kingston. We are hopeful this will be resolved soon. The kitchen are cooking extra meals to cover anyone who has been unable to go online to book their meals. If you were able to book meals before this problem then your child is included on the daily list we receive. If you have been unable to book meals please use the form that will be sent via Parent Mail to select your child's meals for next week.

Lost property is now stored centrally in the school. The children will be able to look for themselves during school time and then it will be displayed in the playground every Friday after school.

Please ensure that all your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name to prevent the large quantities of unlabelled clothing that builds up. Unfortunately we will need to dispose of any remaining items at the end of each term. So do take time to have a look. Many thanks.

Clubs News

There are still places available for **Stem Kids** young engineers club. The start date has been delayed until Thursday 27th April, but can only go ahead if they have some more children signing up. Contact them direct on www.stemkids.co.uk

Families and Friends News:

Upcoming events:

Wednesday 26th April—Blueberry class cake sale.

Wednesday 10th May—Strawberry class cake sale.

Wednesday 24th May—Apricot class cake sale.

Wednesday 21st June—Pineapple class cake sale.

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