



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: If you have not already had a chance, do take a look at our new school website www.stmaryschessington.co.uk We hope that you are finding it easier to use, interesting and informative, especially on mobile devices. Do take a look under 'Our Learning' on the menu to find out about our curriculum and what the children are learning about this term. You can also view a gallery of some of their work. Class newsletters will be posted under the class pages on the website and you should have received a paper copy this week. Weekly newsletters will appear on our Parent Mail app and on the website. Please remember to sign up for the Parent Mail App if you have not already done so. This will avoid you missing out on communications sent from the school.

All the children are working hard towards their end of key stage assessment tests which are due to begin shortly. We are tremendously proud of them, especially in Year 2 and Year 6. Their effort and progress is clear to see in their work books this year—well done!

The School Council met this week and the children fed back their comments about living in Chessington and what they would like to see happen to improve their local environment. We will be passing their thoughts onto PC Baxter from the Community Police. They are now working on the School Development Plan with us and will be giving their suggestions as to how they would like to improve their school. If you would like to see who has been voted onto the School Council have a look at our new website.

Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi: The children in Kiwi Class have been exploring bubbles this week. We have learned how to blow bubbles by blowing not too hard & not too soft, made large and small bubbles and even had bubble races to see how high and far the bubbles would float!



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have been writing our very own stories. We have been trying our very best to remember capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and sounding out our words. We have made up lots of different characters and designed our book covers. We are trying really hard with our writing and Miss Cameron and Mrs Sheen are super proud! Keep up the good work Cherry Class!



Lemon Class: This week lemon class have been learning all about how to look after our world. We have written letters to Mrs Hodgson to ask about ways to reduce litter in our playground, have learned about characteristics of trees,

made leaf rubbings and have made yummy fat balls for the birds in our gardens. In maths we have been using tens and ones to add 2 digit numbers.

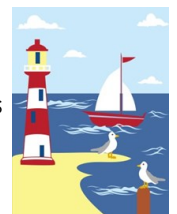
Orange Class: This week in Orange Class, we have been classifying bulbs and seeds. We then planted a huge variety of flowers, fruits and vegetables to support our science topic on 'Plants'.



Blueberry Class: This week, Blueberry class has been developing our skills in performance poetry. First, we identified and explored the skills that make a good performance (clarity, voice expression and gestures) and then we developed our own poetry performances. We are now enjoying writing our own poem about Ten Things You Might Find in a Gardener's Pocket.



Strawberry and Apricot Classes: This week, Strawberry and Apricot classes have started learning about coastlines. They have been using an atlas to locate different coastal regions of the UK and the world. Their learning has also been linked to the 'Mouse Hole Cat' their Power of Reading book which is set on the coast of Cornwall.



Mango Class: This week Mango Class have started learning about Rivers as part of our topic Water, Water, Everywhere. We are reading Wind in the Willows and have been using interesting vocabulary to write poems about the River. In Maths we have also been learning to use Roman numerals—we can now work out numbers to 1000 using them!



Pineapple Class: The children in Pineapple Class have started their topic on World War Two this week. Already they have learned about why war broke out in 1939 and considered how the people of Britain were affected by the blackout during the Blitz. The children have written play scripts to show what families might have been discussing during this difficult time.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: **Augustus** for your wonderful fact writing and **Leah S** for your fantastic perseverance and effort in maths.

Orange Class: **Henry** for good behaviour and attitude towards learning. **Louie** for participation and always being happy to share his ideas.

Blueberry: **Harrison** for showing fantastic resilience when developing his reading and writing skills. **Aykut** for great engagement and focus with his performance poetry.

Apricot: **Jake** for showing a positive attitude to all his learning and **Mckenzie** for excellent maths learning this week.

Strawberry: **Tyler and Louis** for fantastic enthusiasm in maths this week and **Isabel** for trying hard to make improvements.

Mango: **Mia** for an excellent character analysis of Mr Toad and **Kimberley** for great work on Roman numerals this week.

Pineapple: **Olivia** for excellent descriptive writing linked to the World War Two blackout. **Ruby** for working with confidence in maths and explaining her methods clearly.

Special congratulations to **George in Mango** who was Number 1 in the World for Athletics earlier this week—well done what an achievement!



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

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 97.1%. Apricot class had the best attendance this week with **100% .Well done to Apricot Class**

The classes we need to encourage to get to school on time this week are Cherry Class, Orange Class and Blueberry Class.

Clubs News

There are still places available for **Stem Kids** young engineers club which started on Thursday. Contact them direct on www.stemkids.co.uk

Families and Friends News:

Next Families & Friends meeting at school 7pm Tuesday 2nd May at school. Hope to see you there.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday 10th May—Strawberry class cake sale.

Wednesday 24th May—Apricot class cake sale.

Friday 26th May Mufti day for packets of sweets.

Wednesday 21st June—Pineapple class cake sale.

Tuesday 11th July—Summer Disco

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Notes from the office :

School Lunches

Please check you have booked lunches for your children. We still have children expecting a lunch, but they are not on the daily list. The kitchen will only cater for the numbers on the list, which could mean we will be unable to provide a dinner for anyone who has not ordered. If for any reason you are having trouble with ordering meals, please let the office know.

If your child has borrowed a school Library Book and they have finished reading it, please make sure that it is returned so that other children can take it out to read. Some books are more popular than others and we want to give all the children at school the opportunity to read as many books as possible during the year.

A number of parents are requesting **term time absence**. As you know already requests for holidays are **unauthorised** by the school. If attendance falls below 90% your child is regarded as a persistent absentee and this can result in the Educational Welfare Service taking court action to prosecute parents. 19 days of any absence a year, which equals 90% attendance, will make it very difficult for your child to keep up with the curriculum and this could significantly affect their academic progress at school.
Mrs Hodgson

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.

2nd May- Families & friends meeting at school 7pm

8th – 11th May – KS2 assessment tests (SATS week)

15th May – Class photos

17th May – Parent Council meeting 7pm

25th May - Y6 Sayers Croft info. Session for parents 2.30pm

29thMay – 2nd June Half – term week

Wk beg. of 5th June Yr 5 Bikeability

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 Discovery World

17th July – Class Swap morning and Celebration Evening

21st July – Yr6 Leavers Assembly and evening party

21st July – End of term at 12 noon