



# St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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**Head's Lines:** Welcome back to school at the start of the new academic year; we hope that you had a lovely summer holiday and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the new families who have joined the school. As you can see we have been improving the playground surface for EYFS and KS1 this summer and thank you to all of the staff who worked during the summer to deep clean, make safe and improve the premises for us all. At school this week the children have been reflecting and learning about our 5 core school values: respect, kindness, honesty, forgiveness, and thankfulness. Thank you for helping the children to look so smart in their uniforms as the new year begins. We will be continuing to use Parent Mail this year to communicate effectively with you. Class newsletters will be coming out to you at the beginning of next week and you can find details about what the children are learning in their class pages on the school website as the year progresses. Details of the Families and Friends events coming up and an outline date list for the term are below; further dates will be added next week. We are delighted that Miss Payas and Miss Kelly have joined us in Year 5 this year and I am now able to inform you that Miss Corcoran, who has been a hugely valuable member of our staff for nearly a decade will be retiring at Christmas. I know that she is sad to go and we will miss her as part of our dedicated team of colleagues but we will be wishing her all the very best later this term for her retirement. As you know she will be working across Upper key stage 2 this term. It is wonderful to see everyone back safely at school again to start the new year. Mrs Hodgson



**Blueberry Class:** This week **Blueberry Class** have been settling into Year 3. We've been learning some of the secrets of how to be a fantastic learner and the importance of having a positive growth mindset. We also worked together, using lines to create textures and tones, to produce a piece of class artwork that is hanging proudly outside our classroom door!

**Strawberry Class:** Strawberry Class has enjoyed a very positive start to the new term. The children are looking forward to learning all about the Romans and the different opportunities that they will encounter in Year 4. They worked hard to achieve great pencil drawings of Strawberry plants with some very accomplished results.



**Mango and Papaya Classes:** In Year 5 this week, we have enjoyed getting to know each other. The children have presented their excellent summer holiday

homework and have written about a special day they experienced over the holidays.



**Pineapple Class:** This week the children in Pineapple Class have been writing letters of application to Miss Heavens stating their preferred role of Year 6 responsibility. Examples include Head Boy, Head Girl, House Captain, assembly monitor and golden time monitor. The children had to give reasons why they thought they would be ideal for their desired roles and are now eagerly awaiting the outcome.



### Class news this week:

**Kiwi and Cherry Classes:** The Staff have been visiting the children in their homes this week.



They have been delighted to meet the new children and have thoroughly enjoyed the visits. We are looking forward to welcoming the children into school in the coming weeks.

**Lemon Class:** This week we have been enjoying settling into Lemon class. We have been learning new routines and rules, and have had fun exploring our new classroom and playground. We have been writing about our families and helping to order numbers in maths. We've had fun playing with the dinosaurs and cars and had a great time in PE!

**Orange Class:** This week in Orange class we have enjoyed getting to know each other. We have played getting to know you games and written about ourselves. The children have settled in well and have already learnt some of our routines. What a great start to a new year!



At St Mary's we encourage all children to demonstrate fantastic handwriting and presentation skills and to take pride in all written work. Some parents may be aware that all of the children in Key Stage 2 have begun this academic year writing in pencil including those who have already been awarded a pen in previous classes. Very shortly, all children who are consistently showing the ability to use neatly joined and correctly formed letters of the correct size and orientation will be awarded a brand new style of handwriting pen and pen license certificate in assembly in recognition of their continued efforts. As we go through the year, we plan to continue to award handwriting pens and pen licenses to children when we feel that they are ready for this. If you have any questions concerning handwriting, please speak to your child's class teacher.

**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.

Key Dates 2017 - 2018

### September

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Reception Children start  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Reception Children stay to lunch  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Individual Photographs  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Transition Talk with Mr Ash Ali, HT @ CCC  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Pineapple Class Cake Sale  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Reception Children are full time  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Visit to British Museum  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Reception Phonics Workshop 2.30pm – 3.20 pm

### October

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 4.30—7.30 pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3.40—6 pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Opening Evening for entry in Autumn 2018  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Mango Class Cake Sale  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Half Term

### November

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 1.20 – 2.30 pm Immunisation:  
Reception Year 1, 2 and 3  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Papaya Class Cake Sale  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 10.30 am Rec, Year 3 and Year 6 Height and Weight

### December

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Mufti Day  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Term

### January

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day back  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Class Cake Sale

### February

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Cinema Event  
12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Half Term  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Blueberry Class Cake Sale

### March

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Orange Class Cake Sale  
26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 Residential Trip to Hooke Court  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

### April

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Inset  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Lemon Class Cake Sale

### May

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Cherry Class Cake Sale  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> INSET  
May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

### June

W/c 4<sup>th</sup> June Bikeability  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June Mufti Day  
W/c 11<sup>th</sup> June Bikeability  
13 – 15<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential to Sayers Croft  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Kiwi Class Cake Sale  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day

### July

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> School Disco  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> School Fair  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

### Notes from the office :

#### PE Lessons

Please can you make sure children have both indoor and outdoor PE kits with them now the weather is changing.

If children wear earrings—**only plain studs are permitted.**

Please be aware that the children are doing rugby in PE this term and children **must** be able to remove them before the lesson. Thank you.

**Data Collection Sheets** will be set out next week. Please check the details are correct and make any corrections as necessary. **All forms** must be signed and returned to office by 22 September, even if there are no changes to make. Thank you.

### Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 91.3%. Pineapple class had the best attendance this week with 94.9% . **Well done to Pineapple class.**

The class we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is Mango class

**Please remember the registers are taken at 9am and assembly starts at 9.05am. Thank you for your support in getting the children to school on time.**

### Help Needed

We are looking for a volunteer

to help in our school library. If you have time on a regular basis , we need someone who can keep our library up to date. This would include booking in returned books on our computer system.

If you are interested please speak to Mrs Coles for more details.

### Club News

Most clubs should be starting back next week. Details have been sent out by email and can be found on our website in the News and Events section, under letters home.

Please book direct with the club provider, unfortunately some clubs may not be able to start if they do not get enough children joining .