



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head's Lines: As you will see we have extended the newsletter this week to include a list of **key dates** for the school year. We hope that this will help you plan your diaries in the weeks ahead. All the school dates for parents will continue to appear on the school calendar on the website as well. This week our new **Cherry Class** have started at school and some of the children in our Nursery have begun to attend **Kiwi Class** – welcome to all of our new families and it is great to see that the children have all settled in so well. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **Families & Friends AGM** next Tuesday evening when you have an opportunity to vote in your committee and work with us to make the school even better for the children. You will have received the **Parent Mail** about **after school provision** and we would encourage you to respond to the consultation questions that are coming out to you shortly in order that we can gauge an accurate picture of what demand there is for after school child care. We are discussing options with other local schools and will of course keep you informed as to progress.

Year 6 will have received information about transition to **secondary schools** this week ; they are taking more responsibility now that they are in their final year at the school. Yesterday the whole school voted for who they would like to represent them on the **Pupil Leadership team**—Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies. Children are invited to nominate themselves and eight spoke confidently in assembly yesterday to express why they thought they would be good at leading the School Council. Congratulations to James, Kyra, George and Lillie who were successful; I look forward to working with them as they become an active pupil voice at St Mary's. House captains, School Councillors and Eco-Councillors will be voted in next week. As we would expect from our pupils they are keen to help others around the school with responsible tasks and staff actively encourage this. Please do look on the school **website class pages** for newsletters and timetables. One of our development priorities this year is to **inspire, encourage and foster a genuine love of reading**—so enjoy reading at home with the children this weekend. Remember books in the school **library** are available for the children to take out on a regular basis. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi This week many of the children in Kiwi Class have come to nursery for the very first time. We have begun to get to know each other and explore all the different things that are available to play with in Kiwi Class. Mrs Quinn & Mrs Adams have been very impressed with how well the children have played together and how helpful they have been at tidy up time!



Cherry Class: Well Done Cherry Class on completing your very first week! We have enjoyed getting to know each other and loved spending time in the role play area making food on the new cooker. We have also found a grasshopper in our outdoor learning environment. We looked at it in a pot on our visualizer and came up with lots of question about what we wanted to know about it.



Lemon Class: This week we have started our new topic: Where do rainbows come from? We started our class text "After the Storm" with Percy the park keeper and have been making predictions about the book. In maths we have begun looking at numbers to 10 and have been ordering numbers and carefully counting groups of objects. We enjoyed our first Spanish lesson!



Orange Class: This week we have enjoyed learning about nouns and adjectives. We used our knowledge to describe some famous story characters. Our Gruffalo descriptions were fantastic!



Blueberry Class: For science this week, the children have been learning about rocks. We compared a range of rocks to see how similar and different their properties could be. We also explored the school grounds to see if we could find where rocks were used in the school buildings.



Strawberry Class: This week we have started our topic on Romans and have explored the Roman timeline. In maths we have been working on place value, adding and subtracting ones, tens, hundreds and even thousands,

Mango and Papaya Classes: This week we have been reading Beowulf in our Literacy lessons which is related to our topic for this term, Anglo Saxons. Year 5 have written professional job descriptions and interview questions for warriors and heroes wishing to defeat Denmark's evil beast alongside Beowulf! We have also enjoyed gathering interesting historical facts and making our own Anglo Saxon passports.

Pineapple Class: This week we have begun reading 'Macbeth'. We have acted out the first part of the story and have been writing in the role as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. In topic lessons, the children have been finding out more about William Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: **Leighton** for kind, helpful and respectful behaviour and **Georgie** for trying her best at each new challenge with a super attitude.

Orange Class: **Jemima** for some very thoughtful input during class discussions. **Gabriella** for already improving her speed when writing.

Blueberry: **Dean** for great listening and thoughtful ideas. **Storm** for being a great talk partner and asking thoughtful questions.

Strawberry: **Macey and Ross** for impeccable behaviour and setting a fantastic example to others. **Ellis** for a brilliant start to the new school year.

Papaya Class: **Tyler** for good behaviour and showing excellent listening skills this week. **Isobel** for being a good example of working hard and behaving well.

Mango Class: **Megan** for her consistently good behaviour and excellent writing and **Lincoln** for enthusiasm and fact finding skills about our topic this term.

Pineapple Class: **Lillie** for showing a good understanding of the story of Macbeth and **James** for an excellent attitude towards his learning and showing kindness towards others.

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



Notes from the office :

Data Collection Sheets have now been sent out. It is important that you 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.

If you are unable to collect your child from school and make arrangements for someone else collect them, you must call and inform the school who will be collecting them,

Please remember to check you have booked school lunches, and pay any outstanding amounts due.

Reception children will be staying for lunch from Monday. Please make sure you have registered and chosen your child's meals. The link can be found on our website. If you have any problems please let the office know.

If you forget to order a lunch on any day, please call the office before 9.30 am so we can inform the kitchen .

We have a few items of uniform left in stock. These can only be purchased through Parent mail. Go to payments and then shop and chose your items.

Please note that if the items are not available on ParentMail they will need to be purchased from our new uniform supplier PMG Schoolwear in Tolworth.

Polite reminder: if your child has any Library books that have been read and are due for return to the school please bring them back in. Have a look under beds, in rucksacks and in wardrobes this weekend please! There were an unacceptable number of books overdue at the end of the term and we would prefer that you do not incur fines. Mrs Hodgson

Club News

Most of the afters school clubs have now started. Unfortunately **STEM kids** will not be running this term, because not enough children applied to join. They will try to run the club after half term. A new flyer will be sent out, so please book direct if interested to avoid this club being cancelled.

Spanish Amigos will also only be able to carry on offering an after school club if they have enough children signed up to start next week.

A flyer will be sent out from Spanish Amigo to see if there is an interest for a lunch time club .

La Jolie Ronde French club starts Tuesday lunch time, Please contact direct if interested.

Russ is continuing with **Multi Sports** for Yrs 4-6 before school on Tuesdays from 8am.

All details of clubs can be found on our website in the News and Events section, under letters home.

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 91.9%. Papaya class had the best attendance this week with 94.4% . **Well done to Papaya 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 still 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.

Also, the teachers are always grateful for parent helpers, if you have any time to spare to listen to reading or changing books or any other little jobs that will be a big help to the teachers please speak to Mrs Coles for more details.

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

October

Thursday 5th EYFS Stay and Play Session
Thursday 5th Pineapple Class Assembly
Tuesday 10th Mental Health Awareness Day
 Tuesday 10th Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.30 pm
 Thursday 12th Parents Evening 3.40 – 6 pm
 Friday 13th Muffi Day
 Monday 16th Opening Evening for entry in Autumn 2018 6-7.30pm

Wednesday 18th Harvest Festival

Wednesday 18th Mango Class Cake Sale
Wednesday 18th Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Thursday 19th Blueberry Class Assembly
 Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Half Term
 Tuesday 31st **Open Morning for Prospective Parents**

November

Monday 6th **EYFS – Little Angels Theatre visiting school**
 Tuesday 14th 1.20 – 2.30 pm Immunisation: Reception Year 1, 2 and 3
 Wednesday 15th Papaya Class Cake Sale
Thursday 16th Papaya Class Assembly
 Friday 17th Muffi Day
Thursday 23rd Strawberry Class Assembly
 Monday 27th 9.30 – 10.30 am Rec, Year 3 and Year 6 Height and Weight

December

Friday 1st Muffi Day
Monday 4th Secret Santa
 Friday 8th **EYFS Christmas Performance 10.30 am**
 Saturday 9th Christmas Fair
 Monday 11th **2pm KS1 Christmas Performance**
Tuesday 12th 10 am KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th 7pm KS2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14th 2pm KS2 Christmas Performance
Friday 15th Christmas Jumper Day
 Monday 18th **EYFS Stay and Play Session**
Tuesday 19th Panto—Wizard of Oz
Wednesday 20th Church service KS1 9.30, KS2 10.30

Wednesday 20th School Disco

Thursday 21st Last Day of Term

January

Wednesday 3rd INSET
 Thursday 4th 1st Day back
Thursday 11th Lemon Class Assembly
 Wednesday 17th Strawberry Class Cake Sale

February

Friday 2nd Cinema Event
Thursday 8th Mango Class Assembly
 12th – 16th Feb Half Term
Thursday 22nd Orange Class Assembly
 Wednesday 28th Blueberry Class Cake Sale

March

Thursday 8th Blueberry Class Assembly
 Monday 19th Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 21st Orange Class Cake Sale
 26th – 28th March Year 5 Residential Trip to Hooke Court
 Thursday 29th Last Day of Term

April

Monday 16th Inset
Thursday 19th Lemon Class Assembly
 Wednesday 25th Lemon Class Cake Sale

May

Friday 4th Muffi Day
 Wednesday 16th Cherry Class Cake Sale
Thursday 24th May Papaya Class Assembly
 Friday 25th INSET
 May 28th – June 1st Half Term

June

Wc 4th June Bikeability
Thursday 8th June Orange Class Assembly
 Friday 8th June Muffi Day
 Wc 11th June Bikeability
 13 – 15th Year 6 Residential to Sayers Croft
Thursday 21st Strawberry Class Assembly
 Wednesday 20th Kiwi Class Cake Sale
 Friday 29th Muffi Day

July

Friday 6th School Disco
Thursday 12th Mango Class Assembly
 Saturday 14th School Fair
Friday 20th Pineapple Class Assembly
 Friday 20th Last Day of Term