



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: Thank you to the parents who came along to the Families & Friends AGM this week. The FAF raised £12,500 last year for the children—a tremendous contribution and we would like to thank everyone for their hard work in raising this magnificent amount of money. Details of the new committee for this year and how the monies raised are being spent throughout the year can be found on the school website. Most recent spending has been to fund the Christmas Panto for the children! The school staff very much look forward to working with Ellie, Michila, Vivien, Sarah, Fiona and the class reps moving forwards. They already have some great ideas!

Thank you for your responses to our questionnaire about after school provision—we will of course keep you informed about options that might be available in the coming weeks.

You will have received a letter today from the school governors about voluntary contributions to The Governors Fund. We look forward to receiving your responses to the letter. I am sure that you have seen recent media coverage about school funding and the letter outlines our situation with regards to contributions as a VA church primary school.

The children have voted for their **School Council** which will have its first meeting next week. Congratulations to **Orange: Jemima & Harry, Blueberry: Raphael & Tilly, Strawberry: Harrison & Elli, Mango: Rebecca & Matti, Papaya: Isabel & Cameron, Pineapple: James, Kyra, George & Lille** who will be representing the views of the children this year and working with the staff to make improvements they would like to see at the school.

Please encourage the children to use *Mathletics* at home this weekend. This is a fantastic online resource for learning Maths. Every child has a password and should be able to access it from home.

Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi: This week in Kiwi Class we have been continuing to get to know each other and find our way around nursery. We have been learning how to use some of the equipment as well as how to take turns and share with each other.



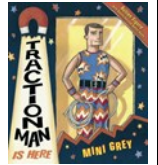
Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have enjoyed staying at school for lunch and playing in Kiwi classes playground! We have also been learning how to use the sand timer so that we can take turns on the bikes and scooters. We have also enjoyed singing '5 little speckled frogs' then using the frogs in free flow learning time to create our very own games!



Lemon Class: This week lemon class have been learning all about the seasons. We created some beautiful artwork showing the way that the trees change through the seasons. We also went on an autumn walk and found lots of amazing signs of spring like conkers, seeds and golden leaves. In maths we have been ordering numbers to 10 and practicing our number formation.



Orange Class: This week Orange Class have enjoyed reading their new class text 'Traction Man Is Here'. We found this book incredibly funny and loved some of the adventures of Traction Man. We shared our likes and dislikes and explored the characters in the story.



Blueberry Class: This week, the children in **Blueberry Class** have been using picture evidence to develop their understanding of life in ancient Egypt. We carefully described what we could see happening in each picture and discussed how this was similar or different to our life in modern Britain today.



Strawberry Class: This week, the children have had great fun in drama. They acted out the story of Cinderella and have planned their own version of *Roman Cinderella* where Cinderella will be a poor slave boy, Julius and the fairy Godmother will be played by Venus, the God of Love and Beauty.



Mango and Papaya Classes: In Year 5 this week we have been learning about the teachings of Jesus through his parables. We read the parable of the lost sheep and discussed how we can relate this to our own lives. In Literacy, we have been writing diary entries from the point of view of an Anglo-Saxon warrior. We have had a particular focus on improving handwriting so that more of us can earn our pen licenses!

Pineapple Class: This week the children in Pineapple Class have been finding out more about the six wives of Henry VIII. They learned the rhyme 'Divorced, Beheaded, Died, Divorced, Beheaded, Survived' to help them to remember the fate of each wife. They have particularly focused on Henry's first wife, Catherine of Aragon and learned that the couple were married for 24 years before getting divorced when she became too old to have further children.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: Dan for having a positive and hardworking approach to his learning and **Kashif** for working super hard at his number work.

Orange Class: Archie for always sharing his ideas confidently during carpet time. **Millie** for giving every task 100%.

Blueberry: Georgia for wonderful listening and always being ready to learn. **Harry F** for a fantastic attitude to learning.

Strawberry: Harrison Bo for consistently fabulous work and for helping others. **Aykut and Sophie A** for super, reflective writing in RE.

Papaya Class: Louis for working hard and for an excellent piece of writing in English and **Joe** for a big improvement in concentration an effort this week.

Mango Class: Freddy for enthusiasm and hard work in all areas of learning and **Grace** for excellent creative writing in our English lessons.

Pineapple Class: Aisha for setting a good example with her positive attitude towards learning and **Isla** for excellent effort in all of her writing linked to Macbeth.

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



Club News

Spanish Amigos have delayed the start of their club until after half term, It will now probably move to a Wednesday after school. We will send out another flyer nearer the time.

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

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.

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 96.0%. Papaya class had the best attendance this week with 97.8. **Well done to Papaya class.**

The classes we need to encourage to get to school on time this week are Papaya and Pineapple 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.

Notes from the office :

Data Collection Sheets should have now been returned to the office. 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 Monday 25th, 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,

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 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 (bottles)
Monday 16th Opening Evening for entry in Autumn 2018
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

***Friday 3rd** **Muffi Day (Sweets)**
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 – date changed to 3rd November**

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 (Chocolate)
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 **Cat's Grin Theatre Company Pantomime in School – The Wizard of Oz**

***Wednesday 20th** **School Disco**
Wednesday 20th Church service KS1 9.30, KS2 10.30
Thursday 21st Last Day of Term

JANUARY

Wednesday 3rd INSET
Thursday 4th 1st Day back
Thursday 11th Lemon Class Assembly

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 Wednesday 17th Strawberry Class Cake Sale
Friday 26th Muffi Day (Toiletries)

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 29 th	Last Day of Term
APRIL	
Monday 16 th	Inset
Thursday 19 th	Lemon Class Assembly
Wednesday 25 th	Lemon Class Cake Sale
MAY	
Friday 4 th	Muffi Day (Bottles)
Wednesday 16 th	Cherry Class Cake Sale
Thursday 24 th May	Papaya Class Assembly
Friday 25 th	INSET
May 28 th – June 1 st	Half Term
JUNE	
Wc 4 th June	Bikeability
Thursday 7 th June	Orange Class Assembly
Friday 8th June	Muffi Day Change of date to 26th January
Wc 11 th June	Bikeability
13 – 15 th	Year 6 Residential to Sayers Croft
Thursday 21 st	Strawberry Class Assembly
Wednesday 20 th	Kiwi Class Cake Sale
Friday 29 th	Muffi Day (Packet Sweets)
JULY	
Friday 6 th	School Disco
Thursday 12 th	Mango Class Assembly
Saturday 14 th	School Fair
Friday 20 th	Pineapple Class Assembly
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