



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: We are lucky to have supportive and enthusiastic governors at St Mary's and the full **Governing Body** had their first meeting of the new year on Monday evening. Thank you to Aaron Crompton for all of his dedication and hard work on the Governing Body; he is resigning from the governors as his term of office comes to an end shortly. Sam Vieitez will continue as Chair of the Governors with Sara Carlton as the Vice-Chair. The governors will be holding a drop in session during Parents Evening on 10th October between 6.30 and 7.30 pm if you would like to meet them.

As you know the school achieved the **Gold PE Mark** at the end of the Summer term and we are so proud of the children's achievements in sport. Children with pierced ears must be able to remove their own **ear rings for PE** in order that they can participate safely.

We are pleased to hear that so many of you are using the school **website** for information; the search button on the home page should help to navigate around the information. Information about our **school ethos and values** has been added recently. In collective worship this week the school value that the children have been learning about is thankfulness. Our ethos statement '**Live Life, Love Learning Guided by God**' reveals the distinctive, character, attitude and spirit of the school – the nature of its heart and soul. Staff and visitors to the school can see this often in the everyday life of the school and how it is lived out in the relationships formed within the whole school community. Well done to the children who have achieved Star of the Week and been recognised in the Golden Book for fantastic attitudes towards their learning. We do have some children at the school who are **Young Carers**—they provide regular ongoing or emotional support for a family member. There is support available from the Carers Trust and I would signpost you to www.carers.org.uk Please let Mrs Johnson or myself know if you have a Young Carer in your family. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi: This week in Kiwi Class the children have continued to learn how to use the equipment in nursery. They have particularly enjoyed using the BeeBot and have found out how to make him move forwards and backwards.



Cherry Class: Congratulations Cherry Class on completing your first full week in school! We have also loved having our first P.E session with Mr Russ. It was great fun and we can't wait for our next lesson. We have also enjoyed making obstacle courses in our outdoor learning environment and making sure that they are safe to use.



Lemon Class: This week Lemon Class have been reading 'After the Storm' about Percy The Park Keeper. We have been learning how to count forwards and backwards from ten and have been thinking about our feelings and what makes us happy. We have also painted our very own pictures of Percy and his friends.



Orange Class: This week Orange class were creating their own adventures for Traction Man the superhero from our class text. The children were very creative and had him in all sorts of dangerous missions.



Blueberry Class: The children in **Blueberry Class** enjoyed Egyptian Day this week. We learned about the ancient Egyptians from the artefacts they left behind at the British Museum and created our own scarab beetle amulets at school. A big thank you to all the adult helpers that made it all possible!

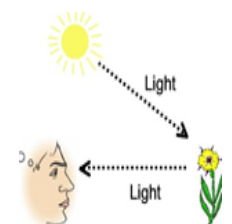


Strawberry Class: This week in Strawberry Class we have linked our topic of the Roman with maths and have been learning how to convert Roman numbers. We have also been writing our own versions of Cinderella; this time set during Roman times and about Julius, the Gladiator.

Roman Numeral	Number
I	1
V	5
X	10
L	50
C	100
D	500
M	1000

Mango and Papaya Classes: This week Mango and Papaya classes have happily taken on the role of authors as they begin to plan, write and edit their own new chapters for Beowulf. Year 5 have also been keen scientific investigators. They have been conducting experiments in partners to analyse the best ways to separate different materials.

Pineapple Class: This week the children in Pineapple Class have been learning about how we see things as part of their science topic, 'Light'. They learned that light travels in straight lines from a light source and reflects off objects and into our eyes, allowing us to see the object. The children have been drawing their own diagrams to demonstrate their understanding of the process.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: **Bella** for always having a kind, helpful and enthusiastic attitude. **Ewan** for your super hard work and perseverance with every new challenge.

Orange Class: **Dexter and Yousra** for excellent effort in all of their learning.

Blueberry: **All of Blueberry Class** for fantastic listening and behaviour on Egyptian day at school and at the British Museum.

Strawberry: **Harrison Br.** for great perseverance with his writing and **Lily-Sky** for such a fantastic start in her new school.

Papaya Class: **Adam** for excellent listening and attention in lessons and **Izzy** for a huge effort in literacy resulting in a wonderful story.

Mango Class: **Asher** for inventive and innovative creative writing! **Joanne** for stellar and speedy maths.

Pineapple Class: **Ben** for excellent thinking during discussions when responding to Macbeth. **George** for enthusiasm in Maths and showing kindness to others at break time.

144 Club: Well done to Kyra in Pineapple Class who has become a member of the 144 Club.



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

Notes from the office :

Data Collection Sheets

There are still some families that have not returned their data collection sheets. It is very important that all sheets are checked, signed and returned to the office, even if there are no changes to the details.

Cherry and Kiwi parents, please return all paper work given to you to sign at the beginning of term. Thank you.

Orders for **School Photos** need to be returned to the school office by 6th October. If paying by cash please enclose the correct amount, as the office is unable to give you change.

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 **do not park in the staff car park**. We have regular deliveries and mini buses picking up children during the day. There is plenty of space to park in the British Legion car park just pass the school. Thank you.

Free School Meals taster for Reception, Y1 & Y2 Thursday 5th October

We would like to encourage all children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 to try the hot meals on Thursday 5th. You can choose and order your meal at www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk but Margherita pizza will be available for all infant children to try. Please feel free to still provide pack lunch if you wish.

Help Needed

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 96.6%. Papaya class had the best attendance this week with 100%. **Well done to Papaya class.**

The classes we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is Papaya 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.

Lost Property

Please make sure all items of uniform have your child's name on. Nearly every break time we are finding jumpers left out side. If there is a name inside it makes it a lot easier to return it to the correct person. You do not have to use special name tags, just writing the name on the label in pen is helpful. Thank you.

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Key Dates 2017 - 2018

OCTOBER

Thursday 5 th	EYFS Stay and Play Session
Thursday 5 th	Pineapple Class Assembly
Tuesday 10 th	Mental Health Awareness Day
Tuesday 10 th	Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.30 pm
Thursday 12 th	Parents Evening 3.40 – 6 pm
Friday 13 th	Muffi Day (bottles)
Monday 16 th	Opening Evening for entry in Autumn 2018
Wednesday 18 th	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 18 th	Mango Class Cake Sale
Wednesday 18 th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Thursday 19 th	Blueberry Class Assembly
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Half Term
Tuesday 31 st	Open Morning for Prospective Parents

NOVEMBER

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Monday 6 th	EYFS – Little Angels Theatre visiting school
Tuesday 14 th	1.20 – 2.30 pm Immunisation: Reception Year 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 15 th	Papaya Class Cake Sale
Thursday 16 th	Papaya Class Assembly
Friday 17 th	Muffi Day – date changed to 3 rd November

Thursday 23 rd	Strawberry Class Assembly
Monday 27 th	9.30 – 10.30 am Rec, Year 3 and Year 6 Height and Weight

DECEMBER

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Monday 11 th	2pm KS1 Christmas Performance

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 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
 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 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 (Bottles)
 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 7th June Orange Class Assembly
Friday 8th June Muffi Day Change of date to 26th January

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 (Packet Sweets)

JULY

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