



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: This week at school the children have been working hard to progress their learning and I am sure that you have had a chance to book a time to meet with your child's classteacher for Parents Evening next week. If you are unable to attend next week or you would like a longer meeting please remember that you can also contact the teachers via the office at any time to arrange an appointment. I am aware that the playground is a busy place to catch staff at drop off and pick up time, but I would encourage you to speak with classteachers as often as possible to discuss any concerns or questions that you might have. I am sure that you can appreciate the importance of these meetings as we work in partnership with you throughout your child's learning journey.

I hope that you have received the Parent Mail this week about our Parent Council; do look out for the flyer being handed out and Hannah in the playground.

The development of the children's vocabulary and their word recognition when they are reading, is one of our priorities for school improvement this year. The Book Fair is in school next week—we encourage you to come and have a look, to read daily with your children at home and to notice any new words that they have come across when reading, either at school or with you. Do come and borrow books from our Library if you would like to – each class has a timetabled session but books can be taken out at any time. Mrs Hodgson

Book Fair: At St Mary's we encourage children to read for pleasure and develop reading skills for life. Next week we will be hosting a Scholastic book fair and would encourage everyone to come and buy a book and help raise funds for our school. The book fair will be open in the main entrance at the following times: **Thursday 12th October 3.00pm – 6.00pm (During Parent Consultations), Friday 13th October 3.00pm – 4.00pm and Monday 16th October 3.00pm – 4.00pm**



If you would like to **donate a book to the School Library** you are more than welcome to! A name plate will be put into the book saying which family kindly donated each book. Thanks for your support.

Class news this week:

Kiwi: This week in Kiwi Class, we invited our parents & carers to come and play with us. We had great fun showing them around nursery and playing together. We also showed off our beautiful singing and listening skills at carpet time.



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have loved having our families in to come and see our classroom and playing

alongside us. We have loved learning all our new sounds and we are even using the chalk outside to write our sounds on the playground. We have also been coming up with our very own class rules.



Lemon Class: This week we have been doing some very tricky maths! We have been looking at one more and one less, using $<$ $>$ and $=$ signs to compare numbers and have been ordering groups of numbers. In English we have been captioning pictures from "After the Storm" with Percy the Park Keeper and have been continuing our learning about weather by writing descriptions of different types of weather.

Orange Class: This Week in Orange Class we wrote our own comic strip in the style of Mini Grey's 'Traction Man'. We added a new adventure that saw this superhero face some evil villains. The children were very creative in how he succeeded.



Blueberry Class: This week, the children in Blueberry class have been completing our own version of a myth from ancient Egypt. We have been practising using inverted commas for speech punctuation and our stories are full of amazing characters and fantastic events!

Strawberry Class: This week Strawberry Class has had another busy week. We have finished our Roman Cinderella stories, improved our number work in Maths, learned about the Baptism of Jesus and the properties of solids, liquids and gases in Science. Phew!



Mango and Papaya Classes: This week, Year 5 have finished reading their class book, Beowulf. We have found it an interesting and exciting read. To finish the topic, we have written book reviews to share our opinions on the story. Mango class have been challenging each other with creative and humorous word problems. In PSHE, we have been thinking about anti-bullying and how to be vigilant in spotting hurtful behaviour in the playground. Papaya class have enjoyed a circle time with their class mascot.



Pineapple Class: This week the children in Pineapple Class have been preparing and performing their class assembly on the Tudors. They have enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning on Henry the Eighth and Shakespeare with the rest of the school and celebrate the work they have done so far in Year 6. Well done



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: Millie P for your consistent positive and hardworking attitude to learning. **Harry** for your fabulous effort and perseverance in maths.

Orange Class: Leah S. for excellent resilience in maths and **Kiera** for creating an amazing comic strip.

Blueberry: Victor for settling in well to Year 3 and **Milly** for great work with your talk partner.

Strawberry: Callum and Sosan for consistently producing work of a very high standard and for excellent behaviour, setting a great example to others.

Papaya Class: Maria for always persevering and trying her best. **Alex** for excellent work in maths and completing tasks to a high standard.

Mango Class: Lauren for consistently good behaviour and attitudes to learning. **Imogen** for hard work and perseverance in maths.

Pineapple Class: For working together to produce a great class assembly on The Tudors.

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.

Lost Property

Please make sure all items of uniform have your child's name on. Nearly every break time we are finding jumpers left outside. 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.

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. Year 6 children are allowed to walk home if their parents have signed the permission slip.

Please **do not park in the staff car park.** We have regular deliveries and mini buses picking up children during the day. Thank you.

Education City Very shortly, children in Key Stage 2 will be bringing home their own log-in and password for Education City. Children will be familiar with this program as we use it support their learning of grammar, English, maths and science through fun games and exercises. Please feel free to let them explore the program. Classes may also be given Education City activities as their home learning. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 95.3% . Orange class had the best attendance this week with 99% .

Well done to Orange class!

The class we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is Pineapple Class.,Year 6.

Please remember the registers are taken at 9am and assembly starts at 9.05am. Thank you for your support

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.

Tuesday 10th October—Well Being Day at St Mary's

On Tuesday we will be celebrating Wellbeing Day at St Mary's. This will be a lovely day where we will talk to the children about the importance of taking care of our minds and taking the time in our busy days to make sure that we feel happy and content. The children will learn about Wellbeing and they will take part in some creative, fun, relaxing and inspiring activities! There will be a display about Wellbeing in school for parents to look at during Parents Evening. If you are concerned about the pressures of our modern society on children today please come and take a look.

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

OCTOBER

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	Mufti 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 23rd – Friday 27th Half Term	
Tuesday 31 st	Open Morning for Prospective Parents