



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: It was lovely to see so many parents at Parents Evening this week and thank you for your comments on the Governor Questionnaire. If you were unable to attend please contact your class teacher via the office to arrange a suitable time to meet with them. The children enjoyed Wellbeing Day on Tuesday and I hope that you noticed the comments on the Happiness tree at Parents Evening and the range of activities that encouraged children to think about what makes people happy. If you would like to read more about children's mental health and wellbeing please google Place2Be which is a useful resource.

As you can see today the fort is under repair. As a Church school we are fortunate to receive some funding from the Diocese for capital projects and thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Governors Fund to enable the playground refurbishments to proceed. The remainder of the work is planned on the tarmac surround over the half term break.

St Mary's are working with YMCA London South West to explore the opportunities to deliver breakfast and after school clubs and, within that frame work, extracurricular activities. YMCA London South West currently operates 15 after school club across South, South West and East London. Their After School Clubs offer children the opportunity to participate in a number of activities including: sports games and activities, creative play, cooking and opportunities to deliver self-directed and intrinsically motivated play. Further details about what they do can be found at: <http://www.ymcalsw.org/home/our-services/children-youth-and-family-work/> Please reply to the next questionnaire on Parent Mail, if appropriate, so that we can push ahead with this exciting project. Mrs Hodgson

Enjoy **reading at home** with the children this weekend—this site has some useful tips for parents. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/>

Class news this week:

Kiwi: The children in Kiwi Class have learnt a new song and dance this week – the Dinostomp! It is very popular with all the children and they are doing a great job of moving their bodies in time to the music.

Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class, we have been enjoying building obstacle courses in our outdoor learning environment. We have been learning about making sure that they are balanced before we use them so that we do not hurt ourselves. We have also been enjoying using the junk modelling to create many different things such as handbags, bracelets, medals, rockets and robots.



Lemon Class: This week we have been continuing our learning about weather and seasons. We have completed a weather diary, recording and comparing the weather each day this week. We have also been working on addition in maths and have done some fantastic writing. We really enjoyed dissecting a pumpkin and investigating the insides!



Orange Class: This week Orange Class have enjoyed working with money. We have been practicing counting up different values of coins and also paying for items with the exact change. We had a lot of discussion about how money has changed especially recently with the introduction of the new £1.00 coin and the new £10.00 note.

Blueberry Class: The children in Blueberry class enjoyed our activities on Wellbeing day. We learned about ways to keep us happy such as building good connections with our friends and family, being active, learning new things and mindfulness. We then practised using greater mindfulness as we made and decorated our versions of ancient Egyptian artefacts out of clay. All of the children took great care with their art and it was a wonderful calming experience!



Strawberry Class: This week we have started research into life in the Roman Army. How the soldiers trained, lived and their battle strategies. In Maths we have been looking at negative numbers, especially on a thermometer and thinking about where else you would find negative numbers.



Mango and Papaya Classes: This week Papaya and Mango class have been creating their own carrier bags. They have been deconstructing and analysing different shopping bags and creating their own ones based on these. They have also been hard at work on their topic for the term, the Anglo Saxons, and have been creating job adverts and job descriptions for people at the time.

Pineapple Class: This week the children in Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Hampton Court Palace to support their learning on the Tudors. They visited Henry VIII's apartments, the kitchens and the Royal Chapel as well as participating in a 'Tudor Fun and Games' session. A great day was had by all and the children have since written about the highlights of their day.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: Elliott for putting amazing effort into your writing this week and **Millie W** for completing your home learning to an excellent standard.

Orange Class: Henry and Elijah for their amazing attitude to learning and giving every task 100%

Blueberry: Tilly for showing great care and consideration in all her learning. **Harry M** for excellent reasoning and explanations in maths.

Strawberry: Joseph and Logan for great effort in their writing. **Lilli** for fantastic work in maths and for showing such enthusiasm to learning.

Papaya Class: Hassan for consistently good behaviour and always setting a good example. **Isaac** for well presented instruction writing in literacy.

Mango Class: Jake for extra hard work in all of his learning and excellent behaviour and **Grace** for wonderfully creative and imaginative writing.

Pineapple Class: Casey for consistently working hard and setting a good example to others. **Leo** for a brilliant piece of writing about our trip to Hampton Court Palace.

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



Sports News

Congratulations to the upper KS2 Rugby team who took part in the RBK tournament with 24 other local schools—and came 2nd! They showed great enthusiasm, commitment and teamwork to win their silver medals and if you look on the latest news button on the website you will see who took part.

Sports Kits

We seem to be missing some items of sports kits from last year. Please can you check if you have any items at home that may have been forgotten about. Thank you

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 95.8% . Lemon class had the best attendance this week with 99.6% .

Well done to Lemon class!

The classes we need to encourage to get to school on time this week are Strawberry, Papaya and Mango Classes .

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 :

URGENT

We still have quite a lot of forms that have not been returned to the office. Please return all data sheets and new starter information sheets to the office. It is really important that all these forms are returned. **Thank you.**

If you are sending money in to pay for school trips and money due to F & F , please can you put them in separate envelopes with the details on the front. Thank you

Don't forget all **Secondary School applications** need to be completed online by **31st October**. Any applications received after this date will be classed as a late application and could affect your choice of schools.

Book Fair: The book fair will be open for the final day on Monday from 3pm to 4pm. Please come and have a look. All books brought help raise funds towards books for school.

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



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

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