



# St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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**Head's Lines:** Thank you for all of your Harvest Festival donations this week which have been donated to the Kingston Food bank to help families in crisis.

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming a School Governor then please do speak to Mrs Hodgson in the first instance for further details. A more detailed letter for applications will be coming out on Parent Mail shortly.

Congratulations to Yellow House for winning the House Tag Rugby competition and to Blue House for winning the House Football this half term. In addition to PE house points, the children receive reward points for following our Golden Rules in class and Blue House have received the most this half term—well done for earning 620 house points for excellent attitudes to learning.

Thank you for your responses to the Parent Questionnaire which have been analysed by the Chair of the Governors. We were delighted to receive some really positive comments and we will of course take on board your suggestions for improvement. Firm details about plans for after school provision will be sent to you as soon as they are finalised—I am sure you can appreciate that discussions are ongoing. We also recognise that some of you have requested more information about how to support your child's learning at home and will work to improve this.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you safely back at St Mary's on 30th October for Around the World Week. Mrs Hodgson

## **Class news this week:**

**Kiwi:** The children in Kiwi Class enjoyed celebrating Harvest with their parents & families this week. We learned some Harvest songs, brought Harvest gifts, sang a Thank You prayer and baked some delicious cookies to share.



**Cherry Class:** This week in Cherry Class we have been learning all about Harvest. We had our very own Harvest Celebration singing songs and saying prayers to thank God for the sun and the rain so that the crops could grow. We have also been to the Wildlife Area for the very first time and found lots of mini beasts living under the logs. We can't wait to visit again soon.



**Lemon Class:** This week we have been working really hard on addition. We have used cubes to make number bonds for numbers up to 10 and have been finding 4 ways to write the

same number sentence! In English we have written some fantastic facts about hedgehogs and have learned about the story of the Prodigal Son in RE. Well done for working so hard this half term! We have done so much learning and you deserve to have a fun and restful holiday.

**Orange Class:** This week Orange Class enjoyed science where we were testing which materials can change shape. We looked at how we could twist, squash, pull, push and bend. We had great fun testing different objects.



**Blueberry Class:** As well as preparing for our class assembly on the ancient Egyptians, the children in Blueberry class have been learning different methods to add ones to three digit numbers. We have used a range of methods including dienes blocks, drawings, related number facts, part/whole models and related number lines so that we could compare which was the best and why.

**Strawberry Class:** This week the children have enjoyed writing information texts on *The Roman Army*. They have researched and planned pages on how the army was organised, what the soldiers' daily life was like, what they wore and about why the army was so powerful. Quite rightly, they are very proud of their work.



**Mango and Papaya Classes:** Our week began with a bang on Monday with an exhilarating drama work shop on the Anglo- Saxons. We had the opportunity to act out scenarios that would have occurred during the period, such as fighting between the tribes and the day to day lives of the Anglo- Saxons. In other areas, Papaya learned a song in line with 'Black History Month' and Mango created fact files about significant black leaders from the past.



**Pineapple Class:** This week the children in Pineapple Class have been learning about the differences between the rich and poor in Tudor times. They looked at different aspects of daily life including food, clothing and homes. Interestingly, they discovered that poor Tudors had better teeth than the rich who ate a diet which was much higher in sugar.



### Stars of the week:



**Lemon Class:** **Henri** for making a terrific effort with your home learning this week and **Matthew** for always showing a hardworking and positive attitude to your learning.

**Orange Class:** **Izzie** for her hard work and perseverance when working with money.

**Augustus** for a great attitude to learning. Your concentration has really improved!

**Blueberry:** **All of Blueberry Class** for a fantastic team effort in our class assembly.

**Strawberry:** **Phoebie** for making a fantastic effort to improve her writing and **Sophie C** for being an all round superstar!

**Papaya Class:** **Oliver** for a big improvement in effort and behaviour. **Poppy** for an improvement in listening and attention during lessons.

**Mango Class:** **Aaron** for brilliant behaviour and superb listening and **Rebekah** for detailed and well-thought out writing.

**Pineapple Class:** **Ethan** for demonstrating excellent scientific knowledge on our light topic and **Bobbie** for always being kind and helpful to others.

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



### Clubs update.

**StemKids** would like to try and start their Young Engineers club for KS2 on a Thursday after half term. Leaflets have been sent out in book bags. Please book direct on [www.stemkids.co.uk](http://www.stemkids.co.uk). This club can only go ahead if they have enough children interested.

**Spanish Amigos** is also hoping to start up again after half term. This club will now be on a Wednesday. Booking forms have been sent out by Parentmail. Please book direct with

### Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 94.6% . Mango class had the best attendance this week with 99.3 % .

**Well done to Mango class!**

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

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.

Don't forget to order **lunches** for the new term and clear any outstanding balances.

If your child has any food allergies, please make sure you have filled in the special diet sheet on Feeding Hungry Minds website.

Please take the opportunity over half term to check your child's hair for unwelcome visitors—we have had a report of Nits in Year 5 Papaya Class today.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Half Term**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Open Morning for Prospective Parents

#### **NOVEMBER**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Muffin Day (Sweets)  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> EYFS – Little Angels Theatre visiting school  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 1.20 – 2.30 pm Immunisation: Reception Year 1, 2 and 3

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Papaya Class Cake Sale

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Papaya Class Assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Muffin Day – date changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Strawberry Class Assembly

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 10.30 am Rec, Year 3 and Year 6

Height and Weight

#### **DECEMBER**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Muffin Day (Chocolate)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Secret Santa

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> EYFS Christmas Performance 10.30 am

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm KS2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm KS2 Christmas Performance

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> EYFS Stay and Play Session

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Cat's Grin Theatre Company Pantomime in School – The Wizard of Oz

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> School Disco

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Church service KS1 9.30, KS2 10.30

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Term

#### **JANUARY**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day back

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Lemon Class Assembly

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Class Cake Sale

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Muffin Day (Toiletries)**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Cinema Event

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Mango Class Assembly