



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: At St Mary's an important part of our curriculum is encouraging positive attitudes to learning; we do this by teaching the children how to become better learners; they learn to face difficulty and uncertainty calmly, confidently and creatively. They learn through the skills of resilience, resourcefulness, reciprocity and reflectiveness. We teach these key skills with the help of four building learning power friends: Resilient Roy, Resourceful Rex, Reciprocal Rita and Reflective Ronnie. Pupils who are more confident in their own learning ability learn faster and learn better; they concentrate more, think harder and find learning more enjoyable. The children will be coming home and may discuss the characters in the next few weeks.

We encourage healthy eating at school and this week is national sugar awareness week. Please have a look at the attached link in the Sugar Smart Parent Pack available from Publish Health England <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/resources/Sugar-Smart>.

We look forward to seeing you at the Family Service on Sunday 10am and Parent Council on Monday at 2.15pm.

Mrs Hodgson

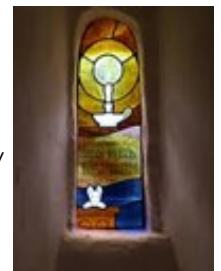
Lemon Class: This week lemon class have started our new topic "Why did London Burn?" We are going to be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We have been sharing what we already know about modern day London. In maths we have been comparing number bonds and we had a great time learning about India and Scotland on international day.

Orange Class: This week Orange Class had a wonderful day during 'Around the World Day'. We got to visit India and Scotland. The children got to make Indian sweets, design their own henna, make tartan and even saw Mrs Searle dressed in a Sari.



Blueberry Class: This week, Blueberry Class have been learning about algorithms and programs. An algorithm is a series of steps or instructions. A computer program is created when the algorithm is written in a way that a computer can understand it. The children enjoyed using algorithms to create simple programs for creating different black and white patterns. We learned the importance of making sure the sequences were in the correct order and that none of the steps were missing!

Strawberry Class: Following up from our visit to the church, this week Strawberry Class has been working hard on designing their own stain glass windows. The children have learned some of the symbols used in Christianity and have incorporated them into their wonderful designs. Soon you will be able to see the end result in our classroom.



Mango and Papaya Classes: In Year 5 this week we have begun looking at a new poem, The Highwayman. We have listened to different versions of it retold by different people and recreated our own scenes from the poem in a freeze frame. In Maths, we have been working very hard in practising all our times tables.

Pineapple Class: This week the children in Pineapple Class have begun their new topic on the Victorians. They have found out more about the life of Queen Victoria and have also started to learn about what life was like for poor people who lived in the workhouses. In literacy the children have started reading 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and writing from the main character's perspective.



Round the World Day: Much fun was had by all on Monday as the children visited Scotland, India, North America, Italy, Australia, Spain and the Caribbean. The children undertook a number of tasks such as making dream catchers and Venetian Gondola cards. collecting stamps in their passport on their travels. The children learnt many facts about what it would be like to live in another country.

Class news this week:

Kiwi: This week in Kiwi Class we have been finding out about different countries as part of 'Round the World Week'. William's Mummy came to tell us about the time she worked in China, Lucas and his Mummy made some yummy banana cakes from Seychelles and Amy and her Mummy came to teach us how to count in Slovakian.



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have been celebrating International Week. Thank you to all the parents who have come in to share their experience of countries with us. We have learnt all about Romania, Slovakia, India, America, Spain and South Africa. We have even tried many different foods!



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: Izem for always showing a positive and enthusiastic attitude to all your learning. **James** for completing an amazing piece of writing about London. Well done.

Orange Class: Henry for being so resilient and having such a positive attitude while in his wheelchair. **All of Orange Class** for being such good friends to Henry.

Blueberry: Macie for imaginative words and phrases in English and **Rose** for making sure her sentences are properly punctuated.

Strawberry: Max for a real improvement in his behaviour—well done. **Kai** for consistently trying his hardest in everything he does.

Papaya Class: Lucy and Rhiannon for trying very hard to achieve their 11 times table in the 144 Club.

Mango Class: McKenzie for his extra effort in maths in practising his times tables. **Amy** for superb hard work in maths—top notch effort in times tables.

Pineapple Class: Kimberley for making a positive start to the half term and being helpful in the library. **Elliott** for his enthusiasm during our topic work on the Victorians.

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



Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 94.9 % . Orange and Papaya classes had the best attendance this week with 94.9% . **Well done to Orange and Papaya classes!**

The class we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is **Strawberry 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 :

Please look out for our Poppy sellers on the gates before and after school.

We have collecting candles in the office for anyone who would like to take one and return it for the Christingle service on 10th December.

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

NOVEMBER

Monday 6 th	EYFS – Little Angels Theatre visiting school
*Monday 6 th	Parent council meeting 2.15pm
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	Mufti 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

Friday 1 st	Mufti Day (Chocolate)
Monday 4 th	Secret Santa
Friday 8 th	EYFS Christmas Performance 10.30 am
	Saturday 9 th Christmas Fair
*Sunday 10 th	Christingle Church service 4pm
Monday 11 th	2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12 th	10 am KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th	7pm KS2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14 th	2pm KS2 Christmas Performance
Friday 15 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 18 th	EYFS Stay and Play Session
Tuesday 19 th	Cat's Grin Theatre Company Pantomime in School – The Wizard of Oz
Wednesday 20 th	School Disco
Wednesday 20 th	Church service KS1 9.30, KS2 10.30
Thursday 21 st	Last Day of Term

JANUARY

Wednesday 3 rd	INSET
Thursday 4 th	1 st Day back
Thursday 11 th	Lemon Class Assembly
Wednesday 17 th	Strawberry Class Cake Sale
Friday 26th	Muffi Day (Toiletries)

FEBRUARY

Friday 2 nd	Cinema Event
Thursday 8 th	Mango Class Assembly
12 th – 16 th Feb	Half Term
Thursday 22 nd	Orange Class Assembly
Wednesday 28 th	Blueberry Class Cake Sale
MARCH	
Thursday 8 th	Blueberry Class Assembly
Monday 19 th	Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday 21 st	Orange Class Cake Sale