



# St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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**Head's Lines:** Thank you to everyone who came to the Parent Council meeting on Monday this week. As a result of the meeting the Parent Council will be lobbying the Council to assess and improve road safety measures in place outside the school along Church Lane. You will notice further down the newsletter that we will be putting in Top Tips for the website each week to signpost you to where information can be found. At next terms meeting we will be discussing, among other items, the impact of the Christian ethos across the whole school community .

Next week is National Anti—Bullying week (we refer to this as Friendship Week in EYFS & KS1) see below. A variety of activities have been planned as part of the children's learning across the school.

The School Council have presented us with some ideas from their classes and , as a result of our work with them, they are helping us to add a wider variety of indoor lunch clubs for the older children to sign up for each day. Their requests included a Book Club, Computing Club, and Art sketching Club.  
Mrs Hodgson



Being different is ok, Wear odd socks today.

**Odd Socks Day: On Wednesday 15th November** the children may come to school wearing their school uniform

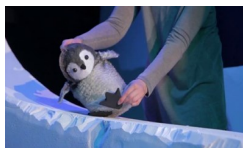
but also wearing odd socks. As next week is **National Anti-Bullying Week** and we are becoming involved by joining in with the National Anti-Bullying Alliance to become a United Against Bullying School. We are also joining in with their **All Different All Equal** week and the children will be doing various activities linked to this throughout the next couple of weeks. The National Anti-Bullying Alliance has joined with many other organisations to produce help and advice on this subject and should you wish for further information please have a look at their website: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>.

## Class news this week:

**Kiwi:** This week the children in Kiwi Class had a visit from Little Angel Theatre company and some very special penguins. The penguins told us a story called 'Me' which we all really enjoyed. Some of the children's comments included "There was lots of penguins and the baby penguin was small" "I liked it when he hatched out from the egg" and "I liked the snow and the twinkly stars".



**Cherry Class:** This week in Cherry Class we loved having 'The Little Angel Puppet Company' come in and give us a performance of the story Me! By Emma Dodd. We have been making homes for penguins using our small world as well as



making penguins in the play dough. We have also been measuring different objects / people in our learning environment.

**Lemon Class:** This week Lemon class have been enjoying our new book "We must completely go to London". We have been thinking about all of the sounds we might hear in London and have done some super drama and writing about it. We've worked on addition by counting on and have been investigating materials in science.

**Orange Class:** This week orange class enjoyed measuring length and mass. We got to use rulers, measuring tape, balancing scales and weighing scales.

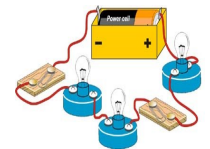


We have been learning to read scales accurately and thoroughly enjoyed our practical maths!

**Blueberry Class:** As part of our topic on forces and magnets, Blueberry Class explored how many ways we could show pushes and pulls in the classroom. We also considered how pulls on an object in opposite directions created tension and pushes towards each other create compression on an object.



**Strawberry Class:** This week in Strawberry Class we have been finding out about Boudicca and how she fought the Roman Army. We have also been investigating circuits in Science.



**Mango and Papaya Classes:** In Year 5 we have been learning about square numbers, cube numbers, factors and multiples. We have enjoyed exploring number and patterns. We have also been using drama to interpret the Highwayman. This has helped us to get into character for when we write the story from one of the character's perspectives.



**Pineapple Class:** In Pineapple Class the children have been finding out about the life and work of Dr Thomas Barnardo and have been creating their own fact files based on the information that they discovered. They learned that he set up a home for poor Victorian children who had nowhere else to go and no one to look after them. Over time, he set up more and more homes for vulnerable children across the country and helped over 8500 boys in total.



### Stars of the week:

**Lemon Class: Charlie G** for putting his best effort in everything he does.  
**Jack** for speedy and focussed maths work.



**Orange Class: Elsie** for improved focus in maths and **Freddy** for a great improvement in his handwriting.

**Blueberry: Samuel** for fantastic reasoning and explanation in maths. **Cameron** for great resilience when learning the division facts for his times tables.

**Strawberry: Jake** for trying hard in everything he does with great results. **Jamie** for an improvement in his writing and presentation.

**Papaya Class: Georgia** for working hard to improve her handwriting. **Leah** for always being a great friend and an example of excellent behaviour.

**Mango Class: Bianca** for effort in all areas of her learning and working hard to improve her English each day. **Kaelan** for being motivated, interested and enthusiastic about our text the Highway Man.

**Pineapple Class: Archie and Joshua** for effort and enthusiasm in all their learning this week.



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

### Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 95.8%. Lemon class had the best attendance this week with 99.3%.

**Well done to Lemon class!**

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.**

### Top Tips for information on the school website

Click onto *Our Learning/ Home Learning & useful links* to support your child with their learning at home  
Click onto *Community/Governance* for details about the Governing Body at St Mary's

### 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.

Please check book bags for a letter from Compass Estate Agents asking for families who would be willing to have a board outside their property to advertise the school fair. They will donate £10 for every board that they put up. Please return the form to the office by Monday.

All entries for the competition to design the cover of the Christmas Fair programme, must be returned by Monday.

**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**

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  
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> Mufti 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  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Christingle Church service 4pm  
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> Mufti Day (Toiletries)**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Cinema Event  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Mango Class Assembly  
12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Half Term  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Orange Class Assembly  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Blueberry Class Cake Sale