



# St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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**Head's Lines:** This week was National Anti- Bullying week and Papaya Class performed their class assembly with this in mind– congratulations children for your thoughtful and inspirational assembly about the different types of bullying, what it is and how it must be addressed by everyone working together to stamp it out. Great role play!

Government analysis of absence and attainment data has shown that there is a direct link between overall absence and attainment in schools. Every extra day missed is associated with a lower attainment outcome. Thank you for ensuring that the vast majority of children are supported to get to school every day and on time in the morning. At St Mary's we work with you to continue to improve pupil attendance so that the children develop good habits which will continue throughout their school education. Please bear this in mind if you are requesting term time holidays all of which will be unauthorised.

We are looking for Lunchtime Supervisors at the school so please do contact Mrs Coles if you are interested in this role—see below. Mrs Hodgson

## **Class news this week:**

**Kiwi:** This week in Kiwi Class we had a visit from PC Simon. He showed us his special police number and explained that he used his radio to talk to other police officers. He very kindly gave us some colouring pictures to take home and promised to come and visit us again another day.



**Cherry Class:** This week in Cherry Class we had great fun visiting the pond and seeing lots of water snails. We counted six! We have also been spending a lot of time playing in the mud kitchen. The cold weather froze the water and we had great fun playing with the ice. We spent ages breaking it up and investigating what happened when we held it in our hands!



**Lemon Class:** This week we have been learning about London in the past and comparing modern day London to life in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. We have also enjoyed learning



about friendship as part of anti-bullying week. We've been celebrating what makes us all different and special and have been thinking about what makes a good friend.

**Orange Class:** This week Orange class have been exploring our differences in our 'All Different, All Equal' week. We enjoyed looking at our similarities and differences. We also discussed how we are all unique and explored the things that make us one of a kind!



**Blueberry Class:** This week, Blueberry class has been exploring the features of formal and informal language. We enjoyed using the new language we discovered to write different letters as the characters from the Iron Man story, including a formal persuasive letter as the head of the farmers and an informal recount letter to the best friend of Hogarth.



**Strawberry Class:** Strawberry class had great fun on Thursday for their Roman Day. They worked on Roman numerals, Roman songs, and made Celtic torcs and then enjoyed a fantastic Roman drama workshop in the afternoon. The children's costumes were amazing.



**Mango and Papaya Classes:** This week Year 5 have been budding journalists as they have written and edited a report for a newspaper based upon the events that occurred in The Highwayman. They have also been working hard at understanding and using prime numbers.

**Pineapple Class:** This week the children in Pineapple Class have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a drama workshop led by Michael Schilling. Michael led the children in a variety of drama activities linked to their Victorians topic and really encouraged the children to creatively explore the deeper feelings of people during this point in history. This will enable them to write about the Victorians with greater understanding.



### Stars of the week:

**Lemon Class: Scarlett** for super perseverance during some very tricky maths work. **Oliver** for always showing a conscientious and hard working attitude.



**Orange Class: Olivia** for excellent work in maths this week when multiplying and **Avah** for great effort and improvement in her learning.

**Blueberry Class: Alfie** for using wonderful descriptive phrases in your letter writing. **Aris** for settling in so quickly to Blueberry Class.

**Strawberry Class: Italy** for an enthusiastic and positive attitude to all her learning. **Ryan** for impeccable behaviour, setting a great example to others.

**Papaya Class: All of Papaya Class** for a fantastic class assembly! Well done.

**Mango Class: Louie** for extra effort in his learning and behaviour. **Calum** for producing an excellent newspaper report on The Highwayman.

**Pineapple Class: Andreja** for producing fantastic writing linked to Oliver Twist. **Robert** for making great progress in his reading skills.



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

### Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 96.0%. Papaya class had the best attendance this week with %. **Well done to Papaya class!**

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

### Top Tips for information on the school website

**Scroll down to the bottom of the homepage. Click on upcoming events and this will take you directly to the School Calendar, latest news and weekly newsletters.**

### Notes from the office :

**Christmas Lunch** will be on Tuesday 19th December. Please can you make sure you order early so the kitchen staff know how many to order for. If you had already ordered for that day, this has been cancelled and you will need to rebook for that day.

Can we remind you we are a **nut free school**. Please can we ask you to make sure packed lunches and snack bars are nut free. Thank you.

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.

Thank you for your patience when you are waiting for help from the office. Our staff aim to deal with queries as quickly as possible sometimes in very busy circumstances.

**Vacancy:** We are looking to recruit a mid-day supervisor. If you are interested in becoming a lunchtime supervisor, please either download the forms from the website, or ask for them at the school office. Should you require any additional details, please speak to Mrs Coles. All applications must be received by mid-day on 4th 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**

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  
\* Christmas Lunch

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—collection at 12 noon.**

#### **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