



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: Positive reinforcement of good behaviour is really important and, as part of the schools Behaviour Policy, the children receive Golden Time which is an extra 30 minutes of playtime on a Friday afternoon. If your child has lost golden time minutes for two weeks in a row a letter is sent home informing you. This week at school we have been reminding each other how we should behave in the dining hall at lunchtime and how we can show we are thinking of our school values in the playground: by being gentle when we play, being kind and helpful towards others, looking after the playground equipment, being honest with everyone, respecting everyone's games and by forgiving each other. Thank you for your support at home encouraging these life skills.

Thankyou to Darren Fry for organising the bag pack, bucket collection at Sainsbury's last weekend for the Families & Friends. It raised a phenomenal £700 towards new library books for the children! The children had great fun and were delighted to have achieved such a great sum of money, we will be asking the School Council to help us choose the new books.

Thankyou to Isabel, Mattei, Harry and Tilly from the School Council who spent time with a visitor from the RBK this week, reflecting on life at St Mary's—she was very impressed with how much they had to say with such confidence and enthusiasm! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Hodgson

The Letter forms
a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z
The Capital letters
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

We are holding a **workshop for handwriting for parents** of children in Reception and Year 1 on Monday 4th December at 2.45pm in Nursery. We look forward to welcoming you there.

Class news this week:

Kiwi: This week in Kiwi Class we have learned a new song and dance. The children are very good at copying the actions and listening for when to freeze!



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class, we have been exploring what we can make with the crates and resources in our outdoor learning environment. We have even made our very own den to keep warm in! We have also spent our class fund on an 'A' Frame and we were very excited when it was delivered this week. We are looking forward to climbing on it and seeing what we can build.



Lemon Class: This week Lemon class have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We have made some beautiful ink marbled pictures of the fire and have been writing accounts of the events of the fire just like Samuel Pepys. In maths we have been learning about subtraction using a

part/whole model and have been continuing to work on our songs for the Nativity play!

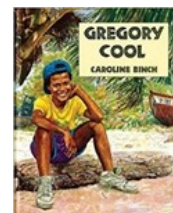
Orange Class: This week Orange class had a visit from Kim and Albus. Kim came in to speak to us about looking after her pet dog. This linked to our science topic about the needs of animals and humans. The children had planned some wonderful questions for their homework and enjoyed asking them.



Blueberry Class: As part of our computing lessons, we have been learning about algorithms, which are a list of steps we follow to finish a task. To explore the importance of clear steps in the right sequence, we tried creating instructions on how to make a paper plane for another group to follow. We had great fun trying out the algorithms and improving them to make the most successful paper planes!

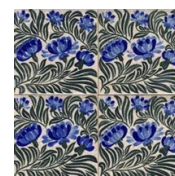


Strawberry Class: This week Strawberry Class have had great fun planning, rehearsing and performing our class assembly based on the Romans. We hope you enjoyed it! In Literacy we have been reading a wonderful book, *Gregory Cool* which is set in Tobago. We have written letters home from the main character, Gregory.



Mango and Papaya Classes: This week, Year 5 has had an exciting time exploring the properties of materials. We carried out an experiment to test whether materials make good thermal insulators. We have also enjoyed exploring our new story 'The Tin Forest' which links with our topic on settlements.

Pineapple Class: The children in Pineapple Class have been finding out about the Victorian Artist, William Morris and have been creating their own pieces of artwork inspired by his work. They discovered that many of his designs feature items found in nature such as leaves, flowers and birds. We created our own designs on a square tile and then repeated this pattern to make our final pieces,



Stars of the week:

Lemon Class: Max and Scarlett for super perseverance when subtracting in maths.



Orange Class: All of Orange Class for excellent questions for a pet owner who visited us.

Blueberry Class: Liam for showing great perseverance in maths and **Raphael** for always showing a wonderful attitude to learning.

Strawberry Class: All of Strawberry Class for working so hard on their fantastic assembly.

Papaya Class: Evan for bravely treating Papaya Class to a musical performance of his flute. **Oscar** for completing his home learning tasks to a very high standard.

Mango Class: Zachary for excellent behaviour and effort this week. **Freya** for fantastic contributions to class discussions and effort in all areas of learning.

Pineapple Class: All of Pineapple Class for their fantastic effort during our Victorian drama workshop.

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



Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 95.4%. Mango class had the best attendance this week with 98.9%. **Well done to Mango class!**

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

To find out what the children in each class are learning during the year follow:
Our learning/our curriculum ... You will find a curriculum overview for each year group

Notes from the office :

School Christmas lunch is on **19th December**. Please make sure you have booked your child's lunch by **11th December** as the kitchen will soon be placing their orders and would like to know how many they need to cater for. If you had already booked a meal for that day when the option was Spaghetti Bolognese this will have been cancelled when they changed the menu and you will need to re book for the Christmas Lunch.

Now the cold weather is here, you may wish to include Navy tracksuit bottoms for PE.

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

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

Monday 27th 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 *2.45pm Handwriting workshop for parents to be held in Nursery.
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 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th	School Disco
Wednesday 20 th	Church service KS1 9.30, KS2 10.30
Thursday 21 st	Last Day of Term—collection at 12 noon.

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	Mufti Day (Toiletries)