



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head's Lines: Today marks the beginning of advent and this week has also seen the start of the Christmas preparations in school. Each key stage is preparing for the Christmas Productions and we invite the Early Years parents to the first of these next Friday (8th December). The following day, Saturday 9th December, is the school Fair and we are very grateful for all the preparations the Family and Friends team are putting towards it. They would, however, really appreciate any additional help you may be able to give them on the day. In the meantime, watch out for the bear in the playground— he/ she is wanting a name!

As part of their RE, Year 2 had the opportunity to visit the King's Centre to take part in the 'Christmas Journey'. They really enjoyed the re-telling of the Nativity Story and represented the school beautifully—well done Orange Class.

This week saw another sporting success as the St Marys Sportshall Athletics Team went to CCC on Wednesday 29th November to compete against 24 schools to become Kingston Champions. We won our group, finishing on 272 points - which was a school record, and an amazing effort from our Athletes. We are so proud of this achievement and the determination shown from all the children that took part.



We would also like to draw your attention to the You Tube Safety Factsheet for parents that we have sent out to you by Parentmail. We have also uploaded a copy on to the website. Mrs Hodgson

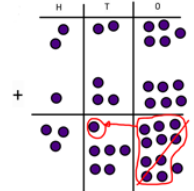
Lemon Class: This week in Lemon Class we have been practicing for our school nativity, learning all the songs and actions. In Maths we have been learning to subtract, using a number line, numbers up to 10. In English we have been writing story maps for our power of reading book 'We completely must go to London'.



Orange Class: This week Orange Class got to visit the King's Centre in Chessington for the 'Christmas Journey'. Actors retold the birth of Jesus in a memorable, fun way. The children had a great time and represented St Mary's beautifully. Well done Orange class!



Blueberry Class: In maths, we have been exploring how to use place value to add and subtract three digit numbers. We have been learning to exchange and have enjoyed using dienes, counters and diagrams to show our working out. This is helping us to develop our understanding of the expanded method.



The Letter form
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: The children in Kiwi Class have been enjoying getting outside every day, despite the cold weather. We have had ice and frost in the builders tray and enjoyed drawing patterns and writing our names in the sparkly frost.



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have been writing our letters to Father Christmas listing the toys we would love to own. These included a giant daddy elephant, a Gruffalo and Lego. We have also been very busy rehearsing our Nativity and we can't wait to show everyone next week.

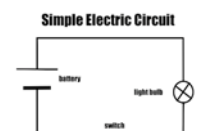


Strawberry Class: This week, the children have had great fun following instructions! We have made Christmas lanterns, written instructions for our Roman shields and have made Christmas tree decorations to sell at the Christmas fair, taking photos at every step so that we can write detailed instructions on how to make them.



Mango and Papaya Classes: As part of their topic this term, Settlements, Mango and Papaya class have been designing their very own modern day settlements with wonderfully exciting features and attributes. They have also been working hard investigating the area and perimeter of composite shapes.

Pineapple Class: This week the children in Pineapple Class have been creating electrical circuits in their science lessons on the topic 'Electricity'. They have also been learning how to draw proper circuit diagrams using recognised symbols for each component such as the cell, bulb, buzzer, motor and switch.



Stars of the week:

Lemon Class: **Charlie Y** for an amazingly focussed approach to your work. **Daisie** for an amazing improvement in behaviour and concentration.



Orange Class: **All of Orange Class** for great behaviour on our Christmas Journey visit.

Blueberry Class: **Alice** for wonderful listening and taking great care with her work. **Rishon** for showing great perseverance with his times tables.

Strawberry Class: **Ryan** for consistently fantastic results in spelling and great behaviour all the time. **Elli** for being kind and helpful and a good friend to others.

Papaya Class: **Emily** for persevering in her literacy work and creating a wonderful poem. **Faye** for creating an amazing cake settlement as part of your home learning.

Mango Class: **Rhys** for consistently excellent behaviour and kindness to others. **Mia** for wonderful behaviour and superb effort in all areas of learning.

Pineapple Class: **Casey** for sharing his ideas confidently during whole class learning. **Kyra** for consistently high standards of work and behaviour.



144 Club: Congratulations to Macey in Strawberry Class for becoming a member of the 144 Club. Well done!

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

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 93.3 %. 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 **Papaya 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.

Sports Club News

Russ and Mrs Fouracre will be starting a Netball Club for girls in years 3-6 after Christmas on a Wednesday 3.20-4.30. £36 for 6 week block. Text Mr Russ to provisionally book a place. 07723322906

Notes from the office :

If your child has been off ill due to sickness or diarrhoea please keep them off school for **48 hours** after the last bout of illness. If your child comes to school before the 48 hours is up, unfortunately we will have to send them home again. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please don't forget to return your **request for tickets** for the Christmas productions. You will need a ticket to come to the performances, you will not be able to just turn up on the day. We can only have a certain amount of people in the hall. Please check with the office on the day of the performance if you have requested extra tickets, by then we will know of any unlocated tickets.

Don't forget to order **School Christmas lunch** for **19th December**. The deadline for ordering for that day is **11 December** because the kitchen will need to know numbers so they can place their orders. 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. Another **change to the menu** is on Wednesday 20th. Instead of Roast Gammon or Shepherdess pie it will be Fish Fingers and chips or Jacket Potato and Beans.

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

We would ask that the children please bring a coat to school to wear outside during morning break and lunchtimes.

Christingle: We still have some 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

DECEMBER

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 3rd INSET