



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head's Lines: This week the children have been rehearsing hard for their Christmas performances. Kiwi and Cherry performed 'The Nativity' beautifully this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members there. We are all looking forward to the Families and Friends Christmas Fair which takes place from noon tomorrow and we look forward to seeing you all at one of the four Christmas performances next week. Don't forget Christingle at St Mary's Church on Sunday and Christmas Jumper Day on Friday next week!

Thank you to all of the Volunteers who come into school to support the children's learning in class; as you know we are very grateful for your help so do try to come along for mulled wine and mince pies at the end of term. We are always looking for volunteers to help with reading and maths especially in Key Stage 2; if you are interested and can spare some time please contact Mrs Coles. Please make sure that someone at home reads daily with the children and that the reading record is signed. www.booktrust.org.uk is a useful site if you are looking for a wider variety of texts to read with your child at home. Mrs Hodgson

Top Tips for the website this week: Go to our learning/useful links for home learning/Reading/Book Trust and also scroll down to the bottom of the home page for latest news. Another tip, look under about st marys/lettings to find out how you can hire the school for a private party or event.

Class news this week:

Kiwi and Cherry

Classes: This week the children in Kiwi Class and Cherry Class have performed their



Nativity play, firstly to the whole school and then to all their parents. As you can see, they all looked wonderful in their costumes! They also sang beautifully, spoke clearly and remembered their smiles!



Lemon Class: This week Lemon Class had a visit from Red Watch at Surbiton Fire Station who helped the children to re-enact the

Great Fire of London. They also let the children explore their fire engine! Lemon Class have sent them a thank you letter as part of their English learning this week.

Orange Class: This week Orange Class have been writing to persuade. We created our own 'Zeraffa memorabilia' and had to write an advert to sell it. The children were very convincing and used some very persuasive questions and adjectives.



Blueberry Class: This week, Blueberry class completed a news report based on the Iron Man story. We enjoyed creating exciting headlines, informative introductions and interviews with key people that watched the contest between the Iron Man and the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon!

Strawberry Class: This week in Strawberry Class we have been making Christmas Decorations by sewing them together. We have then used this experience to write instructions on how to make the decorations. We will be selling our fantastic Christmas tree decorations at the School Fair tomorrow.



Mango and Papaya Classes: We have had a creative week in Year 5 this week. Papaya and Mango class have been creating photo frames from lolly sticks to sell at the school fair. We have also been practising our Christmas Performance which has involved lots of singing, dancing and acting. We can't wait to share our performance with our families!



Pineapple Class: This week in Pineapple Class we have been busy creating gift tags to sell at the Christmas Fair as part of our enterprise project. We have created a variety of attractive designs including snowmen, stars, stockings and Christmas trees. If you are coming to the fair on Saturday, we hope you will come and visit our stall and make a purchase!



Stars of the week:

Lemon Class: **Emily** for improved focus and effort in your writing this week. **Eleanore** for always showing a hard working and positive attitude.



Orange Class: **Grace** for excellent confidence during our Christmas rehearsals and **Poppy** for a wonderful persuasive text.

Blueberry Class: **Lilly** for fantastic listening and always being ready to ask and answer questions. **Charlie** for fantastic reasoning in guided reading.

Strawberry Class: **Harrison Br** for a fantastic improvement in his behaviour choices and **Grace E** for a wonderful attitude for learning.

Papaya Class: **Rhys** for fantastic effort in his maths. **Anex** for great teamwork and for helping other children in their learning.

Mango Class: **Trevor** for outstanding behaviour and always trying his best. **Ada** for consistently excellent behaviour and always being helpful.

Pineapple Class: **Andrew** for consistently acting as a positive role model by working conscientiously. **Daniel** for setting a good example to others.

144 Club: Congratulations to Elliott and Joshua in Pineapple Class for becoming members 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 93.6%. Mango and Papaya classes both had the best attendance this week with 97.8%. **Well done to Mango and Papaya classes!**

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

Message from Protegem Dance Club

Parents please come 10 minutes before pick up time to see your children dance for you.

Notes from the office :

Polite reminder.

You will need a ticket to come to the Christmas performances, even siblings. Please do not just turn up on the day. We can only have a certain amount of people in the hall due to fire safety regulations. Please check with the office on the day of the performance if you have requested extra tickets, by then we will know of any unallocated tickets. There will be a collection after each performance. All donations will be going to Great Ormand Street Hospital.

Last day for ordering School Christmas lunch for 19th December 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.

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,

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

Sunday 10th	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	Muffin Day (Toiletries)

FEBRUARY

Friday 2 nd	Cinema Event
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