



# St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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**Head's Lines:** Everyone is looking festive in their Christmas Jumpers today; we have had an exciting week at school in the run up to Christmas with our five performances-'The Nativity', 'The Midwife Crisis' and 'Silent Night'. The children were glowing with pride and confidence; and it was lovely to see so many parents enjoying their acting and singing. Pictures have been posted onto our website for you to enjoy. Thank you to all of our wonderful Teachers who ensured that all of the productions went smoothly and were enjoyed by all. Thank you for your generous charity donations this week which have raised over £500 for GOSH and Save the Children.

After consultation with parents earlier this term, I am delighted to be able to let you know the result of our work on wrap around care at the school. A letter will be coming out next week with more details and we hope, subject to Ofsted registration, to be able to offer pre school and after school care until 6pm, after the Easter holidays. Further information will be sent out before the Christmas break.

As you already know, Miss Corcoran will be retiring at the end of this term. The whole school would like to wish her every success in her retirement and say a heartfelt thank you for all of her hard work, professionalism and commitment to the children and families who have attended the school over the last 9 years. I am sure she will come back to visit us!

Thank you to the 'Open the Book' volunteers from the Church, who come to the school every Friday to take collective worship. Their visits bring the Bible stories to life through drama and this morning the children have been re-enacting the Nativity story with them.

I hope that you and your families have a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and we all look forward to seeing everyone safely back at the beginning of the Spring Term. Mrs Hodgson

**Lemon and Orange Classes:** This week Lemon and Orange class performed their Christmas play 'A Midwife Crisis'. The children had practised very hard and were extremely confident. The narration, acting, singing and dancing was superb. You made your teachers very proud. Well done!



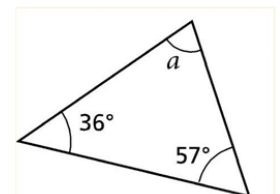
**Blueberry Class:** In Blueberry class this week, we have been describing the festivals we are familiar with and discussing what they have in common. We discovered that festivals usually happen at the same time each year, involve the celebration of a particular event, gatherings of people and often food and music. We also created a fireworks display on the computers to show what a Chinese New Year celebration might be like.



**Strawberry Class:** This week in Maths we have been doubling and halving. In PSHE we have been problem solving in group work. Working as a team to make a bridge using only two pieces of paper and two strips of masking tape.

**Mango and Papaya Classes:** This week Year 5 have been getting into the Christmas spirit by doing a variety of Christmas activities whilst also rehearsing hard for our Christmas performance of Silent Night. Mango class made beautiful Christmas trees and decorated them. Papaya class made detailed storyboards depicting the Nativity scene.

**Pineapple Class:** This week, the children in Pineapple Class have been focusing on angles in their maths lessons. They have learned that the sum of the interior angles in a triangle is 180 degrees and in quadrilaterals the total is 360 degrees. They have used this information to calculate missing angles in these shapes.



### **Class news this week:**

**Kiwi** This week in Kiwi Class we have had some very special visitors. We welcomed some new friends who will be joining us in January and on Friday we were joined by parents and grandparents for a Christmas craft

stay and play session. Lots of fun was had by all!

**Cherry Class:** This week in Cherry Class we have been helping Father Christmas and wrapping lots of different sized boxes. We have been measuring to see if we have enough wrapping paper and comparing the different sizes of parcels. We have also been exploring with Numicon to see how many different ways we can make 10.



### Stars of the week:

**Lemon Class: Amelia** for beautiful writing—a very detailed letter to Santa. **Ella** for showing a positive and hard working approach to your learning.



**Orange Class: Sophie and Oliver** for great writing from another character's point of view.

**Blueberry Class: Ben** for showing fantastic determination in learning his times table facts and **John** for showing a great attitude to learning and making improvements.

**Strawberry Class: Dylan** for always trying his hardest, setting a great example to others. **Lauren** for a real improvement in her behaviour choices this week.

**Papaya Class: Amy** for always making the right choices and being an example of excellent behaviour. **Erin** for her fantastic performance in the Christmas play.

**Mango Class: Mason** for great improvement in his behaviour choices and **Jessica** for showing a spectacular attitude to learning and fantastic behaviour.

**Pineapple Class: Bobbie and Andrew** for being reliable helpers for the Key Stage 1 Christmas performances.



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

### Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 93.0%. Orange class had the best attendance this week with 98.1%.

**Well done to Orange class.** If you would like to see a copy of our Attendance Policy please look on our website: key documents /statutory policies/ attendance policy. Rewards will be given out for 100% attendance at next weeks end of term assembly.

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

Congratulations to **Strawberry Class** this week who have received the Class Reward for most improved attitudes to learning and behaviour today—they have had their golden time with Mr Russ in the hall.

### Notes from the office :

Thank you to everyone who gave to our collections after the Christmas performances. We collected **£395.66** which we will be sending to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Also, today was Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for your donations which go to Save the Children. We collected **£105.80**

Please remember to take everything home at the end of term next week. Also remind you children to check the lost property box for any lost items.

#### **Polite reminder.**

The deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch has now passed. Please do not order lunch for that day. The kitchen placed their food orders using the numbers of lunches booked on the deadline.

**Uniform reminder:** Please remember that if you are buying uniform this holiday, boys should be wearing a polo shirt in KS1 and a polo or collared white shirt in KS2 not collarless t-shirts. School shoes should be black and trainers are not allowed unless worn for PE or at breaktimes. Please look on the school website for more information. Mrs Hodgson

**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 18<sup>th</sup> Reception Stay and Play Session  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Cat's Grin Theatre Company Panto mime 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  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Class Cake Sale  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Muffin 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

#### **MARCH**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Blueberry Class Assembly  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Orange Class Cake Sale  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Residential Trip to Hooke Court.