



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: Christmas has started this week at St Mary's; Caterpillar and Butterfly Class did a wonderful performance of It's a Baby! this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents there to enjoy it. Our Christmas Charity collections at the end of each performance this year will be donated to Kingston Young Carers. Thank you for your support.

Over 40 children now attend our Choir every week with Mrs Smiley and Mr Miseldine! Our Choir have a busy week ahead; they will be performing at a number of events between now and the end of term. They are collecting at Sainsbury's Kiln Lane tomorrow with Mr Angus. See other dates further down the newsletter.

You will notice an on line safety message for parents at Christmas over the page from Mr Miseldine our Computing Leader. Some of the older children in the school do have Whats App groups; please could parents continue to carefully monitor posts made by the children as they can sometimes cause upset. Thankyou for your support.

Year 6 parents will have received details about their residential the Teachers would be grateful if you could complete the reply slip as soon as possible so that we are able to confirm numbers for the Camp.

The Governors would like to welcome Mrs Claire Bentley as their new Clerk - huge thanks to the commitment of our Governors who have been carrying out all of their work without a Clerk for the last two terms. Mrs Bentley lives locally and will be seen at school regularly.

Year 5 had a fabulous trip up to London this week. They were a credit to the school- well done children.

Don't forget that on Monday we are collecting donations for the Kingston Food Bank. Year 6 will be helping with the collection and delivery. Mrs Hodgson

letters to his friends. We have written letters to the polar bear to help cheer him up. We have also been learning how to use commas in a list and we have written letters to Father Christmas! In Maths, we have been learning how to use mental methods for calculations



Fox Class: This week we have been practicing for our Christmas production, we are very excited to perform for you next week. We have been working on some assessments in maths and have made Mrs Smiley very proud with our perseverance and positivity. We have also enjoyed thinking of meaningful gifts to give loved ones in RE and have considered the meaning of gift giving at Christmas

Offer Class: This week we have been sewing Christmas decorations. When we completed them we wrote out detailed instructions so other people would know how to make them. We also worked in groups to design and build a bridge using only two pieces of paper and a strip of masking tape!. We then tested our bridges to see if they could support the weight of a toy car!. It was a great exercise in learning to work together.

Owl Class: On Wednesday, Owl Class went on a school trip to London. We went on the London Eye where we saw lots of the landmarks of London, which we had learnt about during our topic lessons, before drinking a lovely hot chocolate. We then boarded a river cruise and headed along the Thames past Big Ben, Houses of parliament, St Paul's cathedral and the Tower of London. The children were amazing throughout the whole day and were fantastic ambassadors for our school.



Class news this week

Caterpillar and Butterfly

Classes: This week marked the official start of our Christmas celebrations with Caterpillar and Butterfly Classes performance of the Nativity Play. They spoke their lines clearly, sang the songs with confidence and looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes. We are very proud of each and every one of them!



Squirrel Class: Squirrel class have been learning what makes a super sentence. We practised re-arranging words so that they made sense and used who and what pictures to practise using our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

What?



Hedgehog Class: This week we have learning how to write for different purposes. We have read the story 'Dear Polar Bear' which is about a lonely polar bear who writes

Falcon and Hawk: This week both classes have been writing a narrative based on our topic about a Victorian orphan. We are very impressed with the quality of writing skills that we are seeing this week- the children are really enjoying their English lessons and they are even including the higher order punctuation they practised in their homework. Please feel free to read our stories after school if you would like to. In Maths we are experimenting with the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and using resources to support this learning.



Stars of the Week



Squirrel Class: **Sofia** for fantastic finger space, capital letters and full stops. **Poppy P** for showing a fantastic learning attitude in your writing.

Hedgehog Class: Charlotte for showing resilience in her writing lessons.

Fox Class: **Avah** for showing great commitment to learning her tables. **Henry** for always being kind, helpful and inclusive.

Otter Class: **Freddie** for brilliant singing and behaviour. **Rose** for showing great perseverance and producing great work. **Alfie** for consistently producing work of a high standard.

Owl Class. All of Owl class for being brilliant ambassadors for the school on our trip to London on Wednesday.

Falcon Class: **Matei** for writing a brilliant narrative showcasing excellent writing skills. **Imogen** for being an excellent role model and showing good reciprocity .

Hawk Class: **Emily** beautiful confident singing as Mary in our Christmas production. **Evan** for teaching the class a German prayer/.

Congratulations everyone we are proud of you.

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is **96.8% which is good attendance-** thank you everyone.

Hawk Class had best attendance with **100%**. Well done **Hawk Class**

The class we need to encourage to get to school on time, this week is **Butterfly Class**.

Remember the class with the best attendance at the end of the term will get extra Golden Time!

Online safety: Set it up before you wrap it up this Christmas!

Christmas wish lists are often filled with tech gadgets and devices but it can be difficult to know how to keep your children safe online.

Parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases or manage how long your child spends online. And the good news is parental controls are really easy to set up.

Before you wrap any tech gifts, set them up safe so they're ready to go on Christmas Day. Activate parental controls and privacy settings to make sure your child has a safe online experience on their new gadget. Visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> and you can search for simple step-by-step guides for your devices and networks.

Notes from the Office

Don't forget **Monday 10th is mufi day and we are collecting items for Kingston Food Bank.** If possible items they would like to receive are; Tinned meat, Pasta Sauce, Instant coffee, Vegetarian meals, Noodles, Sponge puddings, Small Christmas puddings, Mince pies, Chocolate treats for children, Small Christmas cakes – eg, small chocolate logs and Christmas biscuits. Any donations we be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Please keep an eye out for the parent mail about eligibility for Pupil Premium funding. An application form is attached.

Choir News

On Saturday the 8th of December Mr Fry has arranged for the choir to sing and have a bucket collection at **Kiln Lane Sainsburys from 10am-12pm**. The children will be singing Christmas songs and carols and the money collected will go to St Marys FAF.

On Friday the 14th of December the children will be performing at the **Hook Library from 2.15-2.45**, we would love if parents and friends could come to support us there! There will be an opportunity to buy refreshments at the centre and if you arrive earlier, the chance to hear some other local schools perform as well.

We hope the children will be able to perform at the **Christmas Fayre on the 15th of December**. We understand if not all families will be attending the fayre, however it is a lovely opportunity to showcase the children's singing to the rest of the school community.

On **Tuesday the 18th of December** we will be taking the children to **Amy Woodgate Nursing Home**, with Rev Scott Edwards. We will be performing some Christmas songs and carols to the residents.

The choir will also be performing some carols in the **Christmas Service at St Marys Church on the 19th of 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 2018- 2019

December

Monday 10 th	Mufi Day– Christmas food donations, collecting for Kingston food bank.
Monday 10 th	KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm,
Tuesday 11 th	KS1 Christmas Performance 10am
Wednesday 12 th	KS2 Christmas Performance 7pm
Thursday 13 th	KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm
Friday 14 th	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Saturday 15 th	School Fair 12—3pm
Tuesday 18 th	Christmas Lunch & Pantomime 'A Christmas Carol, by The Cat's Grin Co.
Wednesday 19 th	Church Service - Rec/KS1 9.30am & KS2 10.30am
Thursday 20 th	School Disco
Friday 21 st	Last Day of Term end at 1.15pm
January	
Monday 7 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 th	First Day of term