



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: It has been brought to our attention that a number of children in Upper key Stage 2 may be watching 'momo' which flashes up on YouTube videos. This material is clearly not appropriate for primary aged or any age of child and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that you continue to be aware and monitoring content viewed online by your child. We would encourage you to discuss with them any content that they may see online that is inappropriate. At school e-safety is taught as part of our curriculum regularly; staff are reinforcing these messages and teaching the children how to keep safe online as well. Newsround have a good cover on this and also a useful video about how to teach children to stay safe online. There are also some useful links on our website about teaching your child how to stay safe online.

Working in partnership with Parents is key to children's success at school and we are keen to continue promoting and developing positive relationships with all of our Parents at the school. The electronic booking system for Parents Evening is open so please make an appointment with your Classteacher to discuss your child's progress on the 12th or 14th March.

Please can I remind parents **not to park across the driveways** of our neighbours at drop off and pick up time. It is unacceptable that local residents cannot leave their houses because they have been blocked in. May I also politely remind parents to ensure that they are good role models of respectful behaviour and use appropriately polite language when addressing each other in front of any children who attend St Mary's. Thank you for your support.

We are excited to be having our Trim Trail installed from Wednesday next week. Remember to wear your costume for World Book Day on Thursday if you would like to!

Don't forget to get your teams together for Quiz Night on Friday next week. Have a pleasant weekend and we look forward to seeing all of the children on Monday. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week

Caterpillar Class: The children in Caterpillar Class helped to make a new batch of playdough following the half term holiday. They have then enjoyed making models of themselves as well as a selection of cakes and biscuits from the dough. They have talked about size and shape and counted the number of items they made.



Butterfly Class: This week in Butterfly Class we have been enjoying using our outdoor learning environment in the sunshine! We have been making our very own paper aeroplanes and seeing how far we can throw them! We made our very own start line and finish line and numbered it down the side to see how far they went.



Squirrel Class: This week Squirrel class have been sense detective! We used all of our senses in a range of activities to try and find a missing



teddy bear. These included tasting a range of foods with sweet, sour and salty flavours to find its favourite apple flavour. We also used our sight to find the teddy bear footprints of the right size and our sense of touch to find the soft furry material.

Hedgehog Class: What a fantastic first week back we have had! This week we have been reading 'The Hackney Martian' in our guided reading lessons and we have been developing our inference skills. In English, we have been writing a recount about something we didn't do in our half term holiday. We have seen unicorns, fallen into a picture, been trapped in the television and had tea with a bear! In Math, we have started learning about fractions and we have had to find halves, quarters and thirds of a shape.



Fox Class: Well done for a fantastic first week back! I've been so impressed with how focused and enthusiastic you have all been about your learning this week! We have begun our new class text "The Iron Man" and had a great time acting out the first chapter and story mapping it on the playground. We have begun learning about forces and magnets in science and were excited to carry out an investigation into the effects of friction. In maths we have been learning how to add and subtract quantities of money.

Otter Class: This week we have been reading "The Thief, The Fool and The Big Fat King". A story set in Tudor times in the reign of King Henry VIII. Can a family of tricksters outsmart the all powerful King and keep their heads?! A clever and funny tale the children have really enjoyed. In Numeracy we have been looking at multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers using a formal grid method.

Owl Class: We have started our new topic on Rivers and have been enjoying the first 3 chapters of "The Wind in the Willows". In English, we have been learning about relative clauses and how to use them within our writing and in maths we have been looking at analogue and digital time.



Falcon and Hawk: We hope you have enjoyed a well-earned rest and are ready to take on the second half of the Spring Term! In Maths this week we have been refreshing our memories on the topic of data handling; namely pictograms, bar graphs, Venn and Carroll diagrams. In English we have begun 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. In RE, we are learning about Hinduism; how it is similar to and different from Christianity. Can you name the main God in Hinduism or perhaps the God below?



Stars of the Week



Squirrel Class: **Emily** for spotting tricky spelling patterns and using them in her writing. **Belle** for showing greater independence and focus in her writing.

Hedgehog Class: **Scarlett** for writing an exciting recount using a range of conjunctions. **Jack** for always making an effort to present his work neatly.

Fox Class: **Freddy** and **Jake** for showing excellent focus and for sharing good ideas while discussing our new class books.

Otter Class: **Darcey** for showing fantastic perseverance in Maths. **Georgia** for being a great friend to others and an all round superstar!.

Owl Class: **Macey** for working hard to include relative clauses within her writing. **Max** for excellent maths learning this week.

Falcon Class: **Calum** for consistently being a hard working diligent learner. **Ada** for being a fantastic role model for learning and behaviour.

Hawk Class: **Lucy** for excellent behaviour throughout the week. **Izzy** for focused work in all subjects and contributing to class discussions,

Congratulations everyone, we are really proud of you for being great learners at school.

Office News

There is a lot of lost property again without names on. Please make sure all items of clothing worn into school has a name on it. Please ask your child to look in the lost property box if you are missing any items. Unfortunately we do not have the room to keep storing lost property, any unclaimed items will soon be disposed off.

Children and Anxiety

As part of Wellbeing Week (25th-29th March) we will be holding an information evening about children and anxiety, we will look at how children experience anxiety and how we can support them with this.

The evening will be held on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm.

Miss Johnson

Community News

The South of Borough Ward Councillors are holding a Community Resilience Workshop at Southborough High School on Thursday 7th March 7—9pm.

Many residents may have been affected by disruptive incidents in the past and while Kingston is one of the safest boroughs in London to live and work, preparing and planning are vital to reduce the impact of disruptive incidents and speed up the return to normality. We want to clarify what community resilience means to you and how it's best delivered in this neighbourhood going forward, meeting the needs and expectations of residents, communities and businesses.

Please RSVP by emailing neighbourhood_management@kingston.gov.uk and they will send you a short survey on your understanding of community resilience. Refreshments will be provided.

Family and Friends

Please join us in the school hall for the Quiz Night on Friday 8th March. If you have not already returned the booking forms, please send them into school on Monday or contact some one from Family and Friends to let the know you are interest.

We are working on new fundraising events for the coming months, but if you have any ideas that you would like us to consider please email us at pta4stmarys@gmail.com

Upcoming events:

15th March PJ Day 26th April Walkathon

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is 97.3%. **Fox Class** had best attendance for the week with 99.9%

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

Thankyou everyone for ensuring the children are at school every day; every moment is a learning moment and every day counts!

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

March

Monday 4 th	Little Angels Theatre Company for EYFS
Thursday 7 th	Squirrel Class assembly
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 8 th	F&F Quiz Night—details to come
Friday 8 th	Year 6 visit to the Magistrates Court
Tuesday 12 th	Parents Evening 4.30 - 7pm
Wednesday 13 th	Squirrel Class cake sale
Thursday 14 th	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
Friday 15 th	Pyjama Day
Monday 18 th – Wed 20 th	Year 5 visit to Hooke Court
Monday 25 th	Children with Anxiety information evening 7.30pm
*Monday 25 th	Class Photographs
April	
Monday 1 st	Easter Egg Hunt