



# St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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**Head's Lines:** Thank you to Mr Tynan for his valiant efforts in having paths cleared and ready for the beginning of school today. The children really enjoyed being out in the snow, before it melted, at break time.

Congratulations to Kaelan in Year 6 who has been selected to represent England at the World Karate Championships in Bratislava this summer. Congratulations to Lauren in Year 6 who has qualified for the International Association of Independent Gymnastics Clubs World Championships which will take place in Nashville USA. We are extremely proud of your achievements and wish you both all the best at these global sporting events!

This week, Mrs Rose announced in assembly that we are very excited by the prospect of some Year 5 and 6 pupils becoming Maths Ambassadors across the school. They have been invited to apply for these positions and, once appointed, will have a greater involvement in maths across the school by challenging their peers with different maths problems on and off line. We are really pleased to see that pupils across Key Stage 2 are encouraging others to read different books. They have been photographed with a book they are recommending for others to read; these pictures inspiring children to read are to be found in the Heart Area. Thank you to the librarians for the amazing job they have been doing by re-arranging, refreshing and tidying the books in the Heart Area.

The school have been finalising the arrangements for the Year 5 residential trip to Hooke Court this week. This is due to go ahead from 18th-20th March and more information will be sent out for parents at the beginning of next week.

If the event of further bad weather the school will inform parents as early as possible via Parentmail and the school website. We look forward to seeing Year 1 & 2 parents at the Phonics Workshop on Monday afternoon at 2.15pm. Mrs Hodgson

challenged us to write him some new riddles. We have been learning about animal bodies in science and we used our knowledge to write him some new riddles about animals.



**Hedgehog Class:** What an exciting week we have had! We have started our new text 'The Lonely Beast' and we have enjoyed taking part in some role play activities to immerse ourselves into the story. We have used the text to help develop our inference skills and thought about why Beast is feeling lonely. In Maths, we have begun looking at the inverse relationships between multiplication and division. As a class, we have started thinking about the presentation of our work and prizes will be awarded for outstanding efforts.



**Fox Class:** This week fox class have been working very hard on producing a fantastic class assembly all about the Egyptians. We have been learning how to multiply 2 digits by 1 digit in maths. We have written some very gruesome instructions for how to make an Egyptian mummy. We are looking forward to our trip to the British Museum next week!

**Offer Class:** This week we have been learning how to add and subtract numbers with up to two decimal places. Actually, we found that it wasn't that hard as long as we kept our digits in the right columns! We have finished writing our adventure story and have been finding out more about what goes on inside a Synagogue. In science, we used the computers to research the Scientific names for our bones.



**Owl Class:** In English this week, we have been learning about what a complex sentence is, and how we can use these to improve our writing. In topic, we have been learning about tectonic plates and fault lines. We ended the week with a hot chocolate party as our teachers were proud of how hard we have been working and the standard of work we are now producing!



**Falcon and Hawk:** This week in Y6 we have been continuing our learning in maths, focusing on both 2 and 3D shapes and their properties. We have enjoyed writing some powerful discussion texts in English; not least about whether school children should have homework! In RE, we have reflected on what our ideas of heaven are like and used our Bibles to understand what it might be like there. Several children identified the similarity between a description of Heaven and the Garden of Eden, as described in the book of Genesis.



## Class news this week

**Caterpillar Class:** This week we had a visit from Super-Duper who took us on a Superhero adventure in our drama workshop. The children were inspired to make some super hero capes back in the classroom. We had to work out how to attach the string, make sure the string was the right length and choose how to decorate our capes



**Butterfly Classes:** This week in Butterfly we have super enjoyed becoming superheroes after attending a superhero dance workshop run by Dance 4 All. We have been making up our very own superheroes and deciding what super powers they may have. We have also enjoyed reading lots of books about superheroes including the supertato and making up our very own stories



**Squirrel Class:** This week we learned that a riddle is a type of poetry that describes something without actually naming it. We enjoyed reading some riddles together and guessing the answers from the clues. The riddle monster came and

## Stars of the Week



**Squirrel Class:** Hollie W for showing great resilience and focus in her writing. **Arya** for working hard to keep her writing on the line and checking what she has written.

**Hedgehog Class:** **Oliver** for challenging himself in Math and for working hard in all lessons. **Harry** for always being ready to learn and for working really hard in Math.

**Fox Class:** **Avah** for putting her very best into every challenge, what a good example. **Achie** for showing terrific perseverance during Maths this week.

**Otter Class:** **Rose** for absolute fantastic writing, well done. **Tilly** for being an all round superstar! Showing great effort in everything she does.

**Owl Class:** **Callum** for applying new skills within his writing, well done!. **Sophie A** for being enthusiastic in her learning and always pushing herself to be the best she can be.

**Falcon Class:** **Rebekah and Zac** for showing excellent learning all week in Maths, well done.

**Hawk Class:** **Emily H** for asking for and completing extra homework to help her learning. **Izzy** for extra effort in Maths both in school and at home.

**Congratulations everyone, we are really proud of you**

## Notes from the Office

Please can you make sure all children have suitable clothing to go outside in this weather. They all need coats and ideally, gloves and hats. It would also be helpful if they kept a spare pair of sock or tights in their bags in case their feet get wet.

**As a school we endeavour to have a member of staff at the exit gate every day to ensure that children leave with the appropriate adult and ensure that members of the public do not enter school premises. We apologise that occasionally staff can be delayed so please can we remind you to ensure that any children that have been released at the end of the day are supervised as they leave the playground. Thank you for your support. Only children in Year 6 with written permission are allowed to walk home alone. 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 2018- 2019

### February

Monday 4th Phonics Workshop 2.15 pm  
Tuesday 5th Year 3 visit to the British Museum  
Wednesday 13th Fox Class Cake Sale  
Thursday 14th Hawk Class ~Assembly 9-9.30

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Half Term

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Hedgehog Class cake sale

### March

Monday 4th Little Angels Theatre Company for EYFS  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Squirrel Class assembly  
Friday 8th Year 6 visit to the Magistrates Court  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 4.30 - 7pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Squirrel Class cake sale  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3.30-6pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Year 5 visit to Hooke Court

### April

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Egg Hunt  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term end at 1.15pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> First Day of Term

### May

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Owl Class assembly 9-9.30  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Muffi Day (bottles)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Squirrel Class Assembly  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> SATS Week KS2  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Butterfly Class Cake Sale  
W/c Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Bikeability for Year 5  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 May Half Term

### June

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Y6 Residential Downe Scout Adventure Centre  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Phonics Screening Week  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Caterpillar Class Cake Sale  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Fox Class Assembly  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Otter Class Assembly  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Hedgehog Class Assembly  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Muffi Day—Packet Sweets

### July

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> EYFS Sports Day  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of Term

## Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is **94.1%**. **Fox Class** had best attendance for the week with **98.3%**

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

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

**Next week the children who had 100% attendance last term have been invited to a cinema & pop corn event as a reward; this was outlined to parents in September. Mrs Hodgson**

## Family and Friends

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting this week. The new committee is made up as follows:

Chair : Suzie Campos

Co-Vice Chairs - Wivian Logassi and Lia Voong

Treasurer - Christine Paddick

Secretary - Natalie Morris

Thank you to all outgoing committee members for their hard work.

We now have a new email address, if you would like to contact us it is [pta4stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:pta4stmarys@gmail.com)