



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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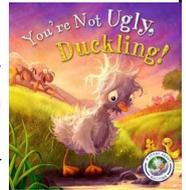
Head's Lines: As you can imagine we have had a busy week at the school since receiving the call from Ofsted on Tuesday morning – thank you for your messages of support. We have been expecting our next inspection for a number of months and I would like to thank everyone who took part in making it run so smoothly - governors, staff, pupils and parents for their comments, hard work and support. The Ofsted HMI team included three inspectors and a fourth one to quality assure their own work. You will be pleased to know that the inspection went smoothly; there were no unforeseen surprises. It was acknowledged that there is much good work going on currently to support the children and families who are part of our special community.

As I am sure you know, I am not able to give specific feedback around judgements at this stage as they are confidential prior to quality assurance by Ofsted. The report should come out in about a month and then we will be able to publicise the result.

As I would expect, the children were beautifully behaved throughout the process and we are very proud of their comments about the school. Thank you also to our Governors who work tirelessly to support the school day in and out; also some long evenings! The teachers will be giving the children some extra reward time in class! I would like to say on a more personal note that I am very proud and privileged to be working as part of a staff team of such kind, dedicated professionals whose work is always centred around the wellbeing of the entire community we serve.

Have a restful weekend. Mrs Hodgson

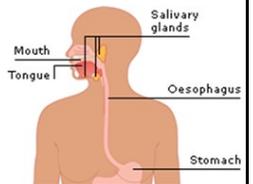
Hedgehog Class: What an adventurous week we have had! In English, we have been learning all about 'The Lonely Beast' and how he travelled around the world to find some new friends. We have written our own versions of the story using subordinating conjunctions. In Maths, we have been solving tricky word problems and checking our answers using our inverse skills. In Science, we have been researching how caterpillars have adapted to survive and we have discussed the life cycle of a butterfly. In Guided Reading, we have made inferences and predications about the story 'You're Not Ugly Duckling'. In PHSE, we have discussed what we could have done to help the duckling feel better and thought about how we could help each other when we are feeling sad.



Fox Class: This week we had a fantastic trip to the British Museum. We took the train and the underground and saw mummies, sarcophaguses and the Rosetta Stone.



Offer Class: This week we have been writing an explanation text on the digestive system in the human body. The children have been fascinated by the journey food makes. So far we have explained what happens in the mouth with the tongue, teeth and saliva; how the food travels down the oesophagus into the stomach and discussed how food can then spend up to 4 hours there.



Class news this week

Caterpillar Class: This week in Caterpillar Class we have been working as a team in the water tray sharing the resources. We have been looking at pouring, filling and emptying containers concentrating on the language full, half full and empty.



Butterfly Classes: This week in Butterfly Class we had an exciting visit from Mrs Fouracre's Guinea Pig called Fluffy! We asked lots of questions about how she cares for Fluffy and what food she enjoys eating. Fluffy loved the carrot we gave her! We also learnt that Mrs Fouracre has to clean out the cage every 2-3 days!



Squirrel Class: We have been exploring numbers up to 20 in squirrel class. We have been making numbers using equipment, comparing numbers and learning how to order them



Owl Class: In Owl Class this week, we have been busy mastering column addition. We planned and budgeted for a camping trip where we had to use column addition to add together different costs and ensure we kept within our budget. In English, we have been looking at adverbials of time and included these within a diary entry.



Falcon and Hawk: This week Year 6 have been getting involved in our new and exciting reading launch of 'Don't judge a book by its cover.' Each child took home a library book and wrapped it up with a little message on the front to indicate key themes in the book- it has really inspired curiosity and the children have been very excited about it. Well done to all of Year 6 this week with our visitors and especially the children who spent some time talking about their learning with our them- Miss Haurdhan and Mr Angus are extremely proud of you!



Stars of the Week



Squirrel Class: **Y1 Cricket Team, Remaiah, Emily, Frankie, Sonny, Tommy, Taylor, Kian and Sofia** for fantastic teamwork and wonderful behaviour at Chessington School.

Hedgehog Class: **Max** for acting as a role model and always being ready to learn. **Charlie G** for working hard and demonstrating resilience in maths.

Fox Class: **Samantha** for showing a confident and brave attitude when using the underground on our school trip. **Olivia** for writing a fantastic set of mummification instructions.

Otter Class: **Alice** for trying her hardest in everything she does and setting a great example to others. **Alfie** for a fantastic improvement in his writing, well done.

Owl Class: **Sophie C** for applying her understanding of column addition in different contexts. **Ryan** for working hard to include adverbials of time in his writing this week.

Falcon Class: **Freya** for being a super helper this week for Miss Hurdhan, **Lauren** for being a fantastic learning partner.

Hawk Class: **Alfie** for showing a mature responsibility when looking after younger children. **Maria** for her impressive understanding of areas of 3D shapes in maths.

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

Notes from the Office

Please can we ask that packed lunches are either in a lunch box or a container with a lid and not just in a plastic bag. Also, if you need to drop off lunches in the office, it must have the child's name on it.

Can we remind you we are a nut free school, so please make sure you do not include any items that may contain nuts, this can include some chocolate spreads.

Any small items of food, like grapes, tomatoes or strawberries etc, must be cut into smaller pieces to avoid the possibility of choking.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Family and Friends have a community Facebook page. Please check it out at: St Marys School Chessington Family and Friends.

You can also contact them by email at pta4stmarys@gmail.com

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is **96.5%**. **Hawk Class** had best attendance for the week with **100%** **Well done Hawk Class.**

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

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

Sports News

A Y1 team, took part in a cricket festival at Chessington School on Wednesday. They worked really hard and had lots of fun. Well done to Ramiah, Sonny, Sophia, Tommy, Taylor, Kian, Frank and Emily.



A Y2 team took part a football festival at Surbiton Prep sports ground. They had an outstanding performance with 5 wins and a draw. Well done to Scarlett, Max, Matthew, Harrison, Oliver, Elliott and Ewan.



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 11th Visit from Birdworld for KS1
*Tuesday 12th Fox Class Cake Sale—new date
Thursday 14th Hawk Class ~Assembly 9-9.30
*Thursday 14th Valentine chocolate sale

Monday 18th Feb – Friday 22nd Feb Half Term

Wednesday 27th Hedgehog Class cake sale

March

Monday 4th Little Angels Theatre Company for EYFS
Thursday 7th Squirrel Class assembly
*Friday 8th F&F Quiz Night—details to come
Friday 8th Year 6 visit to the Magistrates Court
Tuesday 12th Parents Evening 4.30 - 7pm
Wednesday 13th Squirrel Class cake sale
Thursday 14th Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
Monday 18th – Wed 20th Year 5 visit to Hooke Court

April

Monday 1st Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 5th Last Day of Term end at 1.15pm
Tuesday 23rd INSET