



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines:

Thankyou from all of the staff to the Families and Friends; we all really appreciate your kind and unexpected Valentine's gift this week— it was very thoughtful of you all and we all appreciated the message—'It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.'

Half term is upon us already and the sun has started to shine again. Over the holiday builders will be refurbishing the Nursery and Reception Class toilets. After half term on March 4th we are excited to be having our new trim trail installed on the KS2 playground— this has been funded through the sports premium grant from the government, which is ring fenced for use to promote healthy schools.

Jack Foster has started as the new Chair of Governors this week and I was delighted to show him around the school and introduce him to the staff and the children. The building becomes alive when the children are here—a very different atmosphere to late night meetings.

Mrs Emmeline Lawlor will be visiting the school after half term as part of her induction to St Mary's and we are looking forward to her starting with us after Easter.

A challenge for the children—make sure that you read at least one book over half term—a list of the 100 books Teachers recommend that children read before they leave Primary School is attached on parentmail. Enjoy reading and anyone who achieves this over half term, do come and see me after the break. Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing the safe return of everyone on 25th February.

Mrs Hodgson

apples and seeds to attract some extra wildlife into our playground!



Fox Class It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the Spring term! I hope you have a wonderful holiday, it is well deserved as you have all worked so hard this year so far. Make sure you manage to get outside as the weather starts to improve and enjoy spending time with your family and friends. This week we have been writing our own Egyptian fairytales inspired by Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have also been focusing on division with remainders in maths.

Otter Class: This week we visited a synagogue. The children saw the Tarah Scrolls and were shown the special symbols used in the Jewish faith. The children were fantastic and impressed everyone with their knowledge of Judaism and their brilliant behaviour. In numeracy we have continued to learn about measurements, converting grams into kilograms. We also started to learn about capacity using a variety of different containers to measure litre and millilitre.

Owl Class: In Science this week, Owl Class have been learning about streamlined shapes and water resistance. We had to work in a group to design and make a boat out of recyclable materials, and then test how fast they travelled across a tray filled with water.



Falcon and Hawk: Both year 6 classes have worked extremely hard this half term and have produced some excellent writing from various discussions we have had in class. In Maths, we have completed our work on coordinates, including translation and reflection. We are finishing our guided reading book Skellig and are looking forward to The Secret Garden next half term. Well done for all your hard work this term Y6. We hope you enjoy your week's holiday!



Class news this week

Caterpillar Class: This week in Caterpillar Class we invited our parents and carers to come and play with a focus on maths. We sang some counting songs and found lots of different ways of playing with numbers in the classroom. Have a look at our class page on the school website for more photographs and a copy of the information leaflet.



Butterfly Class: This week in Butterfly Class we enjoyed welcoming our families to our classroom to see how much we love maths! We enjoyed making numicon biscuits as well as playing games and making pictures out of shapes. We have also enjoyed making Valentine's Day cards for our families.



Squirrel and Hedgehog Class: Both classes enjoyed a fantastic visit from Birdworld this week. We met a variety of animals up close, including an Eagle owl, a chinchilla, a python and a stick insect that could pretend to be a scorpion! This helped us with our learning about animal body parts, classification, habitats and lifecycles. We also made our own bird feeders out of



Stars of the Week



Squirrel Class: Frankie and **Taylor** for fantastic perseverance and progress with your phonic knowledge.

Hedgehog Class: Ewan for working really hard in maths and trying his best in reading lessons. **Millie W** for being helpful and always trying her best.

Fox Class: Augustas for showing excellent effort and focus when writing a story. **Oliver** for being reliable, kind, caring and a good friend at all times.

Offer Class: Charlie for a fantastic attitude to learning. **Victor** for an improvement in his behaviour choices.

Owl Class: Italy for showing an excellent learning attitude. **Jamie** for working incredibly hard in maths this week.

Falcon Class: Mia and Matthew for both being wonderful helpers this week and creating a fantastic narrative.

Hawk Class: Georgia for never giving up and always trying her hardest in lessons. **Tyler** for excellent work in both English and maths this week.

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

Sports News

Yr 4 & 5 Football Tournament at Chessington School

On Wednesday the boys played excellent football and showed great Sportsmanship when decisions went against them. They finished joint first on points, but unfortunately lost out on goal difference. They now progress to the next round. Well done boys.



London Athletics Youth Games at Crystal Palace.

The children have worked tirelessly to get to this point. Their hard work and determination has been outstanding. After finishing first in our borough, we took a squad of 28 to represent Kingston at Crystal Palace. It was a very tough 3rd phase and the children finished 6th place out of 8. They should be very proud of themselves. Well done,



The school are very proud of the hard work the children put in when representing the school. Also, well done to Mr Russ and Mrs Fouracre for all the extra time they put in to coach them.

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is **96.3%**. **Fox Class** had best attendance for the week with **99.3%**

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

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

Social Media

May I politely remind parents about social networking risks and protocols. We teach the children at school to send messages and use social media in a balanced, polite and sensible way that will not cause offence to people. Of course we know that the overwhelming majority of parents support this. However, parents, staff and even pupils are aware of recent posts that do not follow our acceptable use of protocols for social media. Please remember that if comments are posted and brought to our attention and the school consider them to be inappropriate they will or course be followed up.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hodgson

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

Family and Friends

Firstly we would like to welcome both Lia Voong and Natalie Morris to the FAF team.

Thank you to everyone who helped and bought treats from our first Valentines Day Treat sale we made an amazing £135.92.

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

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

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

*Friday 15th PJ Day

Monday 18th – Wed 20th Year 5 visit to Hooke Court

*Monday 25th Children with Anxiety information evening 7.30pm

April

Monday 1st Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 5th Last Day of Term end at 1.15pm