



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: Matheletics is up and running again and the children should be able to access it now using their passwords. If you are unsure of your password please speak to your classteacher.

The PTA—**Families & Friends** have organised some great new events this year (see page 2). They welcome as many parents and carers as possible to get involved in having fun and raising funds for the school. Thank you Susie and Lia!

The children have been learning about how important Bees are this week: we had a swarm take up residence on the Willow tree in the KS2 playground. They moved on after 48 hours as expected and the playground is safe to use again now.

Congratulations to all of the children who had their writing published in a book called 'Spooky Tales' this week—we are very proud of you all and a copy of the book is in the Library if anyone would like to read it. Writing is our focus this term and we believe that every reader can be a writer. On our website, under 'Our Learning' on the menu, you will find some resources to support the children's learning of grammar, spelling reading and writing.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and lets hope that the sun shines! **Mrs Hodgson**

Class news this week

Caterpillar Class: This week in Caterpillar Class we have begun to explore the book 'Stanley's Stick' by John Hegley.

We have been on a stick hunt, discussed our stick safety rules and sung some stick songs. We have also created our own stick poem!



Butterfly Class: This

week in Butterfly Class we have enjoyed planting vegetables! We are growing courgettes, beetroot, tomatoes and radishes! We have talked about what they will need to grow and have been watering them every day! We can't wait to see them grow bigger and bigger!

Squirrel Class: This week we have been learning about arrays in maths. We explored how to make and identify arrays using different objects, checking that the rows and columns were equal. We also began to describe the arrays, counting the number of columns and rows, the number of objects in each



column and row and writing repeated addition sentences to match!

Hedgehog Class: This week

we have started our new story linked to our topic 'How does your garden grow?'. We started by sequencing the images from the book 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. We then made inferences and predictions about the story before reading it. In Maths, we have been revising addition, subtraction and using the inverse relationships to solve missing number problems. In Computing, we have been learning all about internet safety. We have watched a video about a dolphin called Hector and he helped us understand the importance of keeping out information private when online.



Fox Class: Well done for another fantastic week! I've been so impressed with how you've managed our fractions work in maths this week and have begun writing a terrific story based on The Iron Man. Next week we will be starting our new Power of Reading text! We have enjoyed learning about plants this week, and have investigated the 4 countries that make up the UK. We made some scones and tasted some shortbread as part of our learning about England and Scotland.

Otter Class: We have been looking at pictures of the sea in different media. We made close observations of *The Giant Wave off Kanagawa* by the artist, Hokusai, in pencil and colouring pencils. Next we are going to paint it and even try to replicate it in collage. In Maths we have been finding the area of shapes, in Science we are looking at Sound and in English we have finished reading the *Mousehole Cat* and have written a character study of the main character, Old Tom.

Owl Class: This week, Owl Class have been busy designing Mayan masks. We looked at traditional masks and discussed their purpose. We then used the symbols and embellishments we saw to design our own masks identifying all the resources we would need. In English this week, we have been looking at descriptive language and how it can be used for effect and in maths, we have been learning different strategies for multiplication.

Falcon and Hawk Classes: It has been another busy week in Year 6! In RE, our topic this term is about friendships and relationships. In our busy lives, it is important to remember the gifts we have been given, which we have been celebrating in class; recognising our class mates' gifts as well as our own. In science, we are learning about the origins of animal and plant classification; right back to Aristotle's time (384-322 B.C.) and how we classify living things today.

Stars of Week!

Squirrel Class: Sofia, for always being ready to ask and answer questions.

Hedgehog Class: Millie P, for being a wonderful role model in our class.

Fox Class: Finley, for always putting your best effort into new challenges at school!

Otter Class: Harry M, for fantastic work in handwriting and Rose for great behaviour choices this week.

Owl Class: The whole of Owl class, for an amazing class assembly! You all worked so hard and we are very proud of you!

Hawk Class: Anex, for his letter to Ernest Shackleton and Cameron for his excellent work during our maths lessons this week!

Falcon Class: Louie, for concentrating well on his ideas and writing a fantastic letter this week! Freddy, for producing a wonderful letter this week in english.

A huge St Mary's congratulations to all of our stars this week!

Family and Friends PTA

Thank you everyone for taking part in the Obstacle Fun Run last week. The children had so much fun and we raised an amazing **£1,348.10**. A huge thank you goes to Mr Russ and Mrs F who made it such a great event.

Next week is **Penny Wars**, we will be in the playground at drop off with buckets each class (Reception-Year 6). Bronze coins add to the class total but silver coins will detract from the class total but the children can put silver coins in other class buckets.

LV Dance are coming on Saturday 11th May to host a **Zumba class**. It will be in the hall 9.30am-10.30am and will cost £6 per person. All proceeds go to the PTA fund. Hope to see you there. **Pamper Evening** -

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is 97.1%- well done! The class with the best attendance this week is Fox Year 3 with 99.7%.

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

Hello from Mrs Lawlor!

Thank you to all the children, parents and carers for welcoming me as the new Deputy Headteacher of your school. I feel very honoured to have been appointed for this new challenge. I've had a wonderful start to the term getting to know the children, looking at their books and spending time in classrooms. I believe passionately that learning should empower, challenge and enable every child to fulfil their potential. I'm very much looking forward to working alongside the teaching team, children and parents with this at the forefront of my mind. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Lawlor.

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.

April

Tuesday 23rd

Wed 24th

*Friday 26th

INSET

First Day of Term

Sponsored Obstacle Fun Run

May

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

*Monday 6th to 10th

Thursday 9th

Monday 13th

Wednesday 15th

*W/c Mon 20th

Week

Monday 27th

Owl Class Y5 assembly 9-9.30

Muffi Day (bottles)

Penny Wars

Squirrel Class Assembly

SATs Week KS2 Y6

Butterfly Class Cake Sale

Healthy Mind, Body & Planet

Bikeability for Year 5

until Friday 31st May **Half Term**

June

Monday 3rd

Monday 3rd to 5th

Monday 10th

Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13th

*Friday 14th

Wc 17th June

Thursday 20th

Friday 26th

Thursday 27th

Friday 28th

July

Wednesday 3rd

Thursday 4th

Friday 5th

Thursday 11th

(come)

Saturday 13th

Wednesday 17th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

Tuesday 23rd

INSET

Y6 Residential Downe Scout

Adventure Centre

Phonics Screening Week

*Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens

Caterpillar Class Cake Sale

Fox Class Assembly

*Year 3 trip to RHS Wisley

Pamper Evening

*Book Fair Week

Otter Class Assembly

*EYFS trip to Godstone Farm

Hedgehog Class Assembly

Muffi Day—Packet Sweets

*EYFS Sports Day

*Sports Day KS1&2 & picnic lunch

School Disco

*Summer Concert (details to

come)

Summer Fair

Transition to New Classes

Celebration Evening

*Bishop Andrew taking Assembly

Yr6 Leavers events

Last day of Term 1.15pm