



HEAD'S LINES

Head's Lines: As you now know I have decided that it is the right time for me to step aside as Headteacher and for someone else to take up the reins at St Mary's at the beginning of the next academic year. Thank you very much for all of your kind and supportive messages following the announcement yesterday. Plans are well underway for the interim leadership arrangements and the school will keep you fully informed. It has been a privilege to have the opportunity to work as part of our school community and with all of your wonderful children. The strong and capable team in place at the school will be able to continue with our development plans in place and I look forward to being part of discussions for a smooth transition throughout the summer. Thankyou to the Governors for their tireless voluntary work in continuing to secure a strong strategic vision for our school.

Earlier today I told the children who their new Classteacher would be for next year; they were very excited and the list is below. **Mrs Hodgson**

Class news this week

Caterpillar Class: This week we have been practicing our listening skills. We have learned to look at the person who is talking, to be quiet whilst they are talking to you and to use our ears to hear what they are saying. We also talked about what to do if someone is not listening to you and came up with some good ideas, including, wait until they have finished talking, say "Excuse me" or get their attention by gently touching their arm.

Butterfly Class: This week we have been enjoying the sunshine in our outdoor learning area. We have been using our new bikes and having to use all our strength to drive our friends around the playground! We have also been measuring and recording how big different objects are.



Friends Skye & Maisie in Butterfly class have recently had haircuts. They decided to donate their hair to the Little Princess Trust who use the hair to make wigs for children with cancer. They are also trying to raise money for Momentum, a local charity

supporting children with cancer & their families. Please show your support & donate whatever you can at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Maisie-Skye> and help them reach their target of £500.

Squirrel Class: Squirrel class has been finding out how to find one quarter of an amount. We used our knowledge of quarters of shapes to know that a quarter is one of four equal parts of something. We then used different equipment to make the total amount we were exploring and then shared the objects into four equal amounts. We also noticed how a quarter is the same as half of a half.



Hedgehog Class: This week we have been revising measuring length using centimetres and millimetres. We have had fun measuring each other to see who has the biggest arms, hands and feet! In English, we have started reading our new story but we do not know the title of the story yet. We have been making inferences and predictions based on the first page of our story.

Fox Class: This week Fox class enjoyed starting a brand new book- The Firebird. We drew beautiful pictures of how we imagined the firebird to look, using pastels, and we investigated the main character in the book. In maths we started looking at tie and enjoyed learning about Roman numerals!



Otter Class: Otter Class has been busy with our new topic, *Why do we need to save the rainforests?* We have located the rainforests on a map and started to think about what they are like. In Maths, we are having fun with division and in RE we have thought about who inspires us ahead of learning about some amazing Christians who have changed the world.

Owl Class: This week, we have started our new class book 'Cosmic'- it is about a boy who is extra-ordinarily tall & loves theme parks. We have spent time this week reading the first few chapters & discussing new vocabulary which the author has used. Our topic this half term is space, in art we have been learning about an artist called Peter Thorpe. We looked at some of his art work before creating our own pieces in the same style.

Falcon & Hawk class: This week Yr.6 have been on their residential trip which was brilliant! It was a fun-filled 3 days full of challenging & exciting activities, such as the aerial trek, crate stacking, fire lighting & backwoods cooking. Yr.6 demonstrated excellent teamwork skills & resilience & felt a real sense of achievement after accomplishing the activities. Mr Angus & Miss Haurdhan are both very proud of the children & their good behaviour whilst on the trip.





Squirrel Class: Charlie for great waiting & listening skills when asking & answering questions about toys. Poppy P for fantastic perseverance when practicing your sounds.

Hedgehog Class: Zhazire for sharing lots of ideas during class discussions. Dan for his hard work in writing lessons & trying his best.

Fox Class: Henry & Archie for being super helpful, sensible & kind around the classroom this week. Dexter for his wonderful imagination & pastel drawing of the firebird.

Otter Class: Samuel & Sophie for particularly good home learning on habitats. Aris for independent work & a super attitude to learning.

Owl Class: Lauren for a fantastic attitude to her learning this week. Harrison for showing great enthusiasm for his learning this week.

Hawk & Falcon Classes: All children for showing such a positive attitude & excellent behaviour on their trip to Downe Scout Adventure Centre.

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

Family and Friends PTA

We will be working on the **Environmental Garden** again this Sunday, 9th June, if you have a free hour or two we will be there from 10am and would love to see you there.

Father's Day Pop Up Shop - Preparations are now well under way. The deadline for the forms to be returned has now passed, we can no longer accept forms as we are now buying the gifts.

Pamper Evening - Friday 14th June at school 6.30-9.30pm. You can buy entrance tickets on the door but you can book your treatments in advance via the following link;

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4FABAE2DA4F85-stmarys>. We hope to see you there.

On Tuesday 11 June at 7pm there will be a meeting about the summer fair at school. If you are free please do come along.

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is 95.1%. The class with the best attendance this week is Squirrel with 98.7% well done! Thankyou for your support in ensuring that your families are not taking unauthorised term time holidays.

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

We are pleased to announce our class teachers for the next school year (2019/20) will be;

Caterpillar (Nursery); Mrs Quinn

Butterfly (Reception); Miss Cameron

Squirrel (Yr.1); Mr Miseldine

Hedgehog (Yr.2); Miss Burrage

Fox (Yr.3); Mrs Smiley

Otter (Yr.4); Mr Angus

Owl (Yr.5); Mrs Davies & Mrs Rose

Falcon (Yr.6); Miss Haurdhan

The children have been told today and all of the staff are aware—much excitement! Mrs Hodgson

Office news:

Polite reminder, please do not park across the driveways of our neighbours. The school has recently received complaints from local people that they have been not been able to get their cars out as they have been blocked in at drop off time in the morning. Thank you.

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.

June

Monday 10 th	Phonics Screening Week Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 12 th	Caterpillar Class Cake Sale
Thursday 13 th	Fox Class Assembly
Friday 14 th	Pamper Evening
W/C 17 th June	Book Fair Week
Thursday 20 th	Otter Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 th	EYFS trip to Godstone Farm
Thursday 27 th	Hedgehog Class Assembly
Friday 28 th	Muffin Day—Packet Sweets

July

Wednesday 3 rd	EYFS Sports Day
Thursday 4 th	Sports Day KS1&2 & picnic lunch
Friday 5 th	School Disco
Thursday 11 th	Summer Concert (details to come)
Saturday 13 th	Summer Fair
Wednesday 17 th	Transition to New Classes
Wednesday 17 th	Celebration Evening
Thursday 18 th	Bishop Andrew taking Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd	Yr6 Leavers events
	Last day of Term 1.15pm