



## HEAD'S LINES

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you so much for the generous donations that have been coming in to school for our Harvest Festival next week. After our service in school on Wednesday, we will take the items to the Kingston Food Bank warehouse where they can be distributed to local families in need. Please do keep your donations coming in—they are all very much appreciated.

It's also been lovely to see the children in mufti today—and all the bottles and £1s will be put to good use by the PTA.

Congratulations to our Y5 and Y6 runners who took part in the borough cross country event and returned suitably muddy and exhausted but proud of their achievement. Thanks to Mrs Fouracre, Mrs Strange and all the parents who provided the transport and supervision.

Following our Book Fair last week, organised by Mrs Mills and staffed by some very dedicated Y6 helpers, we sold over £400 of books, earning over £150 for books at school. Look on the next page to see who won the book design competition. Thank you for your support of reading at our school.

Best wishes, Mrs Playle and Mrs Lawlor

### Class news this week

**Caterpillar Class:** The children in Caterpillar Class have been learning about taking turns and sharing. They have helped our puppets, Sally Sock and Derek Dinosaur, to think about how to take turns and they have been practising their own turn taking skills!



**Butterfly Class:** This week in Butterfly Class, we have been thinking about what makes a kind friend. We thought of lots of different ways you can be a kind friend and some of us made pictures for our friends. We have even enjoyed exploring with the junk modelling and making lots of wonderful creations.



**Squirrel Class:** As part of our science topic, we have been carefully observing changes in the weather. We have measured the temperature, wind direction and rainfall every day this week. We have also been using our maths language to compare each day's data to say whether the rainfall was more than, less than or equal to the day before. We will measure the weather again in the winter to see how things change between the seasons.



**Hedgehog Class:** This week in Hedgehog Class we have completed writing our own stories about a powerless robot. We used descriptive sentences and conjunctions to join two ideas together e.g. and, but, so, because. In Art, we have started creating our own sketches self-portraits in the style of Picasso. In Science, we have been learning about different materials that can be recycled and why it is important to recycle.

**Fox Class:** Well done for another brilliant week! I have loved seeing all of the creative ways you have made your Stonehenge home learning projects. Well done! In maths this week we have been adding and subtracting tens from 3 digit numbers, exchanging tens for hundreds. In English we have written some fantastic instructions for how to wash a Stone Age animal and have published our writing beautifully. We have been exploring adverbs in grammar.

**Offer Class:** This week Year 4 have started to research key facts about the Roman Army with a view to writing a diary entry next week on life in as a Roman soldier. We are thoroughly looking forward to our Roman day on the Monday after half term. In maths, we have finished our units on place value and will begin addition next week.

**Owl Class:** In Owl Class this week, we have continued our learning about the Vikings. We have spent time researching different areas of their life such as what they wear, what they eat and where they came from. We have used this information to create a non-chronological report which we have then typed up into a word document using text boxes.



**Falcon Class:** On Monday Yr 6 visited the Shakespeare Globe as part of our learning on Macbeth. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and were impressed with the décor inside the Globe Theatre. The children behaved very well on the train to and from London and should be proud of themselves. Have a look at our class page on the website for more photos.





## Stars of Week!

**Squirrel Class: Amy** for always having a fantastic positive attitude to writing. **Leo** for showing a fantastic effort with listening carefully.

**Hedgehog Class: Grace** for the amazing effort you put into maths work when using different methods to show how to add to 20. **Aaliyah** for excellent maths learning this week when working both independently & in a group.

**Fox Class: Oliver** for demonstrating perseverance & focus in writing this week. **Max** for putting fantastic effort into your presentation in English this week.

**Otter Class: Millie** for always starting work quickly & giving 100% in every lesson. **Leah S.** for using higher order vocabulary in your writing so effectively.

**Owl Class: Rose** for working incredibly hard in her maths learning this week. **Benjamin** for being enthusiastic in his learning & always pushing himself to be the best he can.

**Falcon Class: All of Falcon Class** for showing excellent behaviour on the train to & from the Shakespeare Globe on Monday.

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

### Family and Friends PTA

**Christmas Fair:** there is a meeting on the evening of Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct to discuss preparations; message for details on when & where. Sign up genius is live for stall coverage; we need your help so please have a look & see what you can do <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054AA5AC2CA4F94-stmarys>

**Pamper Evening** we have sign up genius live so you can book in any treatments that you would like. Link to follow via parent mail.

**Sweet Amnesty;** if you have any leftover wrapped sweets from Halloween we would love to have them to put towards prizes for the Christmas Fair. We will collect at school on Mon 4th Nov.

Contact us; [pta4stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:pta4stmarys@gmail.com)

### Office News

Please remember all **School Photo** orders must be returned to the office by Friday **25th October** 2019.

### Attendance & Punctuality

**Whole school attendance this week is 96.4%. The class with the best attendance this week is Otter Class with 99% Well done!**

Please remember that the school will not be able to authorise any requests for term time holidays. If your child's attendance falls below 90% your child will be regarded as a persistent absentee and the Educational Welfare Department will be informed.

### Congratulations to our Book Fair Competition Winners



Well done to the 3 winners of our Book Fair Competition!! They each designed a fantastic book cover and won a brand new book to take home & enjoy.

We also must give a big thank you to our Yr.6 volunteers who did a brilliant job selling books for us at the book fair, helping us to make it a fantastic success!



**Please share your special news & interests with us so we can proudly celebrate your achievements with you!**

**Diary Dates:** **New Date = Blue Don't forget!** You can also see a full list of school events on the school calendar which is on our website.

### October

Wed 23rd Oct	School Harvest Celebration
Tues 22nd Oct & Thurs 24th Oct	Reception 2020 open morning from 9.45am
W/C 28th Oct	Half Term

### November

Mon 4th Nov	Sweet Amnesty (PTA)
Fri 8th Nov	Muffin Day for Chocolate
Wed 13th Nov	Owl Class Cake Sale
Wed 13th Nov	Reception 2020 open evening from 6pm
Fri 15th Nov	Inset Day - school closed
Tues 19th Nov & Thurs 21st Nov	Reception 2020 open morning from 9.45am
Fri 22nd Nov	Pamper Evening 6.30pm
Thurs 28th Nov	2018/19 Mayor's 100% Attendance Awards.

### December

Sat 7th Dec	Christmas Fair
W/C 9th Dec	Christmas Performances; Dates TBC
Mon 9th Dec	Flu Immunisations
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 13th Dec	School Discos
Tues 17th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Church Service, 9.30am KS2 Church Service 11 am
Fri 20th Dec	Last day of term; 1.15pm finish.