



# St Mary's C of E (VA) First School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Weekly Update 31st January 2014

Dear Families of St Mary's,

## This week at St Mary's...

Year 2's visited the church on Thursday to enrich their RE learning and created lovely books to show their knowledge and understanding of the inside of a church. Year 4's are using the River Bulbourne to identify real life examples of key vocabulary from river topic.

## International Award

We are delighted to inform you that St Mary's CofE First School has successfully addressed the criteria for the Foundation level of the British Council International School Award! Mrs Barclay has developed etwinning across the school with Mrs Zimet, Mrs Archbold and Miss Waterhouse. The projects completed in the Autumn term have enabled us to start our international school award journey and gain our Foundation level of the British Council International School Award. Congratulations to all pupils and staff involved.

## Thank you for your cooperation

Thank you to everyone who has successfully brought their children round to the door by the fire escape in the morning and have contacted the teachers through the classroom playground doors, when necessary. You are asked not to bring children through the front door as this area is busy with people accessing the office and not to go down the corridor to the classrooms to avoid congestion.

## Proud Awards

N: Lucas

R: Lucinda, Mollie

Y1: Jake, Amy M

Y2: Grace, Rosie

Y3: Jack, Isabelle O

Mr Potter was away to give Yr4

## Good deeds

N: Mia, Layla

R: Alice,

Y1: Poppy

Y2: Bobby,

Y3: Lucy

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## Head lice

We have had no reported cases this week. Well done to everyone for checking and treating. Do check tonight and remember if you treated a week ago you need to treat again and comb out lice and eggs.

## Next week...

Chinese New Year Lunch – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Y2 Apsley Paper Mill – Wed. 5<sup>th</sup>

Candlemass – 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45 pm St. Mary's Church

Y3 Assembly – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.25 am

## Information and reminders

### Parking on New Rd

A concerned resident has brought to my attention that people are parking between the school warning sign and yellow lines on New Rd. Although there is no restriction there it is difficult to see past the parked car when trying to get into the town centre, and the cars coming the other way (towards Ashridge) often have to stop and reverse to let people through. Please do park considerately and safely.

**Terra Cycle** - The School has signed up with TerraCycle who will recycle products and turn them into durable consumer goods and raw materials. The Brigades we have signed up to are:-

**The Mobile Phone Brigade** -The following types of waste can be collected through the Mobile Phone Brigade: any size and brand of used mobile phone in the 3 points tiered categories below – please note however that a minimum of 5 phones must be sent in a shipment in order to receive points. The following types of waste are not accepted: landline phones, phone chargers or loose batteries

**The Laptop Brigade** - Laptop Brigade accepted waste: - We accept laptops, notebooks, netbooks and tablets and invite you to donate regardless of age or condition including faulty or dead laptops - We accept any make including Dell, HP Compaq, Lenova, Apple, IBM, Acer, Sony, Fujitsu Siemens, Packard bell, and Toshiba. Information Destruction: We guarantee the removal of all data from hard disk drives on all donated Laptops using internationally recognised data destruction software.

**Writing Implements Brigade** - All writing instruments (except wooden pencils and crayons) can be collected, regardless of their brand or material - ballpoint pens, felt tips, mechanical pencils, markers, highlighters and correction fluid containers

**The McVitie's Brigade** - This is a contest to win a share of 50,000 TerraCycle points and 2 McVitie's goodie bags goodie bags and is only open for a short time from the 1st February until the 30th April.

McVitie's Biscuit Wrapper Brigade accepted waste:

1. Any brand of Non- Savoury Biscuit Wrappers – for example Digestives/Hobnobs
2. Any brand of Multi-pack Biscuit Wrappers

**Please place your items in the boxes in the reception area.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Save a life** – give blood. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 13.00 to 15.30 & 17.00 to 19.30 Civic Centre, High St, Berkhamsted. Visit [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) or call 03001232323.

### Save the date:

**Advance parent support group Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**7:30pm**

**Year 1 phonics screening meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**2:45pm**

## 2015/16 Admissions Consultation for St Mary's School

All school admission authorities are required to undertake consultation on their admission arrangements if they are changing their arrangements and even if no changes are being made, they are still required to carry out a consultation at least once every seven years. As St Mary's is a Voluntary Aided (VA) School, the Governing Body is the admitting authority.

We are undertaking a consultation on our admissions arrangements for the academic year 2015/16. Details of the proposed admission arrangements are available on the school website. The consultation period is for 8 weeks, between 2 January - 28 February 2014. If you would like to make any comments, or respond to the proposed arrangements, you need to contact the school on [admissions@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk) Your responses will be taken into account when determining the admission arrangements. All schools must determine their admission arrangements for 2015/16 by 15 April 2014, regardless of whether a consultation has been undertaken. Determined admission arrangements will be displayed on the school's website by 1st May 2014.

**Dates:**

*January*

31<sup>st</sup> 3:20pm Treat Friday Year 1  
3:20-3:45pm Open Classrooms

*February*

5<sup>th</sup> Year 2 to Paper Mill  
6<sup>th</sup> 2:45pm Church- Candlemass - all welcome  
7<sup>th</sup> 10:25 Class 3 Assembly (please note change of assembly time)  
8:00pm Quiz Night!  
11<sup>th</sup> 3:45-6:30pm Parent Consultations  
12<sup>th</sup> Year 1 to the Science Museum  
13<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm Parent Consultations  
14<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30pm Valentine Disco

Half term- 17-21<sup>st</sup> Feb

28<sup>th</sup> 3:20pm FS Treat Friday

*March*

5<sup>th</sup> 2:45pm Church (Ash Wednesday)  
6<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
10<sup>th</sup> Year 2 to Houses of Parliament  
13<sup>th</sup> Music Concert  
18<sup>th</sup> 3:20pm-3:45pm open classrooms  
21<sup>st</sup> 3:20pm Treat Friday Year 4  
28<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Service (all mums welcome or a representative welcome for flower presentation)

*April*

4<sup>th</sup> Year2 Class Assembly  
1:30pm Easter Service  
2:30pm Treat Friday Year 3  
2:30 FINISH