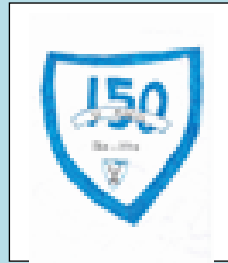




St Mary's C of E (VA) First School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'



Weekly Updateⁿ July, 2014

Dear Families of St Mary's,

A week of achievements....

Sport

Last week Reception took part in in Dacorum Sports Partnership inter-school games. A huge well done to them, as they were really well behaved and worked together as a team. There were 8 schools competing and we did brilliantly to finish 2nd.

Dacorum School sports awards took place this week. Oly Painter and Josh Mullins were nominated for Lower KS2 Sports achiever award. Josh was awarded highly commended in this category. Mr Macey also gained highly commended for services to PE and School Sport. Well done we are very proud.

Well done to Isabelle Osmond, Matthew Horton, Lucy Cooley, Elliot Clifford, Eddie Ryan, Jamie Powell, Oly Painter, Sam Baker, Ella Smith and Josh Mullins for representing the school at the Berkhamsted inter-school athletics this week. Josh came first in his 100m and 600m races, Oly came second in the 600m, Ella won her 50 m, Jamie won his 50m and Sam, Josh, Oly and Jamie came second in the Year 4 Boys relay! Well done to you all.

KS2 Production

Year 3 & 4 production of Hoodwinked was captivating and truly outstanding. The acting was excellent and the singing beautiful. The pupils who sang solos were terrific. Well done to all the children and to the staff who brought it all together. Excellent!

Open evening

The school looked wonderful last night filled with the fabulous outcomes of the pupils learning. Thank you for taking the opportunity to look at all the amazing work and celebrate a fantastic year. The country dancing display by Year 2 was lovely- I loved seeing the concentration on their faces! Well done to all the staff and pupils for their hard work over the year.

Outstanding Church School

Thank you for your kind words and emails regarding our SIAMS inspection report. We are delighted that it states the distinctiveness and effectiveness of St Mary's First School is **OUTSTANDING**. Again I'd like to thank, Mrs Archbold, all of the staff and the Governors, especially Helen Holmes Higgins, Jonathan Gordon and Peach Berry, for their hard work and commitment leading up to and during the inspection.

Reports

The annual end of year reports will be sent home with your child today; please return the slip with any comments and confirm you have seen the report by the 18th July. Please note that the attendance figures are 2 marks for each day (morning and afternoon registration). For example 10 absences = 5 days absent from school.

Head lice

We all need to check and treat for head lice this week. Please check and treat the whole family and follow the instructions carefully. For more information please see our Head lice policy.

Building work update

The classrooms, Music room and Drama room are nearly completed. They are being finished off and kitted out. They are truly beautiful teaching spaces. It's fantastic to see how a simple idea can be made reality by our architects and contractors and I'm very proud. The Corridor and library area is on track for an August completion. The kitchen area will be in place by October half term.

Forest School

The Forest School is nearly complete and we would like to thank Mr Draper (dad of Harry YR) who kindly erected the fencing.

Office Closing

The office will be closed on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd July due to packing and clearing. The kitchen is also closed so all children need to bring a home packed lunch on these days. No nuts please. Refunds to children in YR and Y1 will be paid in September. However, if you have an older child in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 who have school dinners they will be credited in the Autumn term. Thank you.

Next week...

Monday morning is transition morning – pupils will register in their current class and then will spend the morning in their new classroom with their new teacher. Year 4 will have a tour of the building site to see how their classroom is looking.

Tuesday – sports day 9:15am on the field (weather permitting) , Year 5 transition meeting

Wednesday – Foundation stage Brazilian drumming workshop

Thursday – Year1 Transition meeting 2:45pm

Friday – Inter-house sports – **ALL PUPILS NEED PE KIT , DRINK & A CARRIER BAG**

Dates:

Sports day 9:15am -15TH July

Preparing for Year 5 – 6pm 15th July

Staff netball match 3:30 – 16th July

Reception to Year 1 meeting 2:45pm- July 17th

Volunteers' tea- 18th July

End of school disco – 22nd July

8th September return to school Autumn 2014

20th September – Camping on the field (new date)