



S' Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 8th May 2015

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

Core Christian Value for this half term: *FORGIVENESS*

Learning to learn skill is *DETERMINATION*

Dear Parents

School Association

School Association Dates:

12th May – Bag2School collection. 9.30 a.m.

15th May – Non uniform day

16th May - Summer Fayre 11 – 2pm

20th June - Camping on the Field (reserve date 27th June)

Breakfast Club

Star of the week is Alice Brooks for being a good friend.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Year 5 did a wonderful job of organising the school fundraiser today. They supervised each class during their sponsored run and encouraged the children to complete as many laps as possible. Everybody put in a fantastic effort and had a lot of fun, knowing they were helping a good cause. Thanks also to everyone who donated and bought cakes after school. The fundraising efforts should feature in the Gazette newspaper next week.

Please can all sponsor money be handed into the office no later than Friday 15th May as we would like to send it off to the UNICEF Nepal Earthquake Appeal as soon as possible. Thank you to Mrs. Archbold for co-ordinating this event.

Parent Forum

The next meeting is on the 22nd May. Can parents please contact their reps with any issues by Wednesday, 13th May.

The current reps are:

- Nursery Julie Allen
- Reception Louisa Osmond
- Year one Louise Cooley and Julie Allen
- Year two Louisa Osmond and Susanna Bennett
- Year three Claire Beck
- Year four Louise Cooley
- Year five Louise Cooley

Elevate Dance Company Workshops

On Thursday we were lucky enough to have a visit from a Christian dance company who teach stories from the Bible using dance. Every class took part in a workshop involving song, dance and prayer. The children focussed on a variety of stories such as Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and Joseph. The children really enjoyed this experience and the dance company were very impressed with how engaged and well behaved the children were. Thanks go to Fiona Macauley from Northchurch Baptist Church for organising this free event for us.

Learning hero of the week is: Curiosity

Please encourage your child to demonstrate curiosity in their learning next week, and to understand that asking questions and seeking answers is a great way to be an active learner!



A new daytime support group is being set up at Westfield Primary School for parents of children with ADHD/ASD/Communication Disorder or with sensory processing needs. Please see attached flyer.

Dates:

11th May - 15th May – Y2 SATs week
 12th May - Y3 Celtic Harmony Camp
 13th - 15th May – Y4 Green Park Aston Clinton
14th May - Ball Skills Foundation Stage
14th May - Girl's football with Raiders Y3
19th May - Tri Golf at Ashlyns Y3
14th May – Y5 Kingswood Trip Meeting 6.00 pm
 18th May - Y5 British Museum
 19th May - Y2 College Lake
 20th May – Music Concert - 2.00 – 3.20 p.m. All welcome
21st May – Pentecost Service 9.15 a.m.
22nd May – Parent Forum
10th June – Class Photographs a.m.
September start - Term Starts 3rd Sept
2nd Sept Inset Day
 Please see website for term dates

ROAD SAFETY REQUEST FOR HELP - To All parents of children in the school. Year 4 and Year 5 will be undertaking Pedestrian Skills Road Crossing training at the end of this term and we need a team of 4 adults to assist us. If you are able to spare two mornings - one on Tuesday 23rd June and the other on Wednesday 15th July - in order to support us in carrying out this training, could you please contact the office, following which a meeting will be arranged to discuss the programme in more detail. This is a valuable opportunity to make a positive impact by offering effective road safety education in the form of the Pedestrian Skills programme to the children in this school.

Pooh Corner at St. Mary's After School Club

The children had a lovely week at the club. The children enjoyed making play dough and looking at pictures of Mrs Sykes' new chickens. They also spent time thinking up suitable names. There are four white ones and two brown ones. If parents would like to buy the eggs the proceeds will be donated to the Hospice. Please save your egg boxes as they are in urgent need of them. Next week the club is making rhubarb crumbles and rhubarb fools.

For and behalf of the South West Herts Admission Consortium

Attached is a flyer if you wish to register your child for secondary schools within the South West Herts Admission Consortium. The deadline is Friday 19th June 2015.

Drumming Workshop

On Tuesday Year 1 had an African drumming workshop. The children were shown how to play the African drums and they learnt some rhythms and songs which they then performed to Reception class. The children learnt a lot about Africa and Ghana and how to link their learning to the class book 'The Leopard's Drum'. Thank you to the School Association for their donation to help fund the visit.

Checklist of Letters sent home this week

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

Title	Class	Via
Nepal Earthquake Appeal	All	Letter
Kingswood Trip for Y6 next year	Y5	Letter
Green Park timings	Y4	Schoolcomms
Green Park paper-work reminder	Y4	Schoolcomms
Reminder Y2 dancing at Summer Fayre	Y2	Schoolcomms
Helpers for Y2 trip on the 19 th May	Y2	Schoolcomms
Support Group flyer	All	Schoolcomms
Maypole Dancing	Y3	Letter
Local visits permission	Various	Letter

Please contact the school office if you did not receive one of the above letters

