



S^t Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School
'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 22nd May 2015

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

Core Christian Value for this half term: *FORGIVENESS*

Learning to learn skill is *DETERMINATION*

Dear Parents

Sport

Year 3 took part in the Dacorum Tri Golf Competition at Ashlyns on Tuesday. They performed really well and we are awaiting the results of the event. Many thanks to parents who helped transport the children to and from Ashlyns. There is still time to sign-up for the tennis and cricket after school clubs. Completed forms need to be returned to school by the morning of Tuesday 2nd June. At present we only have a very small take-up for cricket club and unless we get some more interest we will not be able to run the club.

School Association

School Association Dates:
20th June - Camping on the Field (reserve date 27th June)

Breakfast Club

Star of the week is Jasper Hunt for being incredibly helpful.

Music Concert

Thank you to all the children who took part in the concert. They all sang and played their instruments beautifully. Many thanks to all the music teachers and to Mrs. Christie for organising the event.

Toys in school

We would be grateful if parents could ensure that children do not bring toys into school. They cause a distraction and arguments amongst the children.

**Pool Corner at St. Mary's After School Club
ASC at St Marys Fayre**

We were delighted to see so many of you come and bounce on our bouncy castle, raising funds for the school. We have decided to hold a 'come and bounce session' which will be free. Date to be confirmed after half term.

This week the ASC have made lemonade, started a dance class and enjoyed outside old fashioned games such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' and 'Are we Nearly There Yet?'.

Thank you to all the parents and children who have made us feel very welcome. Do think about enrolling and make the ASC grow with fun, love and care.

Have a wonderful half-term

Kind regards, Cathy and all the team

Year 2 trip to College Lake

On Tuesday Year 2 visited College Lake in Bulbourne as part of their topic of Animals and Habitats. They went pond dipping and investigated different creatures. They made their own mini habitats in the woods and explored the surroundings using all of their senses. Despite the odd rain shower, the children had a fantastic time, were enthusiastic throughout and were excellently behaved.

Summer Fayre

A massive thank you to the School Association for organising the Summer Fayre. The time and effort put in by the Committee and parents is enormous and is greatly appreciated by everyone. They are still counting the proceeds which are in excess of **£3,000**. Well done to everyone involved.

Road Crossing Patrol

Mrs Kate Gibson our 'lollipop lady' is leaving today and we would like to thank her for her work over the past year ensuring the safety of the St. Mary's children. Thanks to a donation from Northchurch Parish Council, we are able to fund a crossing patrol for six months and Mrs. Katarina Miller will take over. However, we are still looking for sponsorship for a crossing patrol and if you know of a local business that can help please let us know.

Y5 trip to the British Museum

Year 5 had a wonderful time at the British Museum. They visited the Greek Galleries, the Nereid Temple and the Parthenon Gallery. They had an excellent workshop on the Persian wars and visited the Anglo Saxon and Viking displays. Many thanks to Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Heck for helping on the trip.

Final Budget

The school financial year ended in March 2015. Please find link and see website to our final budget position at year end, compared to the original budget set. We are currently working on our budget-setting for the financial year 2015-16, in a financially challenging time for all schools, when schools need to find the funds to pay for additional pension and national insurance payments for staff.

Can I wish everyone a happy and relaxing half term and a reminder that school starts back on Monday 1st June. Miss V. M. Hunt

School Field

Please remember that the field is for the use of clubs after school who have booked it and is not to be used by children who are not part of a club. A young child was injured after school this week as a result of a football being kicked at him. Do not bring footballs to school to play with at the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates:

Half-term 26th May – 29th May
1st June - Children return to school
4th June - Y2 Mini Olympics at Sportspace
10th June - Class Photographs a.m.
17th June – Church Service 2.45 p.m.
19th June - Groovy Shoe Day donate £1
To the Rennie Hospice
26th June - Year Reception Class Assembly
3rd July - Foundation Stage Cake Sale
6th July - KS2 Dress Rehearsal 11.00 a.m.
7th July - KS2 Performance 2.00 p.m.
8th July - KS2 Performance 6.00 p.m.
8th July - Foundation Stage trip to Butterfly World
13th July - Transition Day
14th July - Sports Day 9.15 a.m.
15th July – Y4 & Y5 Road Safety Training
16th July - Open Evening 5.00 p.m.
20th July – Y1 scooter training
21st July - Reserve Sports Day
22nd July - End of year service in church 9.15 a.m.
23rd July - Break-up 1.30 a.m.

September start - Term Starts 3rd Sept
2nd Sept Inset Day
Please see website for term dates

Checklist of Letters sent home this week

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

Title	Class	Via
Foundation Stage trip to Butterfly World	YN & YR	Letter
New lining-up procedures	Reception	Letter
After school tennis club	Year 2,3, & 5	Letter
Mini Olympics	Year 2	Letter
New Sumdog consent code	Year 1	Schoolcomms
Raffle and auction prize lists	All	Schoolcomms
After school cricket club	Year 3,4 & 5	Letter

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

