



# St Mary's C of E Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 27th May 2016  
Headteacher Miss V M Hunt  
Core Christian Value for this half term: LOVE  
Learning to learn skill is Determination

Dear Parents,



### Breakfast Club

Star of the week this week is Luca Webster for being kind and helpful.

### Payments due

Please pay immediately.  
Voluntary contributions & Breakfast Club

### Sports news

Well done to the Year 5 and Year 3 teams who entered the St. Thomas More Footballathon last Friday. Both teams won their event and came home with the trophies. Many thanks to Mr. Powell for organising the teams.

### Sporting Dates:

13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Sports Festival  
21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 2 Mini Olympics  
5<sup>th</sup> July – Reception – Sports Festival  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Sport Days  
19<sup>th</sup> July Reserve Sports Day

Just a reminder that on sports day the children should wear their house colour t-shirt to school on that day. The house colours are Phoenix - Red, Unicorn - blue, Griffin - yellow, Dragon - green. The children should know which house they are in as they regularly receive house points but if anyone is unsure please ask class teachers.  
Mr. Macey

### Reception children lining up - reminder

After half term Reception children will start lining up with the rest of the school in the top playground. This is to start their transition process to Year 1. Parents are to remain on the bottom playground. The children can carry their own book bags. Can parents please stay well back to allow the children through. Thank you.

### Year 2 trip to College Lake

On Monday Year 2 visited College Lake in Bulbourne, as part of their Science topic 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. The children spent the entire day outside completing various exciting activities around the nature reserve. They took part in pond dipping, went on a 'sensory nature walk' and even built their own micro-habitats out of their surroundings. The children had a brilliant time and were very well behaved. Well done Year 2.

### Out of school achievements

Charlie Dormer, Alfie Hayes, Jack Hardcastle, Joe Pemberton, Callum Powell and Harry McGill – Y3 St. Mary's football winners at the St. Thomas More Footballathon.

Olly Cooley – Player of the Season U7 Berkhamsted Raiders.

Tallulah Pretty – Level 1 Indoor Skydiving  
Emilia Toon – Level 9 UK Gymnastics Award  
Henry Toon – Level 8 UK Gymnastics Award

Well done to you all.

Can parents please hand in certificates and trophies **to the office** by the Wednesday of the week they would like them presented and put in the newsletter.

### Forest School

Please could parents not allow children to play in the Forest School. A lot of time has been spent clearing, tidying, fixing and planting and it is very disappointing to have our hard work damaged. Forest School is for the children to use during school time only. Thank you for co-operation.  
Miss Gore

### Girls Summer Dresses

Just a reminder that girls summer dresses should be navy blue. Thank you.

### **Dacorum Symphony Orchestra**

On Monday we were delighted to be able to welcome the Dacorum Symphony Orchestra who performed two concerts to all the children in the school. Among the music played were selections from the Radetzky March by Strauss, Folk Songs from Somerset by Vaughan Williams, Eine Kleine Nacht Music by Mozart and the Teddy Bears' Picnic arranged especially for the concert. The children were a very attentive audience and also enjoyed learning about the different instruments which form an orchestra. This was a lovely way to start the week and our thanks go to Mr. Kemp, Chair of Governors, for making this possible.

### **Dates**

#### **Half term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Children return to school Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Fiver Challenge at St. Thomas More

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Buddhist Monastery visit at Great Gaddesden

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photographs

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Knex Challenge

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday Picnic on the field (there will be no running club on this day)

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June – Break the Rules Day

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Treat Friday

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day

### **Girls' lunchtime football club**

Ross & Andy's Soccer Camps are running a lunchtime girls' football club for Years 3 – 6. This will be run on Tuesday lunchtimes from 12.20 – 1.00 pm from the 7<sup>th</sup> June – 12<sup>th</sup> July. The cost is £18.00 for six weeks and children should bring a packed lunch to eat on the field after the session. Letters went home last week but there are spare copies in the green pocket outside the school office.

### **Shaftesbury Court**

Also a reminder from residents of Shaftesbury Court that parking is not permitted in their road. The right of way is purely a courtesy to the school for pedestrians coming from that direction. The gate will be locked by the residents if parking in their road continues.

### **Parent Christian Ethos Questionnaire**

We would be grateful if each family could please follow the link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChristianEthos>

to complete the 12 questions in this online questionnaire as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have already completed it.

### **School Council**

At the final full Governing Body meeting of the year yesterday, the Executive Committee of the School Council - Ben, Charlotte, Holly and Rhys - gave a presentation outlining all the achievements and work the School Council has undertaken this year. Thank you to all of you for your hard work and also to Ms. Bates for giving up her lunchtimes to run the School Council. You have accomplished an incredible amount this year - raising money for charity and effecting changes within the school. Well done to all the School Council for the commitment and dedication you display.

V M Hunt

### **Y6 Norfolk Field Trip- Thank you**

Following the Y6 residential visit to Norfolk last week, the highlights of which were shared with their parents in assembly yesterday, I would like to give huge thanks to Mrs. Dobbs, Mr. Potter and Mrs. Bottali whose hard work and dedication made this trip such an enjoyable and valuable experience for the children. Without all the time they have given voluntarily and willingly, the trip could not have gone ahead. Also many thanks to Mrs. Bristow in the office for all the hours of administration she has spent organising the visit. This is very much appreciated and having such a great staff team to work with, is one of the many things that makes St. Mary's such a special school of which to be part. V M Hunt

I hope everyone has a happy holiday and some very well deserved relaxation during the next week. I look forward to seeing you all safely back at school following the half-term holiday. V.M.Hunt

**Checklist of Letters sent home in the last two weeks**

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

<b>Title</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Via</b>
Fiver Challenge	Y5	Letter
Norfolk Field Trip	Y6	Letter & Schoolcomms
St. Albans Masorti Synagogue	Y1	Letter
New to Year 1 Transition Meeting	Y1	Letter
Y6 visit to Amaravati Buddhist Monastery	Y6	Letter

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