



# S<sup>t</sup> Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'



Update Friday 17th October 2014

Dear Families of St Mary's,

## This week...

This week we were visited by our *Hertfordshire School Improvement Partner* who was pleased to agree that we continue to be a good school.

Thank you to Mrs Bradley and her helpers for organising Film night on Monday, it was a well-supported event. Thank you for your support.

On Tuesday Year 2 visited St Albans cathedral to explore signs and symbols in the Christian religion.

The building work continues to progress. This week we got our new, widened and improved corridor back. The morning routine has changed slightly with pupils going into the cloakroom and not returning to the playground before entering class. The expansive corridor will be refitted to form our library area, following the half term, thanks to your generous donations to the School Association who have significantly contributed to the furniture.

The office staff are currently relocating to their new offices. Thank you for continuing to use the orange box outside the temporary entrance. If you wish to enquire at the office you will need to do so via email or telephone as there is no access currently available. Many thanks

## Bunting homework

Thank you to everyone who produced such fabulous homework efforts. If you forgot to hand yours in today- Monday is the latest we can guarantee that they will be strung in church on Friday. The bunting will also be going in our time capsule at the end of term.

## Readathon

Please put your donations to the St Mary's Readathon into the orange office box as soon as possible so we can present the Bishop with a cheque for the Harvest Appeal on Friday. Many thanks .

## School Association Dates:

**Saturday 25th October - Photographs by Carrie at the school.**

**7<sup>th</sup> November SA Pamper evening - £5 a ticket including a glass of wine!**

## 50 not out!

At the start of 2014, with Mr Macey's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday looming, he decided he needed a challenge for the year. With his father in law recently diagnosed with Parkinsons, he decided to get his running shoes on and raise some money.

Mr Macey started entering the weekly 5k park runs and got his PB to just under 20 mins. Next up was the Manchester Great 10k which he completed in just over 4 mins. A few weeks ago it was the Great North Run, his first half marathon for a long time, in a respectable 1 hour 44 mins. His last competitive run is at the end of October when he will be running the Great South run (10 miles).

If you would like to support him in his endeavours that would be greatly appreciated, his giving page is [www.justgiving.com/garyraymondmacey](http://www.justgiving.com/garyraymondmacey)

## Next week ...

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October *150 Years of St Mary's* service 2pm – Due to limited space tickets will be given out. Tickets are free but limited. To gain one please email the office- no more than 2 per family. Your tickets will be sent out to you in advance of the event. Many thanks for your understanding.

Year 4 treat Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 3:20pm in the top playground

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October SA photo shoot with Carrie

## Berkhamsted Firework Display – 1<sup>st</sup> November

These can be purchased from the school office. Tickets bought in advance are £1.00 cheaper than on the door and the school receives a £1.00 for every ticket sold.

**Dates**

**14<sup>th</sup> October – Y2 trip to St Albans Cathedral**