



St Mary's C of E Primary School
'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 13th January 2016

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

Core Christian Value for this half term: ENDURANCE

Learning to learn skill is Determination

Dear Parents,

Nursery Update

The beginning of this term saw the very welcome addition of four new children. They are settling in and beginning to forge friendships and getting used to the routines. We attended the Epiphany service in church with the rest of the school on Friday which was only the second day at nursery for the newbies and they coped very well. We have been talking about the Christmas holiday and winter. We donned our boots and coats to go over to the field and tramp on the 'crunchy' frosted white grass. The children have made snowmen out of clay for the winter display; let's hope for some snow so they can make real ones as well. The lollipop lady visited Nursery today to talk about her job. Mrs. Bottali

Perform Workshops

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Monday 9th January. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of Fairy-tale Forest and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Ms. Gore

Paramedic Visit

On Tuesday a paramedic came to visit St Mary's. She talked to Reception as part of their 'People who help us' topic, and she then spoke to Year 2 about their 'Animals including humans' topic. The children were able to see all sorts of specialist equipment and they learnt what paramedics do and what they can do to help themselves if they're unwell or injured. Finally, the children were able to sit inside the ambulance, and even heard the sirens. The children were so enthusiastic and asked lots of interesting questions; they certainly learnt a lot. Miss Waterhouse

Special Achievement Awards – Growth Mindset

YR – Billy and Devon
Y1 – Oliver and Marley
Y2 – Daniel and Scarlett
Y3 – Charlotte and Emily
Y4 – Charlie and Soraya
Y5 – Phoebe and Dougal

Out of school achievements

Amelie – Stage 1 Learn to Swim Award
Henry H – Ross and Andy Fair Play Award
Chloe – Ross and Andy Player of the term (last term).

Well done to all of you.

Reporting Sickness

Can we please remind parents to telephone the School's absence line and leave a message if children are ill and unable to attend. Please telephone every day unless you have notified the School that your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea and the 48 hour rule applies. Please note that the 48 hours starts from the time the child has finished vomiting or has diarrhoea.

School Uniform

Can parents please ensure that all items of clothing including PE kits, trainers and shoes are named. If clothing is not named the school does not know who to return items to. We would ask that this is done immediately as we have far too much unnamed uniform in lost property. Thank you.

Epiphany Service in St. Mary's Church

We celebrated the new school term with a lovely Epiphany Service in St. Mary's Church. Nursery joined us and for some of them it was only their second day in school. Everyone behaved beautifully and the singing was tremendous as usual. It was a lovely way to start the New Year. Many thanks to Jonathan for leading the service and to Mrs. Archbold for organising it.

Cake Tins

We have a number of unclaimed cake tins in the office. All unclaimed tins will be disposed of if not collected by Monday 16th January.

Mrs. Young is retiring

After 26 years' service at St. Mary's, Mrs. Young, who works in the school office, is retiring at half term. The school is organising a collection for her and if you would like to contribute to her leaving gift please give your donation to Miss Hunt. Thank you.

Welcome back to school. All the staff wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year. V.M. Hunt

Medicines in school

Can parents please remember that in accordance with our school policy it is your responsibility to check if children's medicines are still in date. This includes epi pens. Thank you.

School Ambassadors Link Day

On Thursday our School Ambassadors met Cunningham Hill School in the Parish Rooms. They did various activities, played games and were introduced to the Cunningham Hill pupils. After a walk to the Waitrose park they had lunch and played. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Ms. Gore

Dates:

Fri 27th Jan. – Y3 visit to Amersham Field Centre

Fri 27th Jan. – Foundation Stage Treat Friday

Wed. 1st Feb. – Open Classrooms

Tues. 7th Feb. 9.30 am – Nursery Parent Tour

Tues. 7th Feb. – Y2 visit to Tring Museum

Thurs. 9th Feb. 9.10 am – Y5 Class Assembly

Fri. 10th Feb. – Y2 Treat Friday

Half Term – Mon. 13th Feb. – Fri. 17th Feb.

Inset Day Mon. 20th Feb.

Children return to school Tues. 21st Feb.

Y4 Parents Woodrow Meeting – Thurs. 9th March at 3.30 pm

Attachments - E-Safety Newsletter, Junior String Day, Herts County Basketball trials

Checklist of Letters sent home in the last two weeks

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

Title	Class	Via
Curriculum Letters	YN – Y6	Schoolcomms
Book Group starts 17 th Jan	Y5 & Y6 girls	Schoolcomms
Phonics & Tapestry Session	YN	Schoolcomms
Forest School Club	Y2 – Y6	Schoolcomms
Running Club	Y3 – Y6	Schoolcomms
Parents transport to O2 (Mrs Carroll)	Various	Letter
Y3 visit to Amersham Field Centre	Y3	Letter
Y2 visit to Tring Museum	Y2	Schoolcomms

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

