



St Mary's C of E Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 14th July 2017

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

Core Christian Value for this half term: COURAGE

Learning to learn skill is Independence

Dear Parents,

Out of School Achievements

Billy Q was awarded STA swimming level 4,
Lorelie Q was awarded STA swimming level 7,
Eliza J was awarded STA swimming level 1,
Phoebe J was awarded STA swimming level 4,
Daniel H was awarded STA swimming level 2,
Cian was awarded a Ross & Andy medal,
Marley K won the Ross & Andy Fair Play trophy,
Scarlett & Bella W won the Ross & Andy Player of the Term trophy.
Congratulations to you all.

Trophy Winners 2017

Learner of the year	Maddie B
Archbold cup for RE	Bella T
Gore trophy for maths	David B
Christie cup for languages	Eddie R
Kaye Cup for progress	Thea, Lucy C, Jack C
Forsyth cup for drama	Jamie P
Hopkins cup for Art	Aimee H
Hampton cup for English	Grace C
Herts police cup for citizenship	Abbie L
Manager cup for effort	Elliot C
Zimet cup for science	Isabelle O
Pain brothers cup for swimming	Mason C
DSSN sportsperson of the year	Olly P
Class award N	Finley M
Class award R	Pippa M
Class award 1	Poppy S
Class award 2	Jed H
Class award 3	Hugo V
Class award 4	Callum P
Class award 5	Anna H
Class award 6	Madeleine J
House cup	Griffin

Sports Day

A huge thank you to all of the parents and Mr Kemp our Chair of Governors, who helped on sports day! We managed to get through the whole-school part of the day despite the wet weather, and were delighted to see so many of the children competing enthusiastically and having lots of fun taking part in the various activities. The KS2 races will now take place on Tuesday morning next week, starting at 9.30am. We do not require any parent helpers for the races, but parents are once again invited to come along and spectate. Mr Potter.

Race 4 Life

The School Council would like to say a massive thank you to all who donated towards our Race 4 Life event on Monday. We have raised £148.70. We would also like to thank Mrs Jay for contributing balloons and banners. The children were beautifully behaved and gave 100% effort. Many ran the full 8 laps, in fact some wanted to do much more. Everyone really enjoyed taking part and all the chatter heard in the playground was very positive. Some children even continued running around at lunchtime, creating their own version! It felt very much like a community event within school and we are proud that St Mary's is a school which can embrace such an event. We all worked together on Monday to help beat something many of us are affected by. We hope to repeat the event next year - so get training! Huge thanks from the School Council and Mrs Bates.

Open Evening

On Thursday the children were very proud to be able to share their work with their parents and carers at our school Open Evening. The school looked lovely and this was a fantastic way to celebrate the huge amount of learning taking place at St. Mary's throughout the year. We would like to thank everyone who came, and also for the lovely feedback comments we received. Thank you also to all the staff in the school for their hard work and commitment in preparing their classrooms and for making St. Mary's such a special school to learn and work in. Miss V. Hunt.

Year 5/6 production

A huge congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 children for their excellent performances in putting on the end-of-year production of "The Wizard of Oz". They worked very hard in rehearsals and they did themselves proud with their acting and singing, particularly the fantastic performances of those children who bravely sang their parts *a capella*! It was clear to see how much the children enjoyed the experience, and it's great to see once again how many talented children we have here at the school.

The money collected from the performances together with the money raised by the Year 6 girls' cake sale (£76) has so far raised £203 for the Grenfell Tower Fund. We thank everyone for their generosity. Mr Potter & Mrs Dobbs.

Table Manners

A request from the lunch time staff - could all parents please practise knife and fork skills at home over the summer? Most of Reception children are using a knife and fork well but there are still children in Y2 and other classes who are not able to cut up their food at lunch time resulting in some bad table manners. Please also talk about how to behave at the dinner table - not spitting, throwing food, flicking cutlery etc. Thank you.

September mornings

Could we please ask that the current Y1 parents please say goodbye to their children in the bottom playground and let them come and line up on their own in the Y2 line so that the new Y1 parents can come to the top playground with their children as it will be a new experience for most of them and a little daunting to start off with. Thank you.

School Meals

If any child wishes to change their dinner provision, ie from school meals to packed lunch or vice versa, could this information please be given to the school office before the end of term. Children moving from Year 2 into Year 3 in September will now be charged a cost of £2.50 per meal as the Universal Free School Meal initiative does not cover children in Key Stage 2.

School Association

AGM

Please be advised that the School Association will hold our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 17th October. Please come along as this is the time to elect new and existing committee members for the upcoming school year.

Break The Rules Day

Break the rules day will be 20th July. More information has been sent out by email.

Sports Day Breakfast

A big thank you to the School Association for providing the breakfast on Sports Day and thank you to all those who supported them. The School Association raised £256.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is run by the local library, designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11 and is completely free.

Every year the Challenge has a new theme. This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Animal Agents, illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross.

For 2017, there's something peculiar happening at the local library – and that's where the Animal

Agents come in! It's a detective agency manned by all kinds of clever animals – furry, scaly and slippery – and these guys are out to crack the case with a little help from their friends.

As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells. By collecting the stickers on their collector folder, young readers will help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes!

Animal Agents is a must for all eagle-eyed kids and will test their skills and ingenuity along the way. With the Agents on their side, solving these mysteries comes with a large helping of fun!

If your child is interested in taking part in this year's reading challenge, please contact the local library or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries.

Christian Ethos Questionnaire

Here is a link to our [Christian Ethos Questionnaire](#).

We ask that you all take a few minutes to fill it out and let us know how distinctive we are as a Church School. We value every family's input to this questionnaire as the responses will feed into our School Development Plan and School Equality Scheme action plan. The deadline for completing the questionnaire has been extended to Monday 16th July. We would really like to capture as many responses as we can. Thank you for your support.

Medicines in School

In accordance with school policy, all medicines, inhalers and epipens held in school need to be taken home at the end of this term and returned, if they are still needed, and in date, at the beginning of the Autumn term. Could you please ensure that you collect your child(ren)'s medicine if this affects you - especially if you know that your child will not be in school at the end of this term.

Head lice

There have been new reported cases of head lice.

Please can we ask that all children are checked over the weekend. The head lice policy is on the website. Children with long hair should keep it tied back at all times including non-uniform days.

Recording Absence

If your child is unexpectedly absent from school, please ensure that you notify the School Office, via email or telephone, by 9am. This is a legal requirement. Please see the [Attendance policy](#) on the website for full details. We appreciate your continued support in this.

School Office

The school office opening hours are:

08:30 – 09:30

14:30 – 15:20

Please avoid contacting the office outside of these times. Thank you.

School Gateway

St Mary's is now a 'cash free' school. **This means that we will no longer be accepting payment in cash or cheque.**

Please make all payments via School Gateway. Please report any issues to the School Office. Thank you for your continued support.

Breakfast Club

Parents arriving after 8.00 a.m. please use the main entrance to the school.

Please contact Breakfast club via email breakfast.club@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk

Brigade Uniform Suppliers

The cut-off date for uniform orders for delivery in time for September is 7th August.

Pre-School Update

This week Pre-school have enjoyed playing outside. We have practised our throwing and catching, and have taken Wimbledon week on board by using our little bats and balls.

Today was our Teddy Bears picnic, we welcomed all the children of Pre-school and their families to join us in the garden. We each brought a picnic with us, and we set out lots of activities for the children to enjoy. Thank you to all those who attended as it helped to make it so much fun! For information about a place at Pre-school please see Lisa Burkett at the end of the school day, or email: stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com

Dates

KS2 Sports Day – 18th July 9:30am
Leavers Church Service – 21st July 09:30am
End of Term – 21st July 1:30pm

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

V.M. Hunt

Attachments:

Break the rules day
Art K Summer Timetable
Children's Day
Summer Festival
Summer Technology Camp

Checklist of Letters sent home in the last two weeks

PLEASE CHECK BOOK BAGS FOR LETTERS

Title	Class	Via
O2 2018 letter	Year 4 & 5	Email
Woodrow 2018	Year 3	Email

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