



S^t Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday, 18th December 2015

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

Core Christian Value for this half term: *PEACE*

Learning to learn skill is *Curiosity*

Dear Parents,

Breakfast Club

Star of the week this week is Zara for being helpful.



Special Achievement Awards

Year R – Amelie and Ruby
Year 1 – Lorelie and Daisy
Year 2 – Brandon and Edie
Year 3 – Molly and Mabel
Year 5 - Belly and Freddie
Year 6 – All of Y6 for great team work

Out of school achievements

Year N – Billy Quaite – ASA Duckling Award
Year 1 – Joshua Smith – Player of the Term Ross & Andy Football Club
Year 1 – Chloe Tooker – Fair Play Award Ross & Andy Football Club
Well done to all of you.

New Admissions

The dates for prospective parent tours for children entering Reception and Nursery in September 2016 can be found on the front page of the website. To book a place please email the school office admin@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk The next tour date is Fri. 8th January.

Could we remind any parents who will be applying for Reception places for September 2016 under the sibling rule to complete our Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school. These forms can be downloaded from the school website. If it is not clear that your application is for a sibling, you run the risk of not getting the offer of a place.

Sports News

Year 5/6 Football Fixtures 2016

Thurs. 21st January - Away v Hammond Academy
Tues. 26th January - Away v Kings Langley
Tues. 2nd February - Home v Pixies Hill
TBA - Potten End

Please can all football kits be returned to Mr. Macey before Christmas. Thank you.
Mr. Macey

School Crossing Patrol

As you are aware we no longer have our School Crossing Patrol and we are urgently seeking someone to take this paid position. The hours are 8.30 – 9.00 a.m. and 3.05 – 3.40 p.m. term time only. Uniform and training provided by Herts C.C. Please see Mrs. Young in the school office if you would like more information.

Snow

Should we need to close the school because of adverse weather, we will notify the local authority and this triggers an email to Three Counties Radio (link please). You can check whether the school is closed by looking on the homepage of www.hertsdirect.org. We shall continue to use Parentcomms if we have any other information to add, as only a very short message can be included on the Herts Direct home page. Should anyone who has not signed up to Parentcomms and now wishes to do so, please contact the school office. We will also put a message on the front page of the school website.

Please save this information as this is how you will be contacted if we need to close the school at any time in the future.

School Association

A huge thank you to Amy Goss and Donna Walker and all the members of the School Association who have worked tirelessly throughout this term (and indeed all year) raising money for the school and providing the children with fantastic opportunities to enrich their curriculum experiences. You are all amazing.

Easter Holidays - Reminder

As we head towards the beginning of the Spring term, could we remind all parents of next year's unusual Easter holiday pattern.

As stated in our term dates on the website and, in line with other schools in the area, the Spring break is not attached to the Easter Bank Holidays. To clarify:

Monday 21st March - Thursday 24th March (children in school).

Easter Bank Holiday: Friday 25th March and Monday 28th March (children not in school).

Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April (children in school, except Year 4 who will be on their residential visit to Woodrow).

Monday 4th April - Friday 15th April (children not in school).

As we continue to work really hard to maintain our good attendance record, could we please ask all parents to bear this holiday pattern in mind when booking potential Easter holidays away next year.

Payments due

Woodrow Y4 - November payment due £22.14

Kingswood Y6 – November payment due £38.75

This half term's dinner money.

Voluntary contributions.

Breakfast Club payments.

Running Club

A huge thank you to Mrs. Cooley and her team of helpers, who stoically turn out for Running Club every Tuesday, whatever the weather. Her dedication has resulted in St. Mary's becoming one of the top contenders in all the Cross Country races.

Dates

18th Dec. 1.30 p.m. - End of Term

Children return to school Tuesday 5th January 2016

Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties went off with a swing and the children had lots of fun. They enjoyed dressing up in their party clothes and playing exciting games.

Christingle Service

Thank you to parents for sending in oranges. The children decorated them beautifully, ready for the Christingle Service on Friday. This is just for the children and is taking place in the school hall.

Carol Service

The Year 3 and Year 4 children performed brilliantly at the Carol Service on Wednesday night. Thank you to Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Zimet for all their hard work and thank you to all the parents who came to the service. It was a lovely evening.

Pooh Corner at St. Mary's

Newsletter - In the final week of term we have been making our Christmas surprises which we hope you will enjoy. The children have had Christmas teas, turkey, sausages and vegetables followed by ice cream. We also had a Christmas disco and stories.

I would like to thank all parents who have taken up the ASC and if any parent would like to visit just pop up to the hall. Carolyn and the staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will be open at Pooh Corner on the 4th January should you need any cover.

Kindest regards

Cathy, Carolyn and staff

Attachments

Governing Body Newsletter

School Guide for use of images

Happy Christmas – “God bless us, every one!”

It just now remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year as I reach the end of my first year as Head at St. Mary's. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank everyone so much for your kind words of support, cards and gifts. It has been an extremely busy term and everyone deserves a really good rest. Thank you so much for making me so very welcome. St. Mary's is a fantastic school and I am proud to be its Head.

Miss V.M. Hunt

Checklist of Letters sent home in the last two weeks

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

Title	Class	Via
DVD Order	Years 1 and 2	Letter
Amersham Field Centre	Year 3	Letter
Breakfast Club payment reminders	various	Schoolcomms
Tuck Shop after school Thursday 17 th Dec	All years	Schoolcomms

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