



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

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Headteacher Miss V M Hunt  
Core Christian Value for this half term: *JUSTICE*  
Learning to learn skill is *Determination*

Dear Parents

### Street Dance Club – Friday Morning

This has got off to a great start this morning with Louise teaching the children lots of exciting new moves. In future weeks for the convenience of parents walking from the High Street direction, the Year 6 gate and classroom door will be open. The front door will continue to be open for children being dropped off by car.

### Safeguarding and Volunteers

In the light of guidance from County and following advice for best practice in schools, as stated in last week's newsletter, the school has reviewed its Volunteer Policy and adults will not be able to help in a class in which they have a child. This is to ensure confidentiality, provide protection for those who volunteer and to enable the school to make best use of the resources available. The exception to this will be helping on school trips and special class themed days.

If you wish to volunteer your help in school, please contact the school office and they will add your name to the list of volunteer helpers and carry out a DBS check for anyone who does not currently have one. When clearance is received you will be notified and invited to help in school. DBS checks will be required for anyone volunteering to go on a school trip, or help in school in any capacity whatsoever.

We are very grateful to everyone who is kind enough to give up their time to help in school and we will continue to welcome this from anyone who is able to do this. Thank you to the many volunteers who have already contacted the office. Your assistance will be especially appreciated by the classes who struggle to find volunteer helpers when they need them.

### Breakfast Club

Star of the week is Dougal Brooks for tidying up so well.

### Breakfast Club Cars

Can parents driving through to the playground to drop children off at breakfast club please drive slowly and carefully through the school grounds. This morning an accident was very nearly caused by a parent driving much too quickly. Please be aware that pedestrians are also using this route to access breakfast club.

### Clubs for Autumn Term 2015

Attached to this newsletter is a list of clubs that will be running throughout the term. Please tick the ones that your child/(ren) would be interested in joining and return to the school office. Please note that some of the clubs have already started but it is still possible to join the dance clubs. A hard copy is also going home with the children. Thank you.

### Special Achievement Awards

Y6 - Holly Heck, Scarlett McPhee, Emily Chrispin,  
Y5 - Lucy Cooley, Madeleine Jeavons, Thea Rognaldsen Wood, David Berry  
Y4 - Max Corr, Miranda Scott Salomo, Anna Heck, George Foster  
Y3 - Luke Bradley, Jake Canagasuriam, Jack Hardcastle, Abigail Piatek  
Y2 - Rose Moloney, Ffion Webster, Teddy Carroll, Riad Aboud  
Y1 - Joshua Sidebottom, Olivia Spooner-Dack, Amara Watsham, Elinor Davies  
YR - Esme Allen, Marley Knowles

**Out of School Achievements**

Amelie Van Deventer – received a certificate from the Gymnastics Club

**Piano Tuition**

Lessons will start next week on Tuesdays. If you would like more information please see Mrs. Young in the school office.

**Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 a.m. in the school hall. All welcome.

**Occasional Day**

Please note that the occasional day is the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and **not** the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Thank you.

**KS2 English Evening for parents**

This will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Attachments**

Parent Support Group for children with ADHD/ASD/Communication Disorder.

Club List for 2015

**Individual Photographs – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

The school photographer will be taking photographs of the children on Monday. Children will automatically be photographed with siblings and individually. If parents have younger children not in school and wish them to be photographed please take your child/(ren) up to the school hall at 8.30 a.m. Thank you.

**Playground Equipment**

Can parents please ensure that children do not play on the playground equipment before and after school. Thank you for your co-operation.

V.M. Hunt

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

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

Title	Class	Via
Parent Governor Election	All classes	Letter
Dinner Money Invoice	YR – Y6	Letter
Y3 trip to Berkhamsted Castle	Y3	Letter
Choir letter	Y3 – Y6	Letter
Y2 trip to St. Albans Cathedral	Y2	Letter
Y6 trip to the Fire Station	Y6	Letter
Piano tuition	Individuals	Letter
Parent helpers	Class Reps	Schoolcomms
Y6 Power point presentation	Y6	Schoolcomms
Second hand uniform request	All classes	Schoolcomms

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