



# S' Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Thursday, 23rd July 2015  
Headteacher Miss V M Hunt  
Core Christian Value for this half term: *COURAGE*  
Learning to learn skill is *INDEPENDENCE*

## Dear Parents

### Certificates Awarded

We held our trophy assembly on Monday and the following children received awards. Very well done to them all.

Learner of the Year Award – Harry McGill  
Manager Cup for Effort – Madeleine Jeavons  
Zimet Cup for Languages – Elliot Clifford  
Pain Brothers Cup for Swimming – Bobby Butler  
Archbold Cup for RE – Miranda Scott-Salamo  
Barclay Trophy for Mathematics – Harry Draper  
Herts Police Cup for Citizenship – Charlotte Holmes  
Hampton Cup for English – Abbie Holdcroft  
Fran Hopkins Cup for Art – Jessica Morris  
Forsyth Cup for Drama – Lucy Cooley  
D.V. Kaye Cup for Progress – Henry Toon  
Nursery Class Award for Achievement and Effort – Cora Page  
Reception Class Award for Achievement and Effort – Layla Durrant  
Year 1 Class Award for Achievement and Effort – Rose Moloney  
Year 2 Class Award for Achievement and Effort – Abigail Piatek  
Year 3 Class Award for Achievement and Effort – Bill Read  
Year 4 Class Award for Achievement and Effort – David Berry  
Year 5 Class Award for Achievement and Effort – Tallulah Pretty

### House Points Trophy

Congratulations to Unicorns, who won the annual House Points Trophy. Unicorn will receive an special extra play time in the Autumn term.

### Football Trophies

Player of the Term – Joe Pemberton  
Fair Play Award – Dylan Speed

### Puzzle Day

Classes from Reception to Year 5 had a great day with the Happy Puzzle Company last Wednesday. Children worked in teams to solve problems and puzzles. They collaborated well and really enjoyed their workshops. Thank you to everyone who supported the day by visiting the Puzzle shop at the end of the day.

### Summer Holiday Value

The children work very hard all year to uphold the Christian Values of the school, embedding them into our daily routine and using them to make the right choices both in class and on the playground.

With the long summer holiday coming we thought it would be good to have a value for the children to focus on over the next few weeks. The staff have chosen the value of Generosity. Please spend some time talking to your child about the importance of generosity and think of some ways they can be generous to others.

Sharing their toys with a sibling or friend.  
Spending time with someone who is lonely.  
Helping with jobs around the house.

As you can see, the value is more about encouraging a spirit of generosity than spending money.

“God loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9.7

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25

### Scooter Training

On Monday Year 1 completed their Scooter Safe training. They learnt how to safely use their scooters in public and were all awarded a certificate at the end.

### **Summer Holiday Prayer**

Please see the Summer Holiday Prayer on the front page of the school website –  
[www.stmarys916.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stmarys916.herts.sch.uk)

### **Sports' Day**

Sports' Day this week was a lovely family occasion. The sun shone and the School Association served bacon rolls and coffee before the children started their events. This year the running races took place at the end of the morning and a boy and girl in each year group were presented at the podium with a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. The carousel activities preceding these races consisted of an egg and spoon race, a sack race, a bean bag and bucket shuttle race, quoits in hoops and javelin throwing. There were also toddlers', and mums' and dads' races. The grand finale took place when the winning house was presented with the Sports' Day Shield, and the Dragon house captains proudly received this. Mr. Macey was also presented with his trophy awarded by the Dacorum Schools' Sports Network for Services to PE and Schools' Sports. A very big thank you to Mr. Macey for organising such a fantastic event and also to all the children at St. Mary's from Nursery to Year 5 for working so co-operatively and happily with each other. A special thank you also goes to the parent helpers and Governors who assisted the school staff in running the games throughout the morning. This was a fantastic day and so many people said how much they had enjoyed it. Well done to everyone involved.

### **Results from the School Sports' Day**

4<sup>th</sup> place Unicorn with 1645 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Phoenix with 1685 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Griffin with 1891 points  
The winners were Dragon with 1954 points

### **Verrucas**

There have been a couple reports of children with verrucas in school. Can parents ensure that children with verrucas have their feet covered at all times and notify their class teacher. Please check with your doctor about treatment.

### **Sport**

The Dacorum Schools Sports' Network Awards evening was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July. It was a fantastic evening and St. Mary's Primary won 3 awards. Jamie Powell was runner-up in the Lower Key Stage 2 Sports' Achiever of the Year category and our Year 4 swimming team were also runners-up in the Lower Key Stage 2 Team of the Year award. Mr. Macey was nominated for the Services to P.E. and School Sport Award and we are very pleased to say that he won the trophy. We are very proud of what the children have achieved in sport at St. Mary's and it is through Mr. Macey's hard work and dedication that we ensure our children have access to high quality and varied P.E. activities. Well done to all the children and to Mr. Macey.

Last Thursday we were visited by Sports' Leaders from Ashlyns School. Ashlyns has been recognised nationally for its Sports' Leaders' Programme. Children from Year 1 – Year 5 were able to experience a wide range of sporting activities throughout the day. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Last Friday was inter-house sports' day. This year's champions were:

Cricket – Dragon  
Football – Griffin  
Speedstacking – Dragon  
Tri-Golf - Unicorn

### **Swimming in September**

Year 4 will start with swimming lessons in September and continue for the whole term. Year 3 will start their lessons at the beginning of the Spring term and continue right through the Summer term. A letter giving fuller details will be sent home at the start of the Autumn Term.

**Books Going Home**

In view of the new assessment procedures introduced in September 2014, evidence of children's learning throughout the year now plays a major part in assessment procedures. Consequently, we now need to keep exercise books in school to provide evidence of children's progress and learning. As a result of this, books will not now be sent home with the children at the end of the summer term. Books will be retained in school to provide the necessary evidence of their progress throughout the past year.

**Dinner Money – September**

From September the cost of a school dinner will be £2.30.

**School Association**

We would like to thank the School Association for their hard work over the past year. Without the fund raising events run by them the school would not have been able to purchase the Clevertouch smart boards we now have in the classrooms. Thank you all very much.

**School Disco**

Many thanks to the School Association for arranging the disco. As always it was a huge success and the children had great fun.

**Running Club**

Many thanks to Mrs. Cooley and all her helpers for organising the running club. This is such a popular club and the children are definitely fitter and healthier.

**Y4 and Y5 Road Safety Training.**

Thank you to Mrs. Clark, Mrs. O'Dell, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Cooley who gave up their time to help with the road safety training which was run by the Highways Department. Year 4 and Year 5 have now all learned how to cross the road safely.

**Open evening**

It was lovely to see so many children with their families and carers at our Open Evening. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to proudly share their work and achievements from throughout the year. The children were also able to visit next year's class to introduce their new teachers to their guests and also to find out about all the exciting things they will be learning in the future. A huge thank you also goes to the staff who worked so hard in preparation for this event. Thank you for the really positive feedback we have received from parents who have shared what has gone well for them and their children this year.

**Suggestion Box**

A suggestion box will be placed in the entrance from September. Ideas from parents are welcome and any suggestions from children will be discussed during the School Council meetings.

**Violin Lessons**

Mrs Seodi has 2 spaces from September. If you would like your child to learn to play the violin please see the school office. Thank you.

**Attachments**

School Sports' Newsletter 2014 – 2015 – Summer Term 2015

Little Hands and Feet Children's Centre flyer

**Dates:**

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Break-up 1.30 p.m.

September start - Term Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Inset Day

Please see website for term dates

**End of Year Service**

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us yesterday morning for a very moving end-of-year service. Many thanks to Jonathon for leading it, to Mrs Archbold for organising it and to Mr Potter for co-ordinating the music. Each class made their own presentation and it was wonderful to watch them perform with confidence and enthusiasm. The prayers they had written were most thoughtful and reflective.

On behalf of the staff at St Mary's I would like thank you for all of your gifts, cards and good wishes. This has been an extremely busy and fulfilling year, which you will shortly be able to read about in the Head teacher and Governor Letter and it has been my privilege to be part of your journey since January in watching the school develop from being a First to a Primary School. We wish you all a very safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Miss V.M.Hunt**

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

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

<b>Title</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Via</b>
Green Park photographs	Y4	Schoolcomms
School Disco	All classes	Schoolcomms
BFG dvd	Years 1 and 2	Schoolcomms
Yearly reports	All classes	Letter
Guitar costs for September	Selected	Letter

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