



St Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday, 27th November 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 Lucas Dale for being a good friend



Special Achievement Awards

Year R - Cora and Luca

Year 1 – Bailey, Jacob and Sadie

Year 2 - Hugo and Felix

Year 3 - Thomas and Harry

Year 4 - Rory and Rosie

Year 5 - Elliot and Tom

Year 6 - Henry

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.

Parentview

Parent View is an online questionnaire that allows parents and carers to give their views about their child's school at any time. It is also the main mechanism for parents to give their views about their child's school to inspectors at the time of a school inspection. The questionnaire can be accessed directly from the Parent View site at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> or from the home page of Ofsted website at www.gov.uk/ofsted. Thank you.

Sports News

We have had a very busy week. Last Saturday we had a good turn-out for a Cross Country Event at Turnfurlong School in Aylesbury. On a very cold and windy morning all the runners performed admirably. Pride of place goes to our Year 3 boys who took 1st place in the boys' team event with Luke Bradley finishing 1st, Callum Powell 2nd, Jack Hardcastle 9th, Joe Pemberton 16th and Jake Canagasurium 23rd. The Year 5 boys also took 1st place in their team event with Jamie Powell 2nd, Olly Painter 3rd and David Berry 19th. Our only runner in the Year 4 boys' race, Billy Read, ran a really brave race to finish 2nd. We also had runners in the Year 4 girls' race with Bella Walker finishing 8th and Phoebe Goss 9th. In the Year 5 girls' race, Grace Canagasarium came 14th and Madeleine Jeavons 15th. Well done to all of you. We are very proud of our St. Mary's runners.

Skip2bfit – Week 4

Year 3 – 2953 skips – average of 102 each

Year 4 – 2700 skips – average of 113 each

Virtual Great Run

This week the children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been competing in the Dacorum Virtual Great Run. Years 1 and 2 have been running 300m and Years 3-6 600m. Their times have been recorded and will be compared with other schools in Dacorum.

Fastest times

Year 1 – Scarlett Walker	1 min 31 sec
Lucas Dale	1min 22 sec
Year 2 – Charlotte Holmes Higgins	1 min 28 sec
Olly Cooley	1 min 19sec
Year 3 – Poppy Baker	2 min 45 sec
Luke Bradley	2 min 30 sec
Year 4 – Lottie Beck	3 min 01 sec
Finlay Black	2 min 38 sec
Year 5 Olly Painter	2 min 16 sec
Lucy Cooley	2 min 45 sec
Year6 Sam Baker/Ben Cooley	2 min 52 sec
Emily Chrispin	3 min 10 sec

Mr. Macey

Year 5/6 Football

Our football team had their latest match against Bridgewater this week and as usual their commitment and spirit were exceptional. Unfortunately, tired legs cost us and in the end the score was 7 – 2. Rory Hunt scored our 2 goals. Well done to all of the team.

Year 2 Sports Fayre

On Tuesday Year 2 visited Sportspace for a Sports Fayre run by DSSN. They were able to try out lots of different activities which they really enjoyed. All the children were exceptionally well behaved.

Fixtures

1st Dec - Away v Leverstock Green

The match will be after school and it would be brilliant if parents could come along and support the team.

Mr. Macey

Message from Jonathan Gordon

This Sunday is the beginning of Advent and at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church there will be a service of Advent Readings and Carols by Candlelight. The church is in darkness at the beginning and then after the lighting of the paschal candle the light is passed through the church. All welcome and please contact Jonathan for more details on 871547 or 07752 261679.

KS1 Performance

We are looking for a parent volunteer who would be able to record one of the KS1 performances. If you are able to help please contact the school office. Thank you.

Polite Reminder

Out of courtesy and consideration for the children the KS1 evening performance is for adults only. Children are welcome at the afternoon performance. Thank you for your support in this.

Have a good weekend.
Miss V.M. Hunt

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.

Severe weather guidance reminder

In the event of the school being closed owing to bad weather we will notify the local authority. This triggers an email to Three Counties Radio (103.8FM/95.5FM or 630MW/1161MW). You can check whether the school is closed by looking on the homepage of www.hertsdirect.org. We will also put a message on the home page of the school website.

We shall continue to use Schoolcomms if we have any other information to add, as only a very short message can be included on the Herts Direct homepage. Could anyone who has not signed up to Schoolcomms and now wishes to do so please email the school office.

Dates for forthcoming week

1st Dec – St. Mary's v Leverstock Green away
6.00 pm Meet the Teacher, Jan Nursery starters
3rd Dec - 9.10 am Y5 Class Assembly to Parents
5th Dec - St. Mary's Xmas Fayre
18th Dec. 1.30 pm End of Term

Payments due

Woodrow Y4 - November payment due £22.14
Kingswood Y6 – November payment due £38.75
This half term's dinner money.
Voluntary contributions.

Attachments:

Apex Dance
The Performing Arts' Club

Checklist of Letters sent home in the last two weeks

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

Title	Class	Via
New uniform supplier	All years	Schoolcomms
Christmas Treeasy	All years	Schoolcomms
Reminder – play ticket requests	N – Y2	Schoolcomms
Reminder – Story Club cancelled	YR & Y1	Schoolcomms

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