



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

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Headteacher Miss V M Hunt  
Core Christian Value for this half term: TRUST  
Learning to learn skill is Independence

Dear Parents,



### Breakfast Club

Star of the week this week is Sophia for having lovely manners.

### Vacancy - School Crossing Patrol

The school no longer has a crossing patrol and we are urgently seeking someone to take this paid position. The hours are 8:30 – 9am and 3:05 – 3:40pm during term time. Uniform and training will be provided by Herts County Council. Please contact Mrs Young in the school office or call 01442 389040 for more information. The local police team would like this position filled as soon as possible as it offers much greater safety for children and their parents/guardians.

### Payments due

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

### Y3 Class Assembly

Year 3 performed their class assembly on Thursday, which was all about the weird and wonderful world of Roald Dahl. The children were fantastic and I was very proud to see them showing off what they have been learning this half term. They talked about Roald Dahl's life and his stories and acted out a scene from 'Matilda'. Some children acted out an advert which they had created, others showed some imaginary characters they had invented and they all performed 'The Candy Man' during which Jake and Abigail bravely sang solo parts. A big 'well done' to all of the children. You were superstars. Mrs. Zimet

### Sports News

On Monday Year 2 visited Tring School to take part in an athletics competition against other Dacorum schools. They had great fun and competed in the long jump, relay races and an obstacle course.

### Y5/Y6 Football

On Tuesday, we entertained Pixies Hill in our latest football match. The team showed their usual determination and commitment and we finally got our just rewards. Despite twice going behind we fought back on each occasion, scoring in the last minute to secure a 2 – 2 draw. Our goals were scored by Olly Painter and Jamie Powell. We have our final match for the season next Tuesday away at Hammond Academy.

Today we had a visit from coaches from Berkhamsted Tennis Club who delivered taster sessions for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children had great fun. Who knows, we could have an Andy Murray in the making.

### Dates:

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> February – Cross Country Herts Primary  
Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> February – Football Away v Hammond Academy  
Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> March – Wendover Cross Country  
Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> March – Yrs 5 & 6 Dacorum Football Tournament, boys & girls  
Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> March - Yrs 3 & 4 Dacorum Football Tournament  
Mr. Macey

### Parental Drug Awareness Workshop

Westfield Primary School – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7pm  
There will be an interactive presentation and informal learning tasks and an opportunity to ask questions and find out where to go for more information and support. For bookings please see attached flyer.

**School Nurse Open Surgery**

The school nurse will be visiting St. Mary's on Wednesday 9th March between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 midday. This is to offer a surgery in the form of private and confidential consultations to any parent(s) who may have medical and social issues they would like to raise concerning their child(ren). This invitation is open to parents of all children in the school and can cover issues such as daytime and night-time wetting, soiling, sleeping, eating, emotional, behavioural, any health concerns and medical issues such as allergies and any issues with recent bereavement, separation or changes in family life. Attached is a form to complete, for anyone wishing to attend a consultation and bring with you to the appointment. You are not expected to return this to the school. If you would like to make an appointment to see the school nurse, could you please contact the school office to make a booking. In view of the time limitation, these will be offered on a first-come, first- served basis.

**Year 2 trip to Tesco**

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited Tring Tesco, as part of their Science topic, learning about food groups and what makes a balanced diet. The children tasted different fruits, cheeses and breads. They visited the bakery, the freezer (which was -16 degrees) and even took turns on the checkouts. The children had a fantastic time and comments were made about their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. Miss Waterhouse

**Attachments**

Parental Drug Awareness Workshop flyer.  
ADHD/ASD/Communication Disorder, Sensory Processing needs flyer.  
School Nurse booking form.  
Love your Home-Start School Dress Down Day flyer

**Pooh Corner ASC**

Activities – drawing pictures for folders and free expressive art painting. Sticking and drawing a picture of a given letter of something they can see outside.

Games/Sport – bowling, snakes and ladders, counting how many times you can roll a 6.

Tea selection – hot sausage rolls, pizza, hot dogs, selection of vegetable sticks, cake, yoghurt, fruit and crackers.

Cooking – decorating ginger bread men, spring rolls.

Festival – Winter, talking about festivals that are coming up – Pancake Day, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day.

Regards Carolyn, Cathy and Staff

**School Allotment**

We would shortly like to make use again of the school allotment in New Road. Our aim is for classes to go to the allotment during the day as part of curriculum time, linked to their areas of learning. However, in order to co-ordinate this we need to take groups of children, rather than whole classes at a time. If any parents would be interested in offering their help during the school day, could you please contact the office to leave your details. Thank you.

**Home-start Dress Down Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and, if they wish, bring a donation of £1. Home-start Dacorum started in Berkhamsted and has been supporting families for over 30 years. It is Dacorum's only charity offering support to families within their own homes. We hope you will join with us in supporting this very worthy local charity with their fundraising.

**Free School Meals**

Are you eligible for free school meals? If so, or if you are unsure and wish to discuss this, please contact the school office (confidentially). Please apply even if your child receives universal infant free school meals (up to Year 2) because without that application your child will miss out on funding to which he/she is entitled. Please visit [www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/canhelp/](http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/canhelp/) for more information.

**Dates:**

Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 pm – Ash Wed. Church Service  
 St. Mary's Church  
 Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> February – Home Start Dacorum – non uniform day  
 Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> February – Foundation Stage Treat Friday

**Half term 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February. Children return to school Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

I wish everyone a very happy and relaxing weekend and also good luck to our cross country runners at the Herts Primary Races tomorrow.  
 V.M. Hunt

**Parking in Valley Road**

We have been alerted to the fact that some vehicles are driving very quickly in and out of Valley Road at drop off time before school. Yesterday morning two children from this school were narrowly missed by a vehicle driving very quickly round the corner into Valley Road. Could all drivers please be aware that children, accompanied and unaccompanied, are crossing most of the roads near to the school and be extra cautious when you are driving into and along any of these roads. Thank you for helping to keep all of our children at St. Mary's safe.

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

PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

Title	Class	Via
Cycle Training	Years 5 & 6	Letter
Guitar invoices	Selected	Letter
Piano invoices	Selected	Letter

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