



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

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday, 6th 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 the whole Breakfast Club because of their good manners at breakfast time.



### Special Achievement Awards

Reception - Mali Obiajulu and William Powell  
Year 1 - Jed Holdcroft and Lucas Davies  
Year 3 - Flinty Sozzo and Soraya Aiboud  
Year 4 - James Sales and Keira Pryor  
Year 5 - Jess Morris and Hamish Murray  
Year 6 - Francisco Espitia

### Out of school achievements

Gymnast of the Week – William Powell, Reception.  
Well done.

### Reception Class news

Mrs. Bates is really pleased with how well the children have come back after half term. They are progressing well with their reading and their mathematics practice.

### New Admissions

The link to 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](mailto:admin@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk)

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 Cross Country

In the recent Year 5 Cross Country event at Ashlyns, both our boys' and girls' teams finished in second place. This meant they were the overall winners of the competition. A huge well done to Lucy Cooley who recorded the fastest time for a Year 5 girl in Dacorum.

#### Year 6 Boys District Cross Country

Last night in atrocious conditions, we competed in the Year 6 District Cross Country Championships at Adeyfield School. We finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of fifteen teams, which was a great effort as three of our five runners were Year 5 boys. They acquitted themselves admirably with Olly Painter coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jamie Powell 4<sup>th</sup>. Also running were David Berry 35<sup>th</sup>, Sam Baker 49<sup>th</sup> and Ben Cooley 75<sup>th</sup>.

#### Skip2bfit

This week Year 3 and 4 started competing in an inter-school skipping competition. This involves the children skipping for two minutes. The number of skips is then recorded and compared with the results of other schools. This week Year 4 completed 2434 skips at an average of 97 skips each and our Year 3 completed 1921 skips at an average of 77 skips each.

#### Tri-Golf

On Thursday Year 2 competed in a Tri-Golf event. They had the chance to experience the new gym at Ashlyns School and try out many different golfing challenges. All the children had a great time and behaved impeccably.

#### Year 5/6 Mixed Football Team

Our Year5/6 football team will have their first competitive matches in November:

10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Home v Greenway  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Home v Boxmoor  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Away v Hammond Academy  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Home v Bridgewater

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

### Foundation Stage News

The whole of the Foundation Stage (including the Pre-school) took part in the scooter/bike sponsored ride this week. Fun was had even though the weather was not great. A very big THANK YOU for all the sponsorship money that has rolled in so far. We will keep you posted on the improvements we have planned for our outside space.

We have been learning about Bonfire night and making a display for the classrooms and on Friday morning both Reception and Nursery children went up to the hall to see a fantastic assembly by years 5 and 6, who acted out the story of Farmer Duck.

### Year 5 and 6 Assembly to parents

Following on from the huge success of their performance to the whole school this morning, Year 5 and 6 children would like to invite their parents and relatives to their 'Farmer Duck' assembly. This will be in the school hall at 9.10 on Wednesday 11th November. We hope you will be able to join them for this.

### School Council News

#### Children In Need - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform with a donation. Cakes and biscuits will also be on sale if children wish to bring a little extra money.

The School Council will be selling biscuits next week during break time for 20p each to help raise money for Children In Need, as well as offering wristbands for £1. We will have a non-school uniform day next Friday.

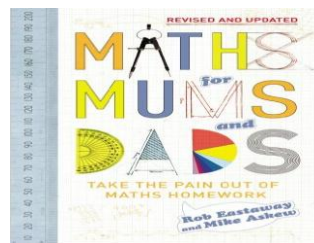
The School Council have also requested to wear a sash not a badge this year. Would any parents be willing to make some, or help with sourcing affordable material? The School Council want the pupils of the school to be able to spot school council members. The School Council feel very proud to represent the views of the school and would like to have something a little more noticeable than a metal badge. I can only help with this request with your support. I am afraid that sewing is not my forte. Mrs Bates

### Payments due

Woodrow Y4 - November payment due £22.14  
Kingswood Y6 – November payment due £38.75  
Rabbi Rafi Y5 - £2 donation

### Maths Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended the maths evening run by Mr. Potter on the 4th November. The feedback following this has been very positive as to how it has enabled you to see how maths is taught at St. Mary's from Reception to Year 6 and also concerning the recent changes in the curriculum. The powerpoint for this will be on the website shortly. The book recommended to support parents with their children's maths is 'Maths for Mums and Dads' by Rob Eastaway and Mike Askew.



### Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov - 11.00 a.m. – Prospective parent tour  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y4 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – 9.10 a.m. Y5 & Y6 Assembly to parents  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov - 2.30 p.m. – Remembrance Service in St. Mary's Church - all welcome  
Year 5 and 6 football match at home v Boxmoor  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need – Non school uniform. Biscuits will be on sale.

### SAVE THE DATES –

**ESafety Evening Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 p.m.**

**School Association Bingo night 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

Attachments - Ashlyns Craft Fayre, Hospice of St. Francis Santa Dash

Wishing you all a restful weekend.  
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>
Milk Charges for the Spring Term	All years	Letter
Recorder Club	Selected pupils	Letter
School Upkeep Voluntary Contributions	All years	Letter
Curriculum letters	All years	Schoolcomms
St. Mary's Church Gingerbread House decorating	All years	Schoolcomms
Maths evening	All years	Schoolcomms
Poppies and toys on sale	All years	Schoolcomms
Smartie challenge	All years	Schoolcomms
Bingo Night (SA)	All years	Schoolcomms
Flu Immunisation	Years 1 & 2	Schoolcomms

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