



S^t Mary's C of E Primary School
'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 23rd March 2018
Headteacher Miss V M Hunt
Core Christian Value for this half term: Humility
Learning to learn skill : Independence

Dear Parents,

Out of School Achievements

Isadora G (R) has been awarded a level 2 swimming certificate.

Lottie S (Y1) has been awarded a Level 9 in the Berkhamsted Gymnastics Club's In House Award Scheme.

Mia H (Y3) and Gemma (Y3) had an exciting day on March 6th as they were selected from their Badgers Group to meet Princess Anne.

Milly M (Y3) has been awarded a purple belt in Cobra Martial Arts.

Scarlet W (Y3) has been awarded a Ross & Andy football trophy for player of the term.

Congratulations to you all.

Celebrations Assembly

The Special Achievers certificates went to:

Reception: Finn, Polly

Year 1: Gil, Lottie

Year 2: Esme, Harry

Year 3: Chloe, Jasper

Year 5: Alfie, Joe

Year 6 : Lily, Miranda

Well done to all of the children.

Year 4 Residential Visit

The Year 4 children have had an amazing time at Woodrow this week, taking part in teambuilding activities which included raft building and racing, bush craft, nightline and a challenge course. They have also enjoyed archery, a campfire and a scavenger hunt. The food has been fantastic and they are really looking forward to sharing all of their adventures during their class assembly on 26th April. Our thanks go to Mrs Christie, Mrs Archbold, Mrs Coleman and Mr Williams for giving up their time this week to take the children and without whose kindness this trip would not have been possible.

School Association Quiz Night

The School Association Quiz Night raised an amazing £800. A big thank you to everyone involved in making this event such a success.

News from Reception

What an exciting time we've had in Reception this week. We have seen chicks being born and some of us even held them! It's been amazing to have them and we are so impressed at how the children have been with them. Thank you Mrs Brown for supplying all the equipment and for getting the eggs. The chicks have inspired us to make our Easter cards and everyone has worked super hard to write a message.

We looked at the St Patricks Day celebration on Monday and enjoyed making Leprechaun sand. Tuesday was so much fun with the Sports Relief non-uniform day. We have started singing our song for the Easter service and look forward to performing it. We still hope to meet the community police officer and if we are really good the Easter bunny may visit Reception next week and leave a few surprises.

Mrs Bates

St Mary's Northchurch Confirmation Service, Sunday July 8th at 10.00am

On July 8th we will be welcoming the Bishop of Bedford to take the confirmation service at St Mary's. Confirmation is the service when the candidates renew their baptism promises, are then blessed by the Bishop and take the bread and wine at communion. It is a special service in the life of the church and I am contacting you to see if your son or daughter would like to be confirmed. Miss Hunt has kindly said that it will be possible to arrange confirmation classes in school, most likely over a few lunchtimes for half an hour in June. If you would like to be involved in the service or know more please can you contact me by email: revjagordon@gmail.com or phone 07752 261679. Alternatively please feel free to call round to the Rectory.

Rev Jonathan Gordon

Pre-school Bulletin 23/3/18

What a fabulous week at Pre-school we've had! We have all been super excited to see Mrs Brown's chicks hatch. The children have loved watching the fluffy chicks snuggle up underneath their heat lamp, and listening to their tiny chirps as they explore their little home.

We have also been excited to receive delivery of our brand new role play shop. This is a lovely piece of furniture designed as a shop, which will give endless possibilities to the children's play. This is hugely beneficial to so many areas of learning, and it's been fabulous to see the children immerse themselves in their games.

We have made a start on our Easter cards this week, and have been practicing our pencil grip and control. We have used potato mashers in the paint to stamp egg shapes onto our paper, so lots of fun for everyone.

For information about a place at Pre-school please see Lisa Burkett at the end of the school day, or email stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com

Hats To School Day

Thursday 29th March is Brain Tumour Research Charity Wear a Hat Day. As in previous years at St. Mary's, for a donation of £1, we will be inviting everybody to Wear a Hat to school to help raise funds. This can be a hat your child already has or the children might like to have fun making or decorating a hat. We are looking forward to seeing everybody looking Hattastic on the day!

Reminder : Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be on Monday 26th March from 4.20 pm to 8 pm or Tuesday 27th March from 3.40 pm to 6.00 pm. As part of their transition to secondary school, Y6 children are invited to attend with their parents.

Music Lessons

Please note that a full half term's notice is required to cancel a music lesson.

Reminder that we are a nut free school

Please ensure that no nut products are brought into school.

Absences

As part of the school's safeguarding procedures, we need to know the reasons for any child's absence, as early as possible. Therefore, if your child is ill and unable to attend school, please email or call the school office before 9.00am. This avoids the office staff having to make telephone calls, checking on a child's whereabouts. It also

means that the school meal order is not held up whilst we find out where missing children are.

Please specify the illness eg high temperature or vomiting. A message must be left for **each day** of absence on the absence line.

On return from an absence please confirm in writing the length of time your child has been absent for and the reason.

Any late arrivals must be signed in the green late folder and a **full** reason for the lateness must be given.

School Office

The school office opening hours are:

08:30 – 09:30am

14:30 – 15:20pm

Please avoid contacting the office outside of these times.

All emails to the school office must be sent to admin@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk

Emails should not be sent via the School Gateway as this inbox account is not monitored.

Thank you.

Late Box

Please use the box provided in the school entrance for any items brought in after the start of the school day. Please ensure all items are named.

Breakfast Club

There are a few spaces available at Breakfast club.

Parents arriving after 8.00 a.m. please use the main entrance to the school.

Please contact Breakfast club via email breakfast.club@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk

School Gateway Reminder

St Mary's is now a 'cash free' school. **This means that we will no longer be accepting payment in cash or cheque.**

Please make all payments via School Gateway. Please report any issues to the School Office.

Please check your School Gateway account regularly for payments due. Breakfast club appears for all children in case of emergency requirement. Please ignore it if you do not use Breakfast Club. The same applies for Dinner Money for Years 3-6. Thank you for your continued support.

Checklist of Letters sent home in the last two weeks

PLEASE CHECK EMAIL AND BOOK BAGS FOR LETTERS

Title	Class	Via
Science Workshop – Friday 23 rd March	Year 1 & 2	Email
School Upkeep Voluntary Contributions	All	Email
Summer Term Milk Ordering Form	All	Email
Boogaloo Boogie Summer Term Booking Form	Years 1, 2 & 3	Email
Mini Wee Camps Booking Form	Nursery & Reception	Email
Nursery Weekly Letter – 16/3/2018 and 23/3/2018	All	Email
Spanish Lessons Booking Form	Years 1, 2 & 3	Email
Game on Football Festival at Grove Road School (19/4/2018)	Years 3 & 4	Email
Apex Cheerleading Club	Years 1 - 6	Email
Forest School Club	Years 2 - 6	Email
Parent Forum Meeting Minutes – 10/3/2018	All	Email

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

Next newsletter on Friday 20th April.

As this is the final newsletter before we break up for Easter, the staff and I wish everyone a peaceful and restful Easter holiday. Children return to school on Tuesday 17th April.

Miss V.M. Hunt