



**S<sup>t</sup> Mary's C of E Primary School**  
'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Headteacher Miss V M Hunt  
Core Christian Value for this half term: Love  
Learning to learn skill : Collaboration

Dear Parents,

**Out of School Achievements**

Cian F (Y1) has been awarded the Ross & Andy football trophy for player of the term.

Daniel H (Y1) has been awarded a Stanley 4 swimming certificate.

Maverick S (Y1) has been awarded the Ross & Andy football trophy for fair play.

Sofia L (Y3) has been awarded a 15 M swimming badge.

Poppy B (Y5) has been awarded a distinction at Grade 5 in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics Development Plan.

Congratulations to you all.

**News from Reception**

How wonderful to have everyone back and so excited to learn. Already we have written about our Easter adventures. The children have returned with a fabulous attitude and it has been a pleasure to see some of your tapestry observations and homework inputs. We have already started to look at our new topic, Into the Wild. We have been talking about animal habitats and have discussed what a habitat might need for animals to survive. We have decided that our role play area outside will be a jungle and the indoor one will be a zoo. If you have any old animal toys that would be useful for these areas please let me know.

We have also started to explore money and the homework is all centred on this. Thank you to everyone who donated the cat food boxes, we will embark on that craft project next week.

Mrs Bates

**Sun Protection**

Please ensure that children bring in sun hats and water bottles. Sunscreen should be applied at home. Parents can buy high factor suncream that lasts all day. If parents do wish children to bring in sunscreen to school, it must NOT be a spray variety.

**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](mailto:revjagordon@gmail.com) or phone 07752 261679. Alternatively please feel free to call round to the Rectory.

**Rev Jonathan Gordon**

**Church Services**

Our Pentecost service is now taking place on Tuesday 22nd May at 9:30am.

It will be on the field (weather permitting). Watch this space for more details!

Ascension Day service will be Thursday 10th May at 9:30am in Church.

**Pre-school Bulletin 20/04/18**

This week at Pre-school we have enjoyed welcoming the children back after the Easter break.

We enjoyed the warm weather and have played outside in the beautiful sunshine. We have started our new display board with our theme of 'days out'.

Next week we shall be concentrating on their physical development as we undertake a variety of activities, both indoors and outdoors.

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](mailto:stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com)

### **Volunteers Wanted Please**

The Foundation Stage garden is looking a little unloved. It needs some attention. We are so fortunate with our surroundings and we need to make the most of them. New parents visit and make decisions influenced on how we look. Come on and help me, I promise it won't take long. Many hands make light work. We will be weeding, painting and undertaking general maintenance. The role play house roof needs some re-felting if anyone has that skill? I'm not offering free cake but I may offer some tea ! I am planning on coming in on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, hopefully from 10am till 2pm. Please don't leave me to be all alone. If you are able to help, please contact me personally or let the school office know.

Thank you. Mrs Bates

### **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.

### **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.

### **Year 5 & 6 School Uniform**

In very warm weather, it is acceptable for children to wear white open necked, short sleeved shirts with no ties.

### **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.

The school appreciates that sometimes parents receive numerous emails on one day. All emails are titled to try and help parents quickly determine if the email is of interest to them and emails are only sent to the appropriate class.

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.

### **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](mailto:breakfast.club@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk)

### **Staff Vacancy**

We have placed an advert on the Teach in Herts website for a Breakfast Club Manager to start in September.

If anybody has any questions regarding the post at this stage, please contact the school office for further information.

If anyone is interested in applying for this post, please visit the Teach in Herts website, in order to access the application form

[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,breakfast-club-manager\\_46950.htm?preview=d89486ba9f99710b768293bf97c2025d](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,breakfast-club-manager_46950.htm?preview=d89486ba9f99710b768293bf97c2025d)

**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.

Title	Class	Via
Curriculum Letters	All	Email
Nursery Newsletter 20/4/2018	Nursery	Email
Ross & Andy After School Club	Year 1 & 2	Email
Ross & Andy Girls Lunch Time Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Email
School Association Spring 2018 Newsletter	All	Email
Game On Summer Sports	Years 2 - 4	Email
Game On Football Club	Years 3 & 4	Email
Game On Rounders & Athletics Club	Years 5 & 6	Email
Game On Tennis Club	Years 5 & 6	Email
Celtic Harmony Trip	Year 3	Email
Rock Steady Music Band Lessons	Reception – Year 6	Email

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

Next newsletter on Friday 4th May.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend relaxing in this wonderful weather.

**Miss V.M. Hunt**