



St Mary's C of E Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 22nd June 2018

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

Core Christian Value for this half term: Compassion

Learning to learn skill : Independence

Dear Parents,

Out of School Achievements

Edie T (Y4) has been awarded a Level 8 badge in the Berkhamsted Gymnastics Award Scheme.

Emily P (Yr 4) has been awarded a medal for being a squad member of Lewisham Tigers Football Club.

Imogen R (Yr 2) has been awarded a Level 9 badge in the Berkhamsted Gymnastics Award Scheme.

Amy M (Y5), Billy Q (Y1), Freddie W (Y1), Finn M (R), Josh S (Y3), Lexie M (Y1), Lorelie Q (Y3), Lottie S (Y1), Olly C (Y4), Scarlett W (Y3), Zennor M (Y1) all participated in the Tring Midsummer Fun Run and were awarded medals. Finn M and Lexie M both came second in their age groups.

James S (Y6) has played for Dacorum football team this season and the team has won the Hertfordshire District Cup.

Congratulations to you all.

Summer Music Concert

This afternoon we held our Summer Music Concert – part 1. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, thank you to everyone involved in making this a success. A huge thank you to Mrs Osmond for giving up significant time in running the Recorder Group and for helping with the organisation of today's concert.

Year 3 Trip - Watford Central Mosque

Year 3 visited Watford Central Mosque as part of their RE learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and the Muslim place of worship. The children were fascinated by the different parts of the mosque, from the prayer hall to the wash room. The Imam explained the core beliefs of Islam and how the mosque is used by the Muslim community. We heard the 'call to prayer' that is sung before worship and had the opportunity to ask and answer lots of questions. The Imam was very impressed with the children's knowledge and they behaved beautifully throughout the visit. Well done Year 3!

Mrs Archbold

Year 4 St Alban's Trip

On Wednesday 13th July, Year 4 visited St Albans to find out more about the Romans. First we visited the Hypocaust to learn about Roman under floor heating and to see the beautiful mosaic floor. Next we went to the Roman Theatre and were able to imagine a performance taking place. After that we saw the ruins of some Roman shops such as the carpenter's shop and the wine shop. Finally we went to the Verulamium Museum. At the Museum we were able to see several mosaics and also to try making one. There is a lot of information about how the Romans lived. Finally we had an artefacts session where the children were able to handle both real and replica Roman artefacts and try to work out how they were used. It was a fabulous day, the children really enjoyed it and learnt a lot about the Romans.

Many thanks to our parent helpers Mrs Saunders and Mrs Thomas.

Mrs Christie

School Reports

Reports will be coming home for all year groups, Nursery to Year 5, on Friday 6th July. We would be grateful if parents could please send any responses in by Thursday 12th July. Year 6 reports will be sent home upon receipt of their KS2 Results on Thursday 12th July. Year 6 parent responses should be returned to school by Wednesday 18th July.

Medicines in School

In accordance with school policy, all medicines, inhalers and epipens held in school need to be taken home at the end of this term and returned, if they are still needed, **in date**, at the beginning of the Autumn term. Could you please ensure that you collect your child(ren)'s medicine if this affects you - especially if you know that your child will not be in school at the end of this term. Medicines need to be collected from the children's class teachers.

News from Reception

Wow! What a busy week! We started off with looking at symmetrical patterns. We then created some art using symmetry and the work of Wassily Kandinsky to inspire us. We will now cut out these patterns and enter them into a local art competition. We used this learning to then explore some butterfly specimens that we were very lucky to get on loan from the Natural History Museum. Massive thanks to Ms Lupo for sorting this for us. We also took part in Science week with the whole school; we observed materials changing state; chocolate melting and cooling. We also watched rockets on the field and a mini coke explosion!

We have also practiced the sports day events in preparation of Sports Day next Wednesday. Please remember to come in wearing PE kit with a coloured T-shirt to match your house team. Parent Reps hold this information. We also received a letter from Edward the teddy bear at College Lake who has invited Reception to bring in their teddy to accompany us on the trip next Thursday. So exciting! Another busy week ahead.

Mrs Bates

Pre-school Bulletin 22/6/18

This week at Pre-school the children have really enjoyed threading their 'cheerio' necklaces. They have used their mathematical skills to count the cheerios, and their fine motor skills to thread them. Some of the necklaces made it home in one piece, and some of them went home with no cheerios at all, just the elastic left!

Next week we shall be looking at the children's gross motor skills, making the most of our great supply of P.E. resources. We shall be using our bats and balls, footballs, hoops, beanbags, egg and spoon sets, amongst other things.

We shall also practice our fire drill and lock down drill. This is an important safety feature of Pre-school. It also forms part of their Communication and Language Development, as they will need to listen to our instructions, and follow our directions.

For information about a place at Pre-school please email:

stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Burkett and the Pre-school Team

Sports Day Team Colours

Please remember to send your child into school wearing appropriately coloured sports kit on Tuesday (KS1/KS2) and Wednesday (EYFS) for sports day. The team colours are:

Dragon: green

Griffin: yellow

Phoenix: red

Unicorn: blue

If your child is uncertain as to which team they are in, please check with their class teacher on Monday. If you do not have appropriately coloured kit, your child can wear white or school PE kit.

Children will be on the field from 9.10am. The morning session will be a carousel of sports activities and the afternoon session will be competitive races. Viewing area for parents will be in the centre of the field.

Please remember to bring a hat, water bottle and to use sun cream.

Bacon rolls and coffee will be sold beforehand by the School Association.

Many thanks

Mr Potter

PE Kit – Navy T-Shirt

From September 2018 the PE t-shirt will change to navy rather than white. Parents only need to purchase a navy PE t-shirt if their child's current white PE t-shirt needs replacing. An optional navy school PE hoodie will also be available. These items will soon be shown on the school uniform suppliers' websites.

Hot weather Preparations

For the hot weather please ensure that your child has the following:

* A high-factor, 6-hour sun protection cream applied before coming to school. Children can have a bottle of high-factor sun lotion (preferably roller-ball) in school in a clear, named plastic bag.

* A (named) hat with them in school.

* A fresh bottle of drinking water every day in school.

* And finally, a shower-proof coat in school at all times.

School Council News

School Council would like to thank all those who wore groovy shoes today and contributed towards this wonderful cause. We have purchased more fruit snack bars and will be offering these at Tuck Shop on Thursday 28th July. Hopefully if we make enough sales we will earn funds to buy more snacks and maybe start seeing a profit.

Please can I take this opportunity to plea for sashes to be returned. These sashes were kindly made for us and at expense to one of our wonderful parents. We currently do not have enough sashes to give to all members. We will have to look at purchasing sashes which are rather expensive. Any sashes found hidden behind sofas and under beds can be returned to the office and no questions will be asked!

Mrs Bates and School Council

Barnaby Bear

Barnaby Bear and his friends are preparing for another exciting summer of travel! Parents of Key Stage 1 children, please keep a look out for a letter with further details of how you can take Barnaby, or one of his friends, on holiday with you and support learning in Geography!

Mrs Stewart

School Association

The School Association are hosting an Auction Night on Wednesday 27th June to raise vital funds for our school. With the help of Tring Market Auctions we'll be auctioning a variety of lots after a two course meal at The Gatsby. Thanks to all the local businesses who have kindly donated and to our event sponsors, The Hair Secret.

Road Safety

The top playground gates are open every morning and we are asking parents to please use this entrance. Even though it is a longer way round and involves a walk through the churchyard, it is safer than walking down New Road.

Parking

Please do not park on the single yellow lines on New Road when dropping and collecting children.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A separate letter has gone out with more information regarding this vacancy. Please consider applying for this worthwhile position. Thank you.

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.

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

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

Title	Class	Via
Year 3 Visit to Central Watford Mosque – Tuesday 19 th June	3	Email
Curriculum Letter	6	Email
Year 3 Maypole Dancing – Saturday 7 th July	3	Hard copy via book bag
Year 2 Country Dancing Performance – Saturday 14 th July	2	Email
Nursery Weekly Newsletter 15 th June & 22 nd June	N	Email
Transition Morning Letter – Nursery to Reception	N	Email
EYFS Sports Day	N & R	Email
College Lake – Nursery & Reception Trip	N & R	Email

Event	Date & Time
KS 1 & KS 2 Sports Day	Tuesday 26 th June - 9.10am
EYFS Sports Day	Wednesday 27 th June – 9.30am
School Association Auction Evening	Wednesday 27 th June – 7.30pm
Music Concert	Thursday June 28 th – 9.10am
EYFS College Lake Trip	Thursday June 28 th
Year 5 Fiver Challenge Sale – After school	Thursday June 28 th
Year 2 Treat Friday – After school	Friday 29 th June
Class Transition Day	Thursday 5 th July
Rock Steady Music Concert	Friday July 6 th – 2.30pm
Year 3 Maypole Dancing at St Mary’s Church Fayre	Saturday 7 th July - meet at 12.15pm for 12.30pm performance
KS2 Play	Tuesday 10 th July – 9.30am & Wednesday 11 th July – 6pm
Reception Parents Meeting – ‘Moving to Year 1’ talk by Ms Gore	Wednesday 11 th July – 2.45pm
Whole School Open Evening	Thursday July 12 th - 5pm – 6.30pm
Foundation Stage Treat Friday	Friday 13 th July
Year 2 Country Dancing Performance- Northchurch Social Club	Saturday 14 th July – meet at 2.40pm for 3pm performance
Year 6 Leavers ‘ Service	Friday 20 th July – 9.30am
End of term	Friday 20 th July – 1.30pm

Please contact the office if you did not receive any of the above letters
Next newsletter on Friday 6th July.
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss V.M. Hunt