



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

Update Friday 8th 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

Abigail (Y5) has successfully completed Skate Excellence Grade 1.

Daniel (Y3) has been awarded a Berkhamsted Raiders Football U8 trophy for participation in the Blue team and a Manager's Player trophy.

Edie (Y3) has been awarded a Stage 3 swimming badge.

Jasper (Y3) has been awarded a Berkhamsted Raiders Football U8 trophy for participation in the White team.

Joshua (R) has passed his Level 10 badge in Berkhamsted Gymnastics Club Award Scheme.

Joseph (Y3) has been awarded a Berkhamsted Raiders Football U8 trophy for participation in the Blue team. He has also been awarded a medal for participation in the Kings Langley football tournament.

Macy (Y4) has been awarded a Berkhamsted Raiders Football U9 trophy for participation in the Cosmics team and a trophy for 'Role Model of the Season'.

Pippa (Y1) has been awarded a level 9 Berkhamsted Gymnastics badge and certificate.

Rose (Y4) has been awarded a medal for dancing in the Afonso School of Performing Arts Show.

Ruby (Y4) has been awarded a Berkhamsted Raiders Manager's Player trophy for the U9 Cosmics team.

Zara (Y6) has been awarded two Berkhamsted Raiders trophies. One for team participation in the Pulsars team and the other for Most Improved Player of 2017/2018.

Congratulations to you all.

Attendance Statistics

The attendance statistics for the academic year to date is as follows :

Nursery : 94.35%

Reception : 95.65%

Year 1 : 97.11%

Year 2 : 94.93%

Year 3 : 97.62%

Year 4 : 96.42%

Year 5 : 95.36%

Year 6 : 95.61%

Year 2 Trip

Year 2 had a fantastic trip at Ashridge Forest. We firstly had a go at mini-beast hunting and found some really interesting insects hiding under the logs, including ground beetle, worms and garden spiders. We then did some pond-dipping and were thrilled to see lots of life including tadpoles, plenty of newts and even some water beetle larva. We finally worked as a team to make our own dens in the forest! We had a fabulous time being outside all day, despite the chilly weather!

Year 4 Pedestrian Skills Training

On Wednesday 23rd May, Year 4 took part in Pedestrian Skills Training. The children were able to go out in small groups to learn how to cross roads as safely as possible. This important training was only possible due to the generous support of Mrs Clark, Mrs Cooley, Mrs Horton and Mrs Beck. Many thanks for taking the time to carry out this training.

Mrs Christie

Year 6 Residential

The children have had a fantastic week on their residential. They have experienced activities including orienteering, lighting fires, golf, aero ball, climbing and building shelters. A huge thank you to Mrs Dobbs, Mrs O'Dell and Mr Wignall for making this trip possible.

News from Reception

It has been fantastic to have the children back this week and they have all returned with a new zest for learning. We have been talking about pushing our learning this week and many of them have decided their own next steps. Our topic is changes and we have discussed how much we have changed this year. The children have all made such wonderful progress. Many were amazed and amused to see their self-portraits we drew on transition day last year. We repeated the exercise and this will be on display in our classroom.

Our role play indoors is still unchanged as the children still enjoy being in the zoo, however outside is being transformed into a football stadium.

Mrs Bates

Pre-school Bulletin 8/6/18

A big welcome back to all our children and families, we hope you all had a lovely half term break.

This week at Pre-school we have enjoyed the warm weather and made the most of our fabulous outdoor area. The children have been encouraged to use our low level climbing equipment, the outdoor musical corner, and our mud pie kitchen in the sand pit area.

There have been many 'cookies and cakes' made, with lots of mixing of mud and sand in our saucepans!

Next week we shall be making Father's Day cards ahead of Sunday.

We shall also be using the start of the World Cup to introduce flags of the World to the children. We shall talk about different countries, use the globe to demonstrate their position, and ask the children to help make flags to decorate our outdoor playhouse. This forms part of their Knowledge and Understanding of the World development.

For information about a place at Pre-school please email: stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.

Lisa Burkett and the Pre-school Team.

Voluntary Contributions

The governors would like to thank parents for their voluntary contributions which are very much appreciated. Governors will provide details in due course on how the money will be spent.

School Council News

School Council would like to thank all the children who bought snack bars at Tuck Shop and the parents that financed this. We have enough funds to pay our debt and to purchase more so when the snacks arrive we will announce another Tuck Shop date.

We will be once again supporting the wonderful Rennie Grove Hospice this year by offering children the chance to come to school in groovy shoes on Friday 22nd June. This charity is close to our hearts and offers such wonderful support and care. Children can wear alternative shoes that day, such as sports shoes. Please remember it's still a school day so you will need to wear something appropriate that allows you to run around safely. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fantastic Executive Committee (Emilia C, George, Lily & Louis) and their parents for creating and delivering a wonderful presentation to the School Governors. I know the Governors were impressed with your hard work. You are all a credit to the school and have worked so hard, bringing maturity and innovation to our 2018 Council. You are a tough act to follow and I'm challenging the Year 5's to step up to your high standard. Congratulations on being such a successful Executive Committee.

Mrs Bates and School Council

Dogs

Please can parents who bring their dogs with them to collect children from school make sure that they take the excrement home with them. The church have observed dogs tied up at the church side of the school gates and some people have been putting the bags of dog mess in the compost bins. There have also been bags of it left on the grass.

Thank you.

St Mary's Church

Reminder that we are a nut free school

Please ensure that no nut products are brought into school.

Parking

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

New Nursery & Reception Parents Meeting

There will be a meeting for new Nursery & Reception parents on Wednesday 20th June at 6.30pm

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.

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 2 Mini Olympics	Year 2	Email
Stem Kids Afterschool Club	Years 3/4/5/6	Email
Year 1 St Alban's Masorti Synagogue Trip	Year 1	Email
Nursery Newsletter – 25/5/2018 & 8/6/2018	N	Email
Year 6 Relationships & Sex Education Letter	6	Email
Father's Day Secret Room	All	Letter in book bag & Email
Fiver Challenge	5	Email
Curriculum Letter	N,R,1,2,3,4,5	Email
Parent Governor Elections	All	Email
School Association Auction Evening	All	Letter in book

Please contact the office if you did not receive any of the above letters
Next newsletter on Friday 22nd June.
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss V.M. Hunt