



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

Update Friday 20th July 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

Callum (Y5) won the Elite Sports Performer of the Year (KS2) at the DSSN Awards Night.

Daisy (Y3) and Charlotte (Y4) have both been awarded Ross & Andy's Word Cup Winner trophies.

Edie (Y4) has donated hair to the Little Princess Trust that provide real hair wigs to children and young people.

Eliza (R) has been awarded a Level 5 swimming certificate.

Finley (R) has been awarded a Ross & Andy 'Player of the Term' trophy.

Harry (Y5) achieved a distinction in his Grade 1 guitar exam.

Luca (Y1) and George V (Y1) have both been awarded Ross & Andy 'World Cup 2018' trophies.

Olly (Y4) won the coach's award at Northchurch Cricket Club for the 2018 U10's team. Olly also ran the 5km Kapow run at Ashlyn's and finished 3rd.

Phoebe (Y3) has been awarded a Level 10 swimming certificate.

Violet (Y6) achieved a distinction in her Grade 1 singing exam.

Congratulations to you all.

Trophy Assembly – 2017/18 Winners

Learner of the year	Phoebe Goss
Archbold cup for RE	George Foster
Gore trophy for maths	Bella Walker
Christie cup for languages	Miranda Scott Salomo
Kaye Cup for progress	Bobby Butler
Forsyth cup for drama	Anna Heck & Oliver Turner
Hopkins cup for Art	Finlay Black & Grace Bartholomew-Smith
Hampton cup for English	Emilia Carroll
Herts police cup for citizenship	Dougal Brooks
Manager cup for effort	Zara Hunt & Violet Horton
Zimet cup for science	Max Corr
Pain brothers cup for swimming	Charlotte Holmes-Higgin
DSSN sportsperson of the year	James Sales
Class award N	Anya Walther
Class award R	Eliza Jones
Class award 1	George Verstringhe
Class award 2	Lucy Cornwell
Class award 3	Sadie Beecroft
Class award 4	Mollie Rees
Class award 5	Abbie Holdcroft
Class award 6	Lily Van Duyvenbode
House cup	Griffin
Sports day shield	Griffin
Running Club Trophies	Phoebe Goss & Billy Read

Well done to all of the children.

Y2 Country Dancing

A huge well done to Year 2 who have been very busy performing their Country Dances last week-once on Monday for the Monday Club and then again on Saturday at the Northchurch Social Centre to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

The children have been working so hard learning and perfecting the dances and they performed beautifully. Very well done!

Mrs Zimet and Mrs Archbold

Y3 Maypole Dancing

A massive well done to the Year 3 children who took part in Maypole dancing at St Mary's Church Fayre on Saturday 7th July. The sun was shining and the children danced beautifully. They have worked exceptionally hard over the past few weeks to perfect the dances and I felt incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Well done!

Miss Groves

DHC District Sports Athletics

Very well done to the children from Years 5 and 6 who competed in the DHC District Sports Athletics competition at Jarman Park Athletics Track in Hemel Hempstead on Monday 9th July. The children represented the school with a great spirit and excellent teamwork. Although they did not win, they should be very proud of their efforts on the day. Special mention goes to the Year 6 boys' relay team, who came first in their race! Well done everyone!

Mr Potter

News from Reception

This week we have participated in Race for Life, earned our reward from the pebble jar, had a party and discussed our favourite memories of the year. Many had wonderful memories but sadly only two children can talk in church. We have been lucky enough to have had another year of wonderful learners. Joyous and enthusiastic little faces on my carpet. We entered Reception with many of us just about writing our name and just reciting numbers and now I have prolific story writers and mathematicians who can not only add and subtract but double and count in multiples. I am amazed at how hard they work and so very proud of them. They couldn't reach these goals without support from home, daily reading and discussion of our learning with their families. I am so grateful to you parents for trusting me to look after your precious children and it's an honour and privilege to get to know them. My gift was amazing if not a wonder!! So sweet and thoughtful. I also love that the children all signed it. Thankyou.

Mrs Bates

Pre-school Bulletin 20/7/18

This week at Pre-school we have enjoyed our last week together by playing games. We all enjoyed our Teddy Bear's picnic last Friday, and it was great to have welcomed so many parents and family members to join us for the afternoon.

We are really proud of our Pre-school children, and we know that they are fully prepared to take the next steps into their Nursery and Reception classes.

The staff would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for their support throughout the year, and their very kind gifts and well wishes during this last week of term.

It only remains for us to wish you all a lovely summer break, and we look forward to seeing some of you again in September.

With best wishes,

Lisa Burkett and the Pre-school Team.

School Association News

St Mary's School Association's first Matchbox Challenge proved to be a great success.

There were some very well decorated matchboxes which made it difficult to choose the winners. The children had great fun finding the items to go in their matchboxes and a lot of weird and wonderful items were selected. The highest number of items in a single matchbox was 100!

Overall the challenge raised £588.90 for the School Association funds. A huge thank you to the children for taking part.

The winners of the Matchbox competition are as follows :

Alice (Y4), Harry (Y2), Jessica (Y1), May (Y3), Pippa (Y1), Poppy (Y2), Samuel (Y4) and Sienna (R)

Winners are for the best decorated, most sponsorship raised and the most items in the matchbox. Photographs of the winning entries are on the website under 'School Association'.

Exhibition Evening

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Exhibition Evening on Thursday 12th July. It was a lovely opportunity to view the children's work.

Ofsted Parent View

Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year **and** at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View.

When our school is notified of its next Ofsted inspection, parents will be invited to give their views about the school to inspectors using the Parent View online facility as this has replaced Ofsted's paper questionnaire. Please make sure we have your most up-to-date contact details.

Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions.

Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved.

If you do not have a computer or an email address **or** if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask the school office.

Road Safety Survey

Thank you to all of the parents who took part in the Road Safety Survey. Responses have now been passed on to the Parish Council.

Summer Term 2018 RE News

This term has been another busy one! Year 5 visited St Albans Masorti Synagogue in May for a Shabbat workshop, and Year 1 visited again in June to look at the Torah and Jewish artefacts. Year 3 enhanced their learning about the Five Pillars of Islam by visiting Watford Central Mosque.

We visited St Mary's Church as a whole school to celebrate Ascension Day, and Jonathan led our Pentecost service on the field. Mr Russell has also led us in collective worship this term, which is always a lively and fun assembly.

We enjoyed British Values Day as each class focused on a particular value, reflecting on what it means to our school community, as well as to Great Britain as a whole. Finally we have said good bye to our Year 6 class in our Leavers' Day Service. It has been a year full of learning opportunities in RE and I'm always impressed by the children's thoughtful discussions and reflections on both their own beliefs and those of others.

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.

Race for Life

The School Council hosted a very successful Race for Life event on Monday. Mrs Jay gave us some promotional material which we are very grateful for. This is such an important charity and so close to our hearts, we all have been affected by this dreadful disease and every little bit really does help. We managed to raise £241.96 which is fantastic. I was so impressed that all the children remembered about the event and am thankful to all those parent reps and What's App groups that ensured non-uniform and donations would happen. Sometimes we forget how lucky we are to have such a wonderful school community and when we come together we are a mighty force.

Mrs Bates

Meet the Teacher Evening

Meet the Teacher evening date for Years 1 to Year 6 (Nursery and Reception have already had their meetings) will be on Wednesday 5th September at 6.00pm.

Parents of September Year 5 and 6 Cohorts

As you will be aware, children are able to walk unaccompanied by an adult to and from school in Years 5 and 6. The current Year 4 children have already had their Road Safety Awareness Training to support them in managing this. We would like to make it clear to parents that if they feel their child will NOT be ready to walk to and from school unaccompanied by an adult in September, then they should please seriously consider whether this will be appropriate. In order to encourage communication between class teachers and parents, the Year 5 teachers will be on the playground at the end of the day from Monday to Friday and the Year 6 teacher will be on the playground on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, should you wish to discuss anything with them.

Year 4 Children

Current Year 4 children will need a shirt and tie for their school winter uniform from the start of Year 5.

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 are now shown on the school uniform suppliers' websites.

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

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.

Title	Class	Via
Rocksteady Music Band Letter	R – Y5	Email
Boogaloo Boogie Autumn Term Booking Form	R - 2	Email
Nursery Newsletter 13 th July & 20 th July	N	Email
Barnaby Bear Letter	1 & 2	Email
Year 4 Residential Trip To Woodrow – May 2019	4	Email

Event	Date & Time
School resumes for the Autumn Term 2018	Tuesday 4th September
Autumn Term Guitar Lessons	Starting Thursday 6 th September

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

End of Year Message

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us this morning for a very moving end of year service. Many thanks to Jonathan for leading it and to Mrs. Dobbs and the Year 6 children for organising it. The whole school gathered together in church to say goodbye to Year 6 who recalled memories of their experiences of every class in the school. We wish them all a fantastic future as they embark on their journey through secondary school. Goodbye Grace, Lottie, Finlay, Dougal, Bobby, Emilia, Max, George, Phoebe, Anna, Louis, Violet, Rory, Zara, Mia, Keira, Carson, Billy, James, Miranda, Dylan, Amber, Emilia, Oliver, Lily and Bella. We have also said a fond farewell to Mrs. Sales who is leaving the Breakfast Club and to Mr. Wignall who will be leaving us to study for his PGCE next year. Mrs O'Dell and Mrs Evans will be taking over from Mrs. Sales in running the breakfast club. I would like to welcome back Miss King to Year 4 after her maternity leave.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who works so tirelessly for our children through your involvement with the Parent Association, Parent Forum, Class Representatives, Governing body and to everyone who volunteers in so many capacities. I would also like to express my thanks to all the staff at the school who carry out an amazing job and work so very hard. I am filled with pride at our amazing school community.

On behalf of the staff at St. Mary's I would like to thank you for all of your gifts, cards and good wishes. This has again been an extremely busy and fulfilling year. It is my privilege to be Headteacher at this school. I wish you all a very safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school in September.

Miss V. M. Hunt

Term Date Academic Year 2018-19

In 2018-19, schools have 5 Staff INSET Days and 1 Occasional Day Holiday on which to close the school. These are all taken during the school terms template issued by Hertfordshire County Council.

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September	Staff INSET (1)
Tuesday 4 September	Pupils return
Friday 26 October	Staff INSET (2)
Mon 29 October – Fri 2 November	Half term break
Monday 5 November	Pupils return
Friday 30 November	Occasional Day
Friday 21 December	End of term (early closure)

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January	Staff INSET (3)
Tuesday 8 January	Pupils Return
Mon 18 – Fri 22 February	Half term break
Monday 25 February	Pupils return
Friday 5 April	End of term (early closure)

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April	Staff INSET (4)
Wednesday 24 April	Pupils return
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 27 – Fri 31 May	Half term break
Monday 3 June	Pupils return
Tuesday 23 July	End of term (early closure)
Wednesday 24 July	Staff INSET (5)