



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

**Update Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

Abigail P (Y5) has been awarded a certificate of participation in a Buggy Malone theatre production. Abigail has also been awarded a Level 2 Skate Excellence certificate.

Alana V D (Y4) has been awarded a medal for a triathlon at Green Park. The race included a 150m swim, 2km bike and a 1km run. Alana came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her age group.

Amelie S (Y4) has been awarded a Level 8 swimming certificate.

Amelie S (Y4) and Jacob S (R) both participated in the Tring Midsummer Fun Run and were awarded medals.

Callum P (Y5) came 4th at the recent Triathlon England Regional Championships. Callum also won the Tring Fun Run (Year 5 Group).

Elodee W (Y4) has completed level 4 of the junior snowboard learning journey at the Snow Centre.

Lottie B (Y6) has been awarded a Distinction in her recent Grade 3 ballet exam.

Lottie S (Y 1) has achieved Level 2 in the 'Learn to Swim' programme.

Paige W (Y1) has been awarded Level 1 & Level 2 swimming certificates.

Congratulations to you all.

**Celebrations Assembly**

The Special Achievers certificates went to:

Year 1: Freya, Paige  
Year 2: Jack, Milo  
Year 3: Amelie, Lucas  
Year 4: Riad, Brandon  
Year 5 : Adam H, Jack

Well done to all of the children.

**Summer Music Concerts**

On Friday 22nd June the first of our annual music concerts took place. We heard Y5 and Y6 playing their ukuleles and Y3 playing recorders. They have not been learning these instruments for very long and played really well. We also heard Mrs Osmond's recorder group and Thomas Osmond playing his guitar. Finally the KS2 choir performed.

The second part of the music concerts took place on Thursday 28th June. We were treated to performances by children playing guitar, piano, strings and brass instruments.

All the children did fantastically well, it takes a lot of courage to stand up and perform in front of such a large audience. Well done to all those who took part and thank you so much to all the music teachers for the time and commitment in preparing the children for the concerts.

**School Reports**

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

**Teacher For The Day**

We look forward to welcoming the following children to be the 'Teacher for the Day' on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Teacher For The Day

Y1:Paige W  
Y2:Lucy C  
Y3:Sadie B  
Y4:Elodee W  
Y5:Poppy B  
Y6:Rory H

### **News from Reception**

A massive well done to all the Reception and Nursery children for their impeccable behaviour on our school trip to College Lake. A magical day out hunting for shattered rainbows and listening to tree concerts. Luckily our teddy bears didn't go missing for long and we all enjoyed our picnic. We couldn't have gone on our trip without the invaluable help from our parent volunteers so huge thanks to them. We took plenty of photos so don't forget to attend the Exhibition evening where they will be on display with many other items from the year.

Not only did we have the trip but also our first ever Foundation only sports day. From our own observations and the feedback received, it was a successful event. I know the children really enjoyed it. We used a mixture of good old traditional activities and some more topical, such as the penalty shoot-out. We felt it important to add the snack and I think the respite from the heat was very welcome. The running races provided an increased level of competition which the children really enjoyed but I believe the adults enjoyed them even more. Will Andy ever lose? Congratulations Leila's mum also. The suggestion that staff should compete is outrageous and totally ludicrous, I will ignore that suggestion! We were so lucky to have the Sports Leaders and have sent them a card made by the children. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the bacon rolls; we offer our great thanks to the Parent Association for their continuous hard work.

This week we have been lucky to explore the skulls courtesy of Ms Lupo and the Natural History Museum and have been reading the fabulous story of love between a caterpillar and a tadpole. We have also continued our investigations into doubling and halving.

Mrs Bates

### **Pre-school Bulletin 6/7/18**

This week at Pre-school the children have loved visiting the forest school to collect their leaves. We have enjoyed making them into collage pictures and have talked about their colours and textures. We have also had some fantastic leaves being brought in from home, which we really have found interesting.

Next week is our transition week, we shall be talking to the children about where they will be going after the summer break. We shall be letting the children try on school uniform items from the various schools, identifying the school badges and colours. Mrs Brown, the St Mary's Nursery teacher and some other teachers from other schools will be visiting our afternoon session to meet the children to see them in their familiar place.

Transition activities all form part of their Personal, Social and Emotional Development as we prepare them for the next steps in their academic journey.

For more details 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)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Burkett and the Pre-school Team

### **School Association News**

During both Sports Days which took place last week, we sold breakfast rolls and drinks to parents who came along to watch the event. We are pleased to say that this raised over £300.

That same Wednesday, we held the St. Mary's Auction evening. It was a really great night and proved very successful in raising over £2,500. For those of you who have yet to pay for your auction lots, please can you do so as soon as possible via bank transfer with your surname as a reference. The account number is: 00270977, sort code: 30-90-73. Alternatively, please make cheques payable to St. Mary's School Association and hand to a member of the School Association or place in the secure mailbox located outside the office.

We would like to say a huge thank you to those parents who came along and supported these events. Thank you to the sponsors of our event, The Hair Secret.

A huge thank you from the school for all the School Association's hard work.

### **Library Reading Challenge**

On Monday, we had an assembly from the librarians at Berkhamsted Library who talked to us about this year's Summer Reading Challenge with the theme, 'Mischief Makers'.

It starts from 14th July and lasts until September so there is plenty of time to complete the challenge, which consists of reading just 6 books over the summer. As they read the books, the children will explore 'Beanotown' finding clues to search for buried treasure and collect special stickers along the way.

Upon completing the challenge, the children will also receive a certificate and a wristband.

It would be great if you could support and encourage your child to take part as it is a fabulous opportunity to instil a love of reading.

Get reading!

Mrs Zimet

### **Sports Day**

A huge "thank you!" to all those parents who came along to help out and support the children at this year's Sports Day. As always, the children had a great time competing in the round-robin events in the morning, and the afternoon races were great fun and highly competitive, despite the very hot weather. All of the children showed excellent character and sportsmanship throughout. Very well done to Dragon House, who were the winners overall.

A big thank you must also go to the School Association for their help with refreshments.

### **Benchball tournament**

A big "well done!" to the Year 6 sports leaders for running the whole-school bench ball tournament this week. They did an excellent job of explaining the rules, keeping score and refereeing the games. Everyone had a great time, and there were some really close matches. Congratulations to the green team for winning overall, and well done to everyone for their effort and fantastic sportsmanship.

### **Exhibition Evening**

All families and friends of all children in the school are invited to the Exhibition Evening on Thursday 12th July from 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

This is a lovely opportunity to view the work that has been taking place in your child(ren)'s classes and also a chance to visit their next classroom and meet the teachers.

### **Race for Life**

School Council will be supporting Cancer Research again this year with The Race for Life event taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Not only is this a really fun activity which promotes an active lifestyle but it also helps raise awareness for this important charity. Sadly Cancer has affected many of us and School Council really want to support this amazing charity. The whole school will be taking part and will run around the field in their class groups. All children who take part will receive a medal. We will also be offering all children the chance to come into school in sports clothes, this includes trainers. We will be asking for a minimum voluntary £1 contribution for this and all profits will go towards this wonderful charity. We will have an assembly about the event on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July for the school.

Please contact Mrs Bates if you have any further questions.

### **Year 4 Children**

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

### **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.

### **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.

**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 warning**

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.

**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)

**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.

**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](mailto:admin@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk)

Thank you.

Title	Class	Via
KS2 Production Tickets	Y5 & Y6	Email
Yoga Club – for Y1 & Y2 Autumn Term	R & Y1	Email
School Dinner Letter – End of Universal Free School Meals	Y2	Email
2017 Christian Ethos Questionnaire	All	Email
Nursery Newsletter 2 <sup>nd</sup> July & 6 <sup>th</sup> July	N	Email
Year 5 & 6 Show Permission Letter	5 & 6	Email
Advance notice of possible change to KS2 production start time	5 & 6	Email

Event	Date & Time
Year 3 Maypole Dancing at St Mary's Church Fayre	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July - meet at 12.15pm for 12.30pm performance
KS2 Play	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am & Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – 6pm
Reception Parents Meeting – 'Moving to Year 1' talk by Ms Gore	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – 2.45pm
Whole School Exhibition Evening	Thursday July 12 <sup>th</sup> - 5pm – 6.30pm
Foundation Stage Treat Friday	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 2 Country Dancing Performance- Northchurch Social Club	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – meet at 2.40pm for 3pm performance
Year 6 Leavers ' Service	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am
End of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – 1.30pm

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

Next newsletter on Friday 20th July.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss V.M. Hunt