



St Mary's C of E Primary School
'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 21st September 2018
Headteacher Miss V M Hunt
Core Christian Value for this half term: Hope
Learning to learn skill : Independence

Dear Parents,

Special Achievers Certificates

Reception: Bailey & Dylan
Year 1: Jonathan & Leila
Year 2: Jessica & Mav
Year 3: Josephine & Marley
Year 4: Jed & Scarlett
Year 6: Adam H & Flinty

Out of School Achievements

Callum (Y6) finished 4th overall in the British Triathlon Eastern Region Junior Race Series.

Daisy (Y4) has been awarded the Under 8's Manager's Player of the Year trophy for Berkhamsted Raiders Girls Football team (Supersonics).

Hayley (Y2) has won 1st place in bar, 2nd place in beam, floor and vault and 2nd place overall in the Berkhamsted Gymnastics Club Championships.

Lexie M (Y2) has won 2nd place in bars, floor and vault and 2nd place overall in the Stevanage Gymnastics Club Championships.

Thomas (Y6) achieved a distinction in his Grade 3 guitar exam.

Congratulations to you all.

Sports Apprentice

We are delighted to say a big "welcome" to Miss Sian Gill, who will be joining us this year as a Sports Apprentice in association with the Dacorum School Sports Network. Miss Gill will be working full time with children from all classes to support our PE provision including PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs.

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.

Executive Committee

Following excellent presentations to Miss Hunt, Mr Kemp, our chair of governors, and Mrs Bates who runs the School Council, the following Y6 children have been chosen to form the Executive Committee for the forthcoming year :-

Chair - Flinty

Vice Chair - Lewis

Minutes Secretary - Thomas

Agenda Secretary - Soraya

Treasurer – Adam W

Congratulations to these children for being selected for these roles.

Dogs

Unfortunately we are unable to provide hooks on the inside of the new electronic gates. It is actually a HCC bylaw that prevents dogs from coming onto school premises. We cannot be seen to breach that. Children can get upset by dogs barking at them when dogs are tethered to the gate, on school grounds

Further, if we actually provided tethers on school premises and a dog were to bite or seriously frighten a child, or adult, there is a potential liability issue. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Kemp – Chair of Governors

St. Mary's School Association

AGM

A reminder that the AGM is taking place on Wednesday 17th October. Existing and new parents are invited to consider joining the team to raise important funds for our school. The School Association consists of a very enthusiastic and hardworking group of parents, constantly striving to come up with new, as well as maintain popular fundraising ideas. Successful fundraising events have enabled the school to install electric gates and purchase a school stage. The existing Committee, Miss Hunt and Mr Kemp look forward to seeing you at this meeting. Remember that all parents are automatically members of the School Association.

Bishops Harvest Appeal 2018

This year the Bishop's Harvest Appeal is supporting farmers through 'Give Peas a Chance'. On Thursday the Collective Worship team announced that we would be supporting the charity by coming to school dressed in green. We invite the whole school to wear green on Thursday 4th October (Which is also the date of our Harvest service). We ask for a small donation of £1 which will go towards helping farmers buy the equipment and resources to grow crops and support their families. Thank you in advance for your support.
Miss Groves and the Collective Worship Team.

News from Reception

What a fantastic time we are having in Reception! I am so pleased with how the children are listening and understanding instructions. We have been focussing on how to use the library and the sand pit. Although many of us have used these areas it's now time to really understand how to look after these areas, tidy up and decide rules. We have to respect the resources or they will not be available for others to use. It would be really good if at home you could reinforce this message of tidying up the toys after you use them.

After exploring the abundant herb garden the children decided they wanted to cook something with them. I researched a recipe for cheese and chive scones. The voluntary contributions you give us allow me to purchase the ingredients necessary and we made delicious scones on Wednesday. We were so impressed at how the children listened and took turns. Last week we took delivery of our fabulous new water station, it was very expensive but we feel it is an essential piece of equipment to enable children to explore capacity, measurement, language development as well as being a lot of fun. Thank you to Mr Terry Douris, Cabinet Member & County Councillor for Bridgewater, for very generously providing us with funding from the Community Locality Budget. Without this donation we would have been unable to purchase it.

Mrs Bates

Pre-school Bulletin 20/09/18

This week at Pre-school we have really enjoyed exploring the leaves and talking about their shape and texture. We have started our display board with our autumn collage pictures and will continue with that into next week.

Next week we shall be introducing some of our mathematical activities. We shall be using our various shape boards, and looking at shapes in our environment.

To support your child's learning at home, it would be great to point out different shapes whilst you are out and about, either in the car, at home or walking to school. Such as wheels on the car, window and door shapes, shapes of packets of food etc.

Please remember that if you have any queries about any aspect of Pre-school you are welcome to speak to me at the end of the school day, or email [us](mailto:us@stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com) on stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend,

Lisa Burkett and the Pre-school team.

Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

On Friday 28th September we are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning to help raise funds to make sure people with cancer can continue to live life their way. To make a donation, please text JAM EAM5 to 70550 to donate £5. We look forward to seeing you in the school hall at 9am. Donations of cakes (nut free) would be gratefully accepted. Please advise the office if you are able to donate cakes.

The School Association will be holding a second hand uniform sale at this event – all items are 50p each. This event will be a good opportunity to meet the School Association members.

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.

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.

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.

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
Curriculum Letters	Y1 – Y6	Email
Year 1 Intersports Competition – Monday 11 th March 2019	Y1	Email
Year 2 Intersports Competition – Tuesday 13 th November 2018	Y2	Email
Year 3 & 4 Cross Country – Tuesday 9 th October	Y3 & 4	Email
Year 5 & 6 Cross Country – Tuesday 9 th October	Y4 & 5	Email
Year 5 Visit to St Albans Cathedral – Harvest Service – Tuesday 2 nd October 2018	Y5	Email
Autumn Term Clubs	All	Email
Year 6 Measuring height & weight letter / Online Health Questionnaire	6	Email
Year 3 Berkhamsted Castle Visit – Friday 28 th September	3	Email
Choir at the O2	5 & 6	Email
Lego Club	Y1-Y6	Email
Running Club	Y3-Y6	Email
Nursery Weekly Newsletter – Sep 14 2018	N	Email
Y6 Bronze Sports Ambassadors	Y6	Hard Copy
Parent Forum Nominations	All	Email
Nasal Flu Letter	R – Y5	Email
NSPCC Letter	Y1-Y6	Email
School Association AGM	All	Email
School Calendar	All	Email

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

Event	Date & Time
KS1 and KS2 NSPCC Assemblies	Monday 24 th September
School yoga day - Reception to Y6	Wednesday 26 th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning 9am-11am	Friday 28 th September
Y3 trip to Berkhamsted Castle	Friday 28 th September
Y5 Trip to St. Albans Cathedral Harvest Service	Tuesday 2 nd October
Harvest Service in Church 9.30am / Wear green to school	Thursday 4 th October
Y2 Trip to St. Albans Cathedral	Monday 8 th October

NSPCC Workshops Y5 & Y6	Wednesday 10 th October
Reception to Y5 nasal flu spray	Thursday 11 th October
Science week	Monday 15 th October
Open Classrooms 3.20pm – 3.40pm	Monday 15 th October
School Association AGM 7pm	Wednesday 17 th October
Parent Consultations 5pm – 8pm	Tuesday 23 rd October
Parent Consultations 3.30pm -6.30pm	Wednesday 24 th October

Next newsletter on Friday 5th October

I hope you all have a happy and relaxing weekend. 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)