



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

Update Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

**Core Christian Value for this half term: Love**

Learning to learn skill : Determination

Dear Parents,

**New Children**

We would like to welcome two new children to St Mary's, Darcie (Y2) and Sienna (N).

**Out of School Achievements**

Adam H (Y6) achieved Distinction in his grade 2 guitar exam.

Chloe, Martha, May and Scarlett (All Year 4) played for Ross & Andy in the Watford Girls Football Tournament. They won two games out of four.

Daniel (Y3) has been awarded an Honours certificate in the Introductory Musical Theatre exam.

Harry (Y6) achieved Distinction in his grade 2 guitar exam.

Oliver (Y1) has been awarded a certificate in the Musical Theatre Blue Rosette exam.

Poppy (Y3) has achieved a distinction in her primary tap exam. Poppy was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Novice Modern Solo Dance at Chesham Arts Festival and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a Novice Stage Solo Dance at Luton Festival of Dance.

Poppy (Y6) has achieved a distinction at Grade 4 in the National Development Plan for Gymnastics.

Congratulations to you all.

**Special Achievers Certificates**

Reception: Evan, Max

Year 1: Harry, Jenna

Year 2: Cian, Darcie

Year 3: Tyler, William

Year 4: Amelie, Lucas

Year 5: Emily, Hugo

Year 6: Adam, Lewis

Well done to all these children

**Sports News**

The boys football team won the Dacorum Plate Cup Final by beating Leverstock Green 6-0 in the final. Goals from Luca, Callum, Adam H, Luke, Jack and Olly. They have been outstanding all year and thoroughly deserved to win the competition. They were a real credit to the school in the way they behaved throughout the competition. The boys have all got medals, but unfortunately no trophy which is a shame! The whole A team squad throughout the season and who all played in the final were Joe, Lewis, Harry, Luca, Charlie, Adam H, Alfie, Callum, Luke, Jack, Olly and Robin Sales. Congratulations to the team!

**Science Week Competition Winner**

Congratulations to Hugo in Year 5 who was the overall winner for 'Most Imaginative Bird' in the Brilliant Birds Paper Engineering Challenge run by SETPOINT. We ran this competition during our Science week and Hugo was shortlisted for KS2 to represent St Mary's Primary school. 90 schools took part in the competition and 5,400 children so a huge well done to Hugo for an amazing achievement. Entries can be viewed on [www.facebook.com/setpointHertfordshire/](http://www.facebook.com/setpointHertfordshire/). Hugo's prize included a trophy, a bird book and a family admission ticket to the Raptor Foundation Centre.

**Miss Van Komen**

We have been incredibly lucky in Year 3 to have been able to work with Miss Van Komen who is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Year university student who was with us for her final teaching placement! I can speak on behalf of all of the class that Miss Van Komen had such a positive impact on the learning and progress since she started and that she will be greatly missed! I have no doubt that Miss Van Komen will make an excellent teacher and her new school are exceptionally lucky to have her! Good Luck and please keep in touch!

Miss Groves and Year 3

### **News from Reception**

A short week but still action packed as always! We have started to investigate money and are enjoying exploring the real coins available in class. Some children went to Tesco's this week to purchase the items on the shopping list. The children were impeccably behaved and did a great job. Once we had the items we were able to make fruit smoothies. It seems the fruit salad idea wasn't as popular! We voted as a class on which items to purchase. We were able to work in two groups as both Mrs Williamson and I brought in our food mixers. The children chopped the fruit and then worked out how to divide the berries equally. We talked about halving. We then made several batches of smoothie which pretty much everyone enjoyed. This then sparked lots of discussion about healthy eating. We talked about the importance of cleanliness when preparing food. I know many of you made smoothies at home and many made lists of ingredients so it was really great to bring this to fruition!!

Mrs Bates

### **Pre-school bulletin 10/5/19**

This week at Pre-school we have enjoyed using the remote control cars. We have used vocabulary of direction, left, right, forwards, backwards etc, and had fun as they toured the classroom. Next week we shall be exploring our supply of musical instruments, how they can make a sound, how the sounds are different, and how they can change the sound. This forms part of their Expressive Arts and Design development. We shall also be practising our fire drill and lock down drill. This is an essential skill for them to learn as they follow our instructions and complete a task that is outside of our normal routine. If you have any queries regarding these activities, or wish to enquire about a place at Pre-school, please speak to me at the end of the school day, or email [stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspreschool.northchurch@gmail.com)

Have a lovely weekend,

Lisa Burkett and the Pre-school team.

### **Year 2 Author Visit**

Last Tuesday, local author Kelly Wright came in to Year 2 and Reception to read her book, 'Bluebell Woods'. The children were inspired to hear how she created her book having first come up with her idea when she was only 7 years old. It got the children thinking about how they too could become an author, as many had some fabulous ideas. I look forward to seeing their published books in the future! A huge thank you to Kelly. Mrs Zimet

### **Year 3 - Celtic Harmony**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April children in Year 3 went back in time to the Stone Age! At Celtic Harmony the children enjoyed learning about flint knapping to make tools, being hunter gatherers and looking for food for the tribe. We worked as a team to build dens and watched as our tribe leader started a fire to keep us warm! The children demonstrated exemplary behaviour whilst on our trip and Miss Van Komen and I felt exceptionally proud of them. We learnt so much about the Stone Age and it really started our new history topic off with a bang! Thank you to Mrs Evans, Mrs Ralphs and Mrs Stead for travelling back in time with us!

Miss Groves

### **Parent Forum**

We have our next Parent Forum meeting on Friday 14th June. If you have anything that you would like to raise for discussion, please contact your Parent Forum Rep by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The parent reps are:

Karol Freeman and Joanne Loch (Reception)

Sarah Jones (Year 1)

Tracy Webster (Year 2)

Julie Allen and Tracey Davis (Year 3)

Sarah Jones (Year 4)

Louise Cooley (Year 5)

Su Bennett (Year 6)

**School Council News**

School Council seem to be very low in attendance. Please remember if you have been selected for School Council then you should attend. It is an honour to represent the school, you make School Council and you decide how it runs. It was decided to have a weekly meeting so please attend them. We are very lucky that Flinty has made fabulous sashes for us to wear, please make sure they are worn in school. The previous sashes have now all disappeared. Please look at home and under beds. If you have a sash at home please return it to the office. I am very proud of the School Council and all that it has achieved this year including the new Monday Club. The Executive Committee will be presenting to the school governors and it's a pretty impressive list of achievements. Tuck shop will be the week of 20<sup>th</sup> May, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I am still eager to hear tuck shop options if anyone has any suggestions, it's incredibly difficult to source healthy snacks at reasonable prices that require no preparation.

Mrs Bates and School Council

**Mass Health Walk**

We are inviting you to take part in the fourth annual Mass Health Walk Day on Monday 13 May, to celebrate National Walking Month. There are over 30 free walks to choose from across the county – you'll have the choice of joining a variety of distances, from a gentle 20 minute, through to a brisk 90 minute walk. Introduce a friend, bring a neighbour or rally the family to help make this the biggest Mass Health Walk event ever! All the walks for 13<sup>th</sup> May can be found online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/cms](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/cms)

To register as a walker and to download all the walks for your area taking place over the summer visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks).

**Music Lessons**

Please note that a full half term's notice is required to cancel a music lesson.

**School Association**

After several years of dedication and hard work the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are stepping down from their roles in October. Replacements are urgently needed. If you are interested in any of these roles, there is the opportunity to shadow the Committee during forthcoming events this term e.g. Fathers' Day Secret Room, Summer Fayre and Y6 Leavers' Service. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please leave your contact details with the school office.

**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)

Emails should not be sent via the School Gateway as this inbox account is not monitored.

**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](mailto:breakfast.club@stmarys916.herts.sch).

<b>Title</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Via</b>
Curriculum Letter	N	Email
Curriculum Letter	R	Hard copy
Nursery Newsletter 3 May	N	Email
Head's Letter - Retirement	All	Email
Penalty Notice Letter For Unauthorised Absence	All	Email
Year 6 SATS letter	Year 6	Email
Year 6 RSE Letter	Year 6	Email

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
KS2 SATS Week	Week Commencing Monday May 13 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4 Residential Trip to Woodrow	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 4 Class Assembly – 9.10am	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Open Classrooms - 3.20pm to 3.45pm	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Foundation Stage Treat Friday	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Y6 Residential to Norfolk	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Pentecost Service – School Field – 9.10am	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 Phonics screening week	Week commencing Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
EYFS Meet the teacher evening (new parents)– 6pm	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Father's Day Secret Room	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Class Assembly – 9.10am	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Parent Forum - 2pm	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June

Next newsletter on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

I hope you all have a happy and relaxing weekend.

**Miss V.M. Hunt**

### Term Dates Academic Year 2018-19

#### **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)

### Term Dates Academic Year 2019-20

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

Monday 2 September	Staff INSET (1)
Tuesday 3 September	Pupils return
Friday 25 October	Staff INSET (2)
Mon 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half term break
Monday 4 November	Pupils return
Friday 20 December	End of term (early closure)

#### **Spring Term 2020**

Monday 6 January	Staff INSET (3)
Tuesday 7 January	Pupils Return
Mon 17 – Fri 21 February	Half term break
Monday 24 February	Pupils return
Friday 3 April	End of term (early closure)

#### **Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20 April	Staff INSET (4)
Tuesday 21 April	Pupils return
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 25 – Fri 29 May	Half term break
Monday 1 June	Pupils return
Friday 17 July	End of term (early closure)
Monday 20 July	Staff INSET (5)
Tuesday 21 July	Occasional Day