



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

Update Friday 7th June 2019

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

Core Christian Value for this half term: Courage

Learning to learn skill : Independence

Dear Parents,

Out of School Achievements

Benjamin (Y1) has passed Level 2 in the Learn to Swim course.

Charlie (Y4) has passed Level 7 in the Learn to Swim course.

Oscar (Y3) completed his 10th Parkrun during half term and came first in his age category.

Zennor (Y2) has achieved a Distinction in her LAMDA Introductory Graded Examination.

Congratulations to you all.

Special Achievers Certificates

Reception: Grace, Luna

Year 1: Erin, Jacob

Year 2: Albert, Benji

Year 3: Josie, Lucas

Year 4: Clara, Scarlett

Year 5: Amelie, Elodee

Year 6 Residential

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

Bags2School

On Wednesday 12th June there will be a collection from Bags2School. Bags2School collect good quality clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. They don't collect school uniforms. This is a great fundraiser for the school as we receive a donation based on the weight of bags collected. You should have now received your collection bag. Black bin bags can also be used for the collection. Please only return the bags on Wednesday 12th June. Bags cannot be dropped any earlier as we have no storage.

News from Reception

So excited to have all the children back and begin our final chapter! I'm amazed at their vigour for learning. I've heard all about their holidays and we have talked about our news. This led us to looking at real News and newspapers. We even had a go at creating our own news on the Word programme. I've loved that some have bought in Newspapers and could talk about world events. How wonderful for our children to be aware of what's going on in the world. 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 the corridor. We have also read 'Bog Baby' and continued on our story maps as well as looking at Monet and his art and some of us replicating it for our Bog Baby display. Our role play indoors is still unchanged as the children still enjoy being in the zoo, however outside has been transformed into a garden centre; we would really welcome any unwanted seeds and garden items. Monday we start lining up on the top playground and next week we will start enjoying break time with the whole school after assembly on Thursday. Mrs Bates

Lost Property

Please remember to name everything clearly as we now have a huge amount of unnamed lost property. Please can you check the lost property box for any of your child's missing items - anything unclaimed will be disposed of at the end of next week.

School Council News

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 21st 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.

We are having a flash sale Tuck Shop next week on Tuesday and Wednesday only. This is because we have noticed our products are nearing their sell by date! We are offering Malt Bread, Fruit pouches and a few Roasted Fava beans. Limited items remain but we will be restocking for our Tuck Shop in July. Please let us know your favourites and we will re purchase.

Mrs Bates and School Council

Fiver Challenge

The Young Enterprise "Fiver Challenge" is under way in Year 5 and the children have got off to a great start. They have been planning their produce range, designing their logos, and undertaking market research with the younger children. They have now been given their £5 start-up capital and need to begin sourcing their materials ready for our sales days on the 18th and 25th of June.

Hazard Alley

On Wednesday, Year 5 went on an educational visit to Hazard Alley at the Safety Centre in Milton Keynes. This highly informative trip helps the children to understand the risks they might encounter in their everyday lives and how to keep themselves safe. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt a great deal!

Mini Police Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 5 began the first of their mini-police workshops that will run each week throughout the term. They met Katie, our PCSO, and learnt about the role of the police in helping to tackle anti-social behaviour in our community. The children are excited about the prospect of leading their own mini-police project as the term unfolds.

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.

Clean Air Day

It is Berkhamsted Clean Air Day on Thursday 20th June.

It's really important to keep our air clean, so children's lungs can develop properly. Children, the elderly and people living with conditions that affect their breathing eg asthma are most affected by high levels of pollution. We can all make small changes to improve air quality. For example :

-Please don't leave cars idling or 'ticking over' especially near schools.

-For short journeys try cycling, scooting or walking instead of taking the car. You'll get fitter and be able to concentrate better at school.

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

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

Title	Class	Via
Curriculum Letters	N, R, 1,2,3,4,5	Email

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

Event	Date & Time
Year 1 Phonics screening week	Week commencing Monday 10 th June
EYFS Meet the teacher evening (new Nursery & Reception parents)– 6pm	Wednesday 12 th June
Father's Day Secret Room	Thursday 13 th June (Last date to sign up & pay – Friday June 7 th)
Year 6 Class Assembly	Friday 14 th June at 9.10am
Parent Forum	Friday 14 th June at 2pm
Class Photographs	Monday 17 th June
Author visit from Kevin Graal	Tuesday 18 th June
First Fiver Challenge (Year 5) sale event after school	Tuesday 18 th June
Sports Day Y1 – Y6	Thursday 20 th June
Groovy Shoe Day	Friday 21 st June
Year 1 Treat Friday	Friday 21 st June
Reserve Sports Day Y1 – Y6	Monday 24 th June
Second Fiver Challenge (Year 5) sale event after school	Tuesday 25 th June
Music Concert 9.15am – 10.30am	Thursday 27 th June
Music Concert 1.30pm– 2.45pm	Friday 28 th June
EYFS Sports Morning	Wednesday 3 rd July
Class Changeover Morning	Thursday 4 th July
Bottle tombola donation & non-uniform day	Friday 5 th July
Year 2 Treat Friday	Friday 5 th July
Year 2 Country Dancing at Church Fayre	Saturday 6 th July at 12.20pm
New to Year 1 Meeting (For current reception parents)	Monday 8 th July at 2.45pm
Reserve EYFS Sports Morning	Wednesday 10 th July
Reports Home & Exhibition Evening (5.30-7pm)	Thursday 11 th July
Rocksteady Music Concert	Friday 12 th July at 2.30pm
School Fayre (including Year 3 Maypole Dancing)	Saturday 13 th July
KS2 Performance	Wednesday 17 th July at 6pm & Thursday 18 th July at 9.30am
Leavers Service	Tuesday 23 rd July at 9.30am
Year 3 Treat Friday	Friday 19 th July
End of term	Tuesday 23 rd July at 1.30am
Meet the teacher meeting	Wednesday 4 th September at 6.00pm and 6.30pm

Next newsletter on Friday 21st June

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