



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

Update Monday 22nd July 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

Alice and Rose (Y5) have represented Escolla Futsal Club at the International Costa Blanca Futsal Cup in Spain (Annual Youth Futsal Tournament). They played in the U12's age group and made history as the **first ever girls team from England**. Alice & Rose each received runners up medals.

Daisy (Y4) has received a trophy for Futsal Player of the Term.

Finley (Y1) has won a Ross & Andy football trophy in the 3v3 Festival.

Isadora (Y1) has passed level 4 in the swimming scheme. Isadora also achieved a merit in the ISTD Ballet Preparatory Grade.

Lamorna (YR) won a Ross & Andy football trophy for the highest number of goals scored in the football competition at the school fayre.

Madeline (Y2) has been awarded a medal for participating in the Mighty Netball End of Year Tournament.

Mav (Y2) has won the U8 Wimbledon 2019 Tennis Tournament at the Berkhamsted Tennis Club.

Martha & Mia (both Y4) have each been awarded a Ross and Andy trophy for 'Player of The Term'.

Ruby has passed level 3 in the Berkhamsted Gymnastic Award Scheme.

Congratulations to you all.

Special Achievers Certificates

Reception: Isabelle, Poppy, Sophia
 Year 1: Jenna, Sienna
 Year 2: Darcie, Gil
 Year 3: Imogen, Luca
 Year 4: Gemma, Jacob, May, Millie
 Year 5: Elodee, Robin
 Year 6: Abigail, Amy H and All of Year 6 for their hard work in learning their lines for their play and performing outstandingly.
 Well done to all of the children.

Sports News

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Dacorum Inter-School Summer Sports Competition on Monday 8th July. St Mary's came 4th place overall. The children represented the school with a great spirit and excellent teamwork.

The children involved were :

Year 5 - Mollie, Alice, Ruby, Charlotte, Olly, Hugo, Mason, Robin.

Year 6 - Poppy, Amy M, Zara, Soraya, Luke, Callum, Jack, Harry.

Trophy Assembly – 2018/19 Winners

Learner of the year	Abbie
Archbold cup for RE	Abigail
Gore trophy for maths	Lewis
Christie cup for languages	Jake
Kaye Cup for progress	Zara
Forsyth cup for drama	Flinty
Hopkins cup for Art	Luca
Hampton cup for English	Holly
Herts police cup for citizenship	Dylan
Manager cup for effort	Olly
Zimet cup for science	Amy M
Pain brothers cup for swimming	Josie (Y3)
DSSN sportsperson of the year	Callum
Class award N	Archie
Class award R	Evelyn
Class award 1	Jenna
Class award 2	Devon
Class award 3	Milo
Class award 4	May
Class award 5	Emily
Class award 6	Adam H
House cup	Dragon
Sports day shield	Dragon
Running Club Trophies	Callum & Luke
Hunt Growth Mindset Award	Adam W
Potter Music Trophy	Thomas
Well done to all of the children.	

School Association

Thank you to the School Association for the all their hard work in organising and running the Summer Fayre. Thank you also to parents for all your support in making the Summer Fayre a huge success.

Y3 Maypole Dancing

A massive well done to the Year 3 children who took part in Maypole dancing at the School Fayre on Saturday 13th 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

Exhibition Evening

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Exhibition Evening on Thursday 11th July. It was a lovely opportunity to view the children's work.

News from Reception

It's been action packed and super fun but I think we are all very ready for our much deserved summer rest. I have been blown away by this class and their fabulous attitude to learning. They embrace every task set with enthusiasm and eagerness. This week in the final throes, many have written stories. I can't keep up with the proud cards. I don't think I've ever had a class that writes so much during their child initiated time. They tell me they have loved learning how to write story maps which I think is also a first. They are an incredible bunch and I credit their impeccable behaviour to the parents. I cannot thank parents enough for all the support. I hope you loved the exhibition evening last week. My wonderful team work very hard to help make the children's work really stand out. We had a huge amount of work to display and realised we have worked so hard this year. It's always a tearful time of year for me as I say goodbye but I can be happy that they are self-motivated independent little learners who will continue to flourish. Have the most wonderful summer and keep tissues handy on Tuesday! Mrs Bates

School Council News

Some of our items have arrived for the playground and we are beginning the process of labelling and recording the items so that School Council can be responsible for looking after them. We haven't received everything yet. We will have an assembly launching the new items when we return in September. We are thinking that maybe a timetable system will be best as many are likely to want to use them at first. We received another very generous donation from the Masonic Berkhamsted Chapter and would very much like to invite them along when we officially open the resource. We are so very grateful to them and will show our gratitude through respecting these items. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my amazing School Council. I am so impressed at their commitment and dedication. This year's Executive Committee are the most kind and caring individuals who have grown so much in character over the year. I wish them all the best in the futures and know they will achieve great things. Year 5, I hope you are ready to step up to the challenge!

Mrs Bates and School Council

Pre-school bulletin 19/7/19

A huge thank you to all of you who came along to our Teddy Bear's picnic on Tuesday afternoon. We were so proud of our children as they performed a selection of songs using sign language. The performance itself can be very daunting for our little ones, so to add sign language to their singing is truly remarkable.

We are hugely grateful to Mrs Marson who has given up so much of her time to come into Pre-school to teach sign language to the adults and the children. Without her time and patience this performance would not have been possible.

Some of the Pre-school children have had their last days with us this week, we would like to thank their families for the support to the staff throughout the past year, and we wish them all good luck for their next steps in their academic journey.

For those children that are due to attend Pre-school next week, a reminder that our last day of term is Tuesday 23rd July, with an early finish at 1:30pm in line with the main school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Lisa Burkett and the Pre-school team.

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 4th September at 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

Library Reading Challenge

Last week, we had an assembly from the librarians at Berkhamsted Library who talked to us about this year's Summer Reading Challenge with the theme, 'Space Chase'.

The Reading Challenge lasts until 7th September so there is plenty of time to complete the challenge, which consists of reading just 6 books over the summer.

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

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

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, at the start of the autumn term 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.

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. Medicines need to be collected from the children's class teachers.

Title	Class	Via
Cheerleading Club	R-Y5	Email
End of Universal Free School Meals Letter	Y2	Email
KS2 Production Tickets	Y5 & Y6	Email
Letter from Alan Kemp - Chair of Governors	All	Email
Rocksteady Letter	R – Y5	Email
Nursery newsletter - 12 th & 19 th July 2019	N	Email
Year 4 Residential Letter – Woodrow – May 2020	Y3	Email
Year 6 Residential Letter – Kingswood – June 2020	Y5	Email
Ross & Andy Girls Tuesday Lunchtime Football Club	Y2-5	Email
Ross & Andy Friday Afterschool Football Club	R & Y1	Email
O2 Letter	Y4 & Y5	Email
Works to school roof	All	Email
Barnaby Bear Letter	Year R, 1 & 2	Email

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

Event	Date & Time
Leavers Service	Tuesday 23 rd July at 9.30am
End of term	Tuesday 23 rd July at 1.30am
Meet the teacher meeting	Wednesday 4 th September at 6.00pm and 6.30pm
Autumn Term Guitar Lessons	Starting Thursday 12 th September

End of Year Message

We wish all of Year 6 a fantastic future as they embark on their journey through secondary school. Goodbye Abbie, Abigail, Adam H, Adam W, Alfie, Amy H, Amy M, Callum, Charlotte, Charlie De, Charlie Do, Dylan, Eve, Flinty, Harry, Henry, Holly, Jack, Jake, Joe, Luca, Lewis, Luke, Mabel, Oliver, Poppy, Soraya, Thomas, Zara . We have also said a fond farewell to Mrs Miles who is leaving St Mary's.

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 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
Friday 8 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