



St Mary's of England Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter – Issue 4 – 2.10.2020



Please note that should you wish to receive this newsletter in a different format please ask at the school office.

This term's Christian Value is Friendship:

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

School Diary Dates:

October

2nd

Harvest 'Zoom' Assembly in Bubbles and Harvest 'celebrations' sent home

13+14th

Parents Meetings via telephone or Zoom

23rd

End of Term 1

November

2nd

Start of Term 2

Harvest 'Festival'

For Harvest Festival this year, we have decided to raise money for the Tearfund charity to 'twin a tap' with one in another country. We are hoping to raise £60 to help a community to protect themselves from the virus by installing a tap to give them clean water. We would love it if you could bring in any donations of loose change to put in to a water bottle in each classroom. Thank you for your support! ☺



Please send your donations in with your child/children next week - we will let you know how much we raise.

School Dinners Taster for Little Oaks, Year 1 and Year 2

The children and teachers enjoyed their hot meal taster on Thursday this week. If you would like to order your child a hot meal please let the office know by email or phone. The current menu is attached to this newsletter for your information.





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School Council

Congratulations to all children who presented to their class their 'manifesto' on why they would like to be elected as School Councillor. Teachers have been impressed with the courage you have shown; it takes a lot to stand up in front of a class, your ability to engage with an audience, your speaking abilities and your GREAT ideas.

Thank you all for taking part in the vote and learning a little more about democracy and British Values.

Next year our School Councillors are:

Class 1 - Athalie

Class 2 - Seb

Class 3 - Jemima

Class 4 - Elsa

Class 5 - Olivia

Class 6 - Isabella

We are looking forward to our first School Council meeting where councillors will bring ideas gathered, on behalf of their class, about fundraising ideas and thoughts on making St Mary's even better. The first job is to make a list of playtime equipment each class (or bubble) would like for outside and wet playtimes.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to those who have already signed up for either Zoom, or phone call parents' evenings. We would aim that all parents are able to speak to their child's class teacher about how they have settled back into school, their progress, well-being and to have a chance to share any other information.

Please ring the school office or email to book an appointment. Procedures and protocols (and confirmation of times) will be sent out nearer the time.

P.E.

Wow, what a great sporting start to this academic year! During lockdown staff were busy auditing and ordering new PE resources as well as providing teaching and learning.

This term we have been really lucky to have football and cricket coaches providing professional coaching to children across Key Stage 2. We believe that sport is an integral part of our emotional and social well-being. The Children have thrived and really enjoyed discovering their talents.



On Monday children in Year 4 took part in a Quad Kids Intersport competition. We couldn't be prouder of their perseverance and determination. We look forward to sharing the results with you. These events will be taking part throughout the year and we look forward to swimming again soon.



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Music Lessons – a reminder

The music Service have informed us that they are not running group lessons in any schools at present due to the government guidelines around social distancing as well as cross bubble contamination. Many parents, in other schools, have opted for a possible mixed economy of delivery - face to face where possible, swapping to online should they or the instrumental teacher need to self-isolate. We do not have the technology in place at present for group lessons to take place on line which adds weight to our reasoning for offering 1 to 1 tuition only at present.

Because of the online offer, the music service agreement needs to be with the Parent/Carer so that students and Tutors are able to work in a safe environment. The use of the online portal we use has had to be passed by the LA and offers a high level of safeguarding built in.

Mark, our guitar teacher, is very keen to resume teaching pupils at St Marys so should your child wish to receive music lessons please follow the link below:

<https://www.banesmusiconline.co.uk/site/parents-students/instrumental-lessons/>

Assemblies

This week we attempted our first whole school ZOOM assembly. We focussed on our Christian Value of the term, 'Friendship', and discussed what it means to be a good friend.

Children were nominated in each class for demonstrating that they can be a good friend:

Little Acorns: Aubrey, Imogen Lola and Olivia

Little Oaks: Oliver and Erin

Class 1: Oakley and Connor

Class 2: Ava and Jessica

Class 3: Luca and Jayden

Class 4: Elsa and Jack

Class 5: Oakley and

Class 6: Elsie and Hollie

Many, many children could have been chosen. We have lots of 'good friends' at St Mary's and we are proud of the way they behave towards each other.

School Autumn Menu

Week Commencing		Week Commencing		Week Commencing	
Monday		Monday		Monday	
Chicken Korma and Rice	1	BBQ Chicken with Golden rice	1	Spaghetti Bolognese	1
Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake (V)	2	Mac and Cheese (v)	2	Potato Longboats (v)	2
Strawberry Mousse	A	Flapjack	A	Rice Pudding with Jam	A
Tuesday		Tuesday		Tuesday	
Cheese And Tomato Pizza	1	Ham And Pineapple Pizza	1	Pepperoni Pizza	1
Rainbow Vegetable Stir Fry (v)	2	Quorn Korma & Rice (v)	2	Veggie Chilli with Rice (v)	2
Apple Crumble and Custard	A	Peach Crumble and Custard	A	Fruit Crumble and Custard	A
Wednesday		Wednesday		Wednesday	
Roast Turkey, Potatoes & Gravy	1	Roast Pork, Potatoes & Gravy	1	Roast Chicken, Potatoes & Gravy	1
Cheese and Broccoli Pasta (v)	2	Vegetable Curry & Rice (v)	2	Vegetable Bolognese & Pasta (v)	2
Sultana Sponge with Lemon Sauce	A	Jam Sponge and Custard	A	Banana Cake and Custard	A
Thursday		Thursday		Thursday	
Minced Beef & Onion Pie with Mash	1	Cottage Pie	1	Sausage and Mash	1
Cheese and Onion Pin Wheel (v)	2	Veggie Sausages, Potatoes & Gravy (v)	2	Cauliflower cheese (v)	2
Strawberry Jelly with Peach slices	A	Orange Jelly with Mandarins	A	Strawberry Jelly	A
Friday		Friday		Friday	
Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce	1	Fish Fingers & Chips	1	Breaded Cod & Chips	1
Veggie Burger & Chips with Tomato Sauce (v)	2	Cheese and Tomato Puffs with Chips(v)	2	Veggie Bites with Chips (v)	2
Vanilla Iced Shortbread	A	Carrot Cake	A	Cookie	A