



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 29 – 18/06/2021



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This term's Christian Value is Truthfulness:

'Tell the truth to each other' Zechariah 8.16

This Week's Achievers

- Little Acorns: **Lilly-May** for being so happy in the nursery.
 Little Oaks: **Aeryn** for always listening so that she can do her very best at all times! She is so polite and helpful.
 Class 1: **Bella** and **Skye** for being so kind-hearted and helpful
 Class 2: **Faith** for who always tries to be the best she can.
 Class 3: **Tori, Konor** and **Leo** for fantastic progress in English and working so very hard.
 Class 4: **Charlie** for being the best he can and challenging himself in PE lessons.
 Class 5: **Layla** for always putting 100% effort into all her work and being an excellent role model.
 Class 6: **Rhys** giving everything his all, especially in play practice.

Attendance for this week

Class	This Week's Attendance
Little Oaks	97%
Class 1	94%
Class 2	98%
Class 3	99%
Class 4	94%
Class 5	96%
Class 6	98%

Diary Dates

June

- 23rd New Parent Meeting
- 30th 9:30am EYFS Sports Day (Little Acorns / Little Oaks)
- 30th 13:30pm KS 1 Sports Day

July

- 1st Transition 'Move-up' Morning
- 2nd 1:30 KS2 Sports Day
- 8th Alice in Wonderland' Year 6 production performances (if allowed recorded if not)
- 9th Reports
- 20th Staggered End of Term for pupil

September

- 2nd/3rd INSET Days 1+2 (staff only)
- 6th Return to school for all pupils

Sports day

I know that parents may be disappointed but I am afraid that following the most recent announcement from the prime Minister, DFE guidance and in line with many other schools, we will be unable to invite parents to join us for Sports Days this year. These events will go ahead for the children, in their bubbles, on the allocated days. Teachers are busy planning very many different events for the children to enjoy. We will share photos and information via class Dojo and the newsletter with parents. Please ensure you have completed the school permissions so we can share photos and are aware of any limitations.



Phonics in Action

Phonics remains a key area of learning throughout the Early Years and Key Stage One. Children will not be undertaking a statutory assessment in Year One this year. However, the government has announced this will happen in Year Two (in the autumn term) and Year One (in June) next academic year. In our school, the teaching of phonics continues daily as a fundamental building block to reading. In these photos, the children using the sound they are confident with to read and spell CVC words and teach each other in their school role-play.





We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.



What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

What are the benefits to our school?

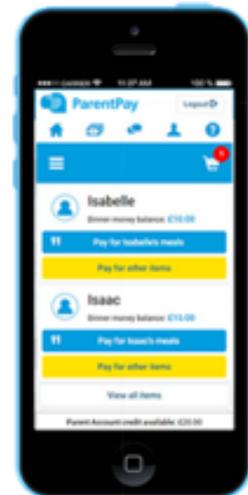
- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services
- Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school
- Improves school security
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises
- The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

How to get started with ParentPay?

We will send you your account activation details. Once you receive these:

- Visit www.parentpay.com
- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage
NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders

Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment



If you have any questions, please contact the school finance office. For more information, visit www.parentpay.com/parents/