



## St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 2 – 17/09/2021



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



September:

30th School Council Elections (candidate speeches in class prior to this date)

October

13th Harvest Worship 9am and 2:30pm (please see below for further details)

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Years 5 + 6 to Kilve Court Outdoor Residential Centre

7<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting in the hall (with coffee and cake) at 6pm

20<sup>th</sup> PTA Film Night (more information to follow)

22nd End of Term 1

### Our new starters

Welcome to the start of a new school academic year and a special welcome to our new families, Reception and Nursery children who have settled and started school so well.

### St Mary's Stars

**Little Acorns: all of the new pupils who have settled in so well**

**Little Oaks: Jessica for being amazingly creative**

**Class 1: Lily for amazing maths.**

**Class 2: Priya for settling into St Mary's and Class 2 brilliantly**

**Class 3: Jessica F for always being on task and 'making every minute count'**

**Class 4: Isabella for settling into St Mary's and Class 4 – welcome!**

**Class 5: Charlie for excellent work in maths.**

**Class 6: Aaron for being a brilliant role model.**

**A huge THANK YOU to Jack D-L and Noah for helping in the dinner hall.**

### Forest School



Forest School for the Nursery started up again this week. The children love being and learning in the great outdoors.

They discovered beetles, woodlice, conkers and even a broken bird's egg. Autumn really is on the way.

Please note that some sessions in our Nursery are already full. Should you wish your child to start at ST Mary's Nursery please get in contact via the school office.



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### **Nursery Payments**

As we are becoming more used to our Parent Pay system and move towards our end goal of having a cashless office, after half term all Nursery payments should be made via Parent Pay. Activation codes will be handed to parents in the next couple of weeks in plenty of time to set up accounts. Please note that all Nursery payments will be required to be paid in advance of the session.

### **Staffing Updates**

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Fenton, who currently works at St Mary's as a Teaching Assistant was successful at interview last week and will be changing roles within the school to become our new Office Administrator.

Congratulations Mrs Fenton!

### **Table Tennis Table - Help required please (still!)**

Children in Class 5 (when they were in Year 4) wrote VERY persuasive letters to local companies for donations to school. Over the summer Mrs Dobson received replies from a number of companies and wonderfully a donation of a Table Tennis Table was given to enhance playtimes.

Should anyone be able to construct this (very heavy) table for us we would be extremely grateful. Please let Ms Lampert or Mrs Dobson know.

### **Harvest Festival**

**We will be celebrating the Harvest on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. This year to be able to accommodate parents in the hall we are holding two Harvest Festival Worships.**

9am – Nursery and Years 1, 3, and 5

2.15 pm – Reception and Years, 2, 4, 6



### **PTA**

Please note the first PTA meeting of the year will be held in the school hall on Thursday 7th October at 6pm. We will be planning events for the year and discussing the Christmas Fayre. On joining the school, all parents and carers automatically become members of the PTA and we would warmly welcome everyone at the meeting; we thank you in advance for your support.

### **Fruit or Veg for Morning Break and Packed Lunches.**

We noticed last year that some children were bringing snacks to school other than fruit or veg for morning break. All children in KS1 (Reception to Year 2) are given a piece of fruit or vegetable for morning break. KS2 children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit, veg, cheese + crackers from home, but no other snacks or sweets. Please do not send anything containing nuts as we have children in school with nut allergies.

Please also ensure your child brings a named water bottle into school each day with water only.

### **Newsletter**

Please note that this year, unless there is a reason to increase frequency, the school newsletter will be published every other week.

### **Cups and saucer donation**

Miss Hamblin and Mrs Martin have asked for donations of cups and saucers and other kitchen utensils (ladles, teapots etc.) for EYFS. They are encouraging children to use real life materials in class.



**Flu Vaccine for pupils**

Please see below a letter from Virgin Care who will be delivering the flu vaccinations in school this autumn.

Dear Parents

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this.

However, we are aware there are some children that, due to an underlying medical condition, are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net).

Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes  
 School Aged Immunisation Team

**Times table badges**

Did you know, children can achieve their badges for knowing their times tables.

Bronze – knowing 2, 5, 10

Silver – 3, 4, 8 (+2, 5, 10)

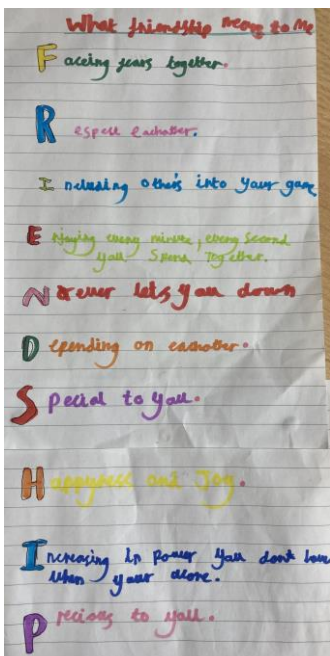
Gold – 6,7,9,11,12 (+ all of the others)

The badges follow the recommended order of learning the times tables e.g. Bronze – Year 2, Silver- Year 3, Gold- Year 4.

**Children can add these to their uniform and wear them with pride.**

**Our school value this term is Friendship.**

**We were impressed by this poem written by a pupil in Year 5, at home, that sums up what friendship means to her.**



Friendship Acrostic Poem by Lola

Facing fears together,  
 Respect each other,  
 Including others into your game,  
 Enjoying every minute, every second you spend together,  
 Never let's you down,  
 Depending on each other,  
 Special to you,  
 Happiness and joy,  
 Increasing the power you don't have when you are alone,  
 Precious to you.



**Community Notices:**

*(We bring these to your attention, without necessarily recommending them)*



**LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight\***

1-1 support via telephone or video call for children aged 5-10 (with family) and those aged 10-17 years

**Covering topics around:**

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical Activity / active play
- The impact of screen time
- Why we make certain food choices



To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub

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e: BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk /  
 Kimberley.tyler@virginicare.co.uk

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\*Referral Criteria apply

## HENRY Healthy Families programme online

Even during this uncertain time, we're still here to help you give your little ones a great start in life.

The HENRY programme is completely FREE to join for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old.

We will send you details of how to join online.



The programme provides everything you need to help your little one get off to a great start.

We cover the 5 following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is a 1 hour live session and a couple of videos to watch before each session.

You'll also receive a free toolkit with lots of fantastic resources, delivered to your home.

The programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other families in a safe environment!

### Programme details

Programmes run for 8 weeks with breaks during school holidays  
 Tuesdays from 14 Sep 1.30-2.30pm  
 Thursdays from 16 Sep 10.00 – 11.00am  
 Wednesdays from 24 Nov 1.30-2.30pm

Please note that each group has a maximum capacity of 6 families so please do get in touch if you would like to join us, in order to save your space and get your toolkit sent out in good time!



Get in touch to sign up now!

### Contact Us

Bookings on HENRY courses are essential.  
 Telephone - Wellbeing Service Hub on 0300 247 0050  
 Email- BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk



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