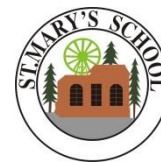




St Mary's of England Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter – Issue 5 – 16.10.2020



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

23rd

End of Term 1

November

2nd November

Start of Term 2

5th/6th November

Fire Pit Fun and Frolics

18th

Bubble Film Night

December

2:30

End of Term 2



Harvest 'Festival'

We are pleased to be able to announce that we raised enough money to buy a TAP to provide clean water for a community in a developing country. Thank you for your kind donations and we hope you enjoyed your children's harvest offering.

PTA Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the PTA meeting this week. Areas discussed fall broadly into three categories:

- What the PTA should fund that will benefit all of the children at St Mary's
 - How to increase the funds in the PTA 'pot'
- Additional projects parents could help, or get involved, with
Obviously the presence of COVID impacts on all of these.

On November 5th or 6th all the children will attend a 'Forest School' session at the fire pit; toasting marshmallows and carrying out activities outside to coordinate with Bonfire Night.

Film Night: All the children will be invited to a Bubble Film Night, with Party Bag snacks, on November 18th. £2.50 per child. Save the date - more information to follow

In December, the PTA are looking at recreating, where possible, some elements of the Christmas Fayre: this includes the children selling their home made gifts and, if possible, a visit from someone very special to ALL children. This will be discussed further at the next PTA meeting.

There are several projects currently 'on the go'. If you are able, or know of someone with specific expertise in any of these areas, all help is very, very welcome.

The PTA shed has been bought, built and is currently being painted. Should anyone have an hour or two to complete this and begin weather-proofing the play shed (which houses all of our bikes and trikes) please let the school office know.

The willow tunnel will be tamed and cut back to bring it under control. The PTA have sourced help with this.



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The PTA are currently investigating whether it is possible to plant a hedge at the back of the school using websites such as The Woodland Trust, the BBC Promise campaign etc. to increase habitat areas for wildlife, for children to be involved in planting a legacy for the school and to reinforce the boundary of the field. Again if anyone has particular expertise in the field do contact the school office. Lastly, Miss Lampert has asked for help to get the allotment productive. This would involve digging, preparing and planting. Volunteers needed.

The next PTA meeting date will be shared via the newsletter or facebook. Should you wish to be involved there is also a 'whatsapp' group: Please let the school office know and we can pass on your details. The PTA will consider timings of the meetings so that all parents are able to attend, there has been a question over whether these could at times be held in the evenings.

Friendship – Our Christian Value

This week again, children were chosen, in our Friday ZOOM assembly, by the teachers and their peers for demonstrating that they are a good friend.

Little Acorns	Lilly-May
Little Oaks	Lily
Class 1	Billy-Rose
Class 2	Lilly
Class 3	Evie
Class 4	Murphy
Class 5	Kaius
Class 6	David

Please note an error last week: Well done to Aeryn Evans from Little Oaks for being a good friend.

Parents Evenings

Teachers were pleased to speak to so many parents at parent evenings this week. Thank you for making these so successful. Should any parent/carer still wish to speak to a class teacher, please telephone the school office to make an appointment. It is through working together we will ensure the best possible outcomes for the children at St Mary's.

Interschool Sport

Due to the virus so many events and competitions have had to be postponed so we were pleased that today 10 of our Year 6 children were able to take part in a sport challenge which is being run in primaries all over BANES. Mr Burston visited to put the children through their paces in a number of different events and the data will be entered into the competition across a number of schools to see who has won. Taz, Mylee, Mollie, Violet, JJ, Josh, Gethin, Fergus, Logan, Daria represented our school well demonstrating super sportsmanship! Well done!

Attendance

We are pleased to see that attendance remains high at 95.1%. This is in line with National Average. Great!

Community Notices:

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

Family Matters Magazine



Please see the link below for the online Family Matters magazine. Including information and news from our local area.

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