

This term's Christian value is COURAGE.

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed... (Joshua 1.9)

Achievers of the week:

Nursery Jayden for being independent using the toilet
Class 1 Charlie for doing great phonics
Class 2 Ella for working very hard on her 2x table
Amelia & Layla for fantastic independent writing
Class 3 Gethin for checking & correcting his own work
Class 4 Eleanor for always producing beautiful topic work
Class 5 Wesley for such a fantastic set of dance moves in
the Lion King workshop

Other: **BRONZE: Carmel & George B**

SILVER: ☹

GOLD: ☹

To our staff who passed their Emergency
First Aid course: Mrs Roberts, Miss Buchan,
Mrs Adamson, Mrs Douthwaite, Ms Lampert,
Miss Magee, Mrs Fenton, Mrs Gallimore,
Miss Hull, Mr Newland & Ms Dyson. We're all
in safe hands now!!

School diary dates:

January 2017

This week: Book Week

Fri 27th NO ART CLUB

February

Fri 3rd 9.00 PTA coffee - all welcome

Tues 7th 2.45 Class 4 assembly

Weds 8th 2.45 Class 3 assembly

Fri 10th am. Class 5 theatre visit
end of Term 3

Mon 20th Term 4 starts

Notices, messages, reminders...

Book Week: 23rd - 27th January

Book Week was launched IN STYLE on Monday - What fantastic character costumes celebrated at an extra-long assembly to share all the stories and books that these represent.

Well done to our winners - so hard to choose just one from each class, but School Council worked hard to pick each winner. Thank you! And thank you to mums and dads, carers and grandparents for entering into the spirit of reading and transforming the pupils at our school.

- **Extreme Readers Competition - please send photos of your child reading in an unusual place**

(photos can be emailed to the school address:
stmaryswrithlington_pri@bathnes.gov.uk)

Have YOU Read with the Head? - Mrs Jones and Ms Lampert are inspired by all the fantastic readers at St Mary's. 'It is a privilege to share children's love of reading.' (Ms Lampert).

Book Week winners:

Class 1: Charlie - Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Class 2: Layla - My Little Pony from the My Little Pony Stories

Class 3: Rayan - Oompa Loompa from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Class 4: Arthur - The prosperous, electrical-muscled gingerbread man from the Mr Gum stories by Andy Stanton

Class 5: Cordelia - Cruella De Ville, a menacing character from 101 Dalmatians







ONLINE SAFETY/COMPUTER GAMES

A lot of children had new devices/technologies for Christmas and are enjoying playing a range of new games on them. There are some amazing apps, games and social media opportunities that our children are benefitting from.

However, the message from all professionals working with children, including our Police School Liaison Officer, Amanda Ware (PCSO), and the Safeguarding Team is that it is NOT acceptable for children to be playing games that are age-rated for older children or adults. Nor should they have Facebook accounts or interact on sites or media or messaging sites like WhatsApp - they are not intended for children.

Research shows that allowing children to play these types of games on Xboxes and Playstations is neglectful as children may be more vulnerable to grooming and abuse by being exposed to early sexualised behaviour, as well as extreme brutality such as is often seen in video games in the upper age classifications.

Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto, Dogs of War, Five Nights at Freddy's and other similar games are all inappropriate for children and they should not have access to them.

Children, as part of our Computing curriculum, learn how to keep themselves safe but if you would like to talk to someone about your child's online or digital safety please contact the school: we are here to help.

We know that parents are as keen as we are to keep their children safe and we look forward to your support in this issue.

A Reminder

In order to keep EVERYONE safe, please remind your child/children not to race bikes OR scooters around the school before or after school where younger, vulnerable children, or even parents, may get hurt.

PTA Clothes Swap

Due to limited ticket sales, the Clothes Swap planned for next Wednesday is cancelled.