



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 28 – 11/06/2021



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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: Olivia for growing in confidence with her peers

Little Oaks: Lola for always telling the truth and for being much happier in school and at home.

Class 1: Jacob Jones for doing so well

Class 2: Esme for ALWAYS demonstrating ALL of our Christian values!

Class 3: Bradley for always being sensible and telling the truth

Class 4: Riley for reflecting on feedback to always improve his work

Class 5: Marcinek for trying really hard and having a positive attitude during his first swimming lesson – what perseverance!

Class 6: Rayan for being the most truthful duck racer at camp.

AND all of Year 6 for upholding the schools values at camp – 'being the best they can be' in all they undertook!

Times table badges

We were ecstatic to award times table badges to a number of pupils in Class 4 this week. 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.

Congratulations to Freya, Riley, Alicia, Jack, Charlie, Alfie G, Jack

Apart from in exceptional circumstances, there is an expectation that all Year 4 children will know their times tables by the DFE Multiplication Check in June in Year 4. In a similar way to phonic understanding being a building block to reading and writing, tables are integral to learning in many areas of maths (fractions, division, multiplication calculations, shape) and as such emphasis is put on this key learning throughout St Mary's.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

We hope that you and your child are delighted by the hoodies that have been sent home this week – we think they look fantastic! We are pleased to be able to offer some elements of our usual celebrations with our oldest pupils prior to their transition to Secondary School. They, as all the children, have coped immensely well during these two disruptive years and continue to be great role models for the school.

Diary Dates

June

14th Reception Vision Testing
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





Attendance Expectations for Schools – A reminder

We are aware that a minority of parents are taking their children on holiday during term time. At St Mary's our aim is to prepare pupils for their future lives and careers. With this in mind, we ask parents to observe the school holidays as prescribed. We do appreciate that things have been tough with much disruption and we are all looking forward to a holiday. However, we are unable to authorise holidays during term-time. Given how much schooling many pupils have missed over the last year, it is more important than ever that any absence is limited to reasons of genuine illness or other circumstances of an **exceptional** nature. In those cases, a 'request for absence' should be forwarded to the Headteacher.

As mentioned previously, to illustrate the reason we are having to turn down requests for holidays in term time, we enclose an excerpt from a recent government bulletin to schools:

"School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday."

New Parents' Induction Evenings

We are delighted that we are able to schedule 'real-life' meetings for parents of children moving into our Reception classes and our Nursery in September. Information is coming your way on this. For now, save the date:

Reception Induction Parents' Meeting: 6.00pm on Wednesday 23rd June

Year 6 Camp



Wow – the photos really speak for themselves. A wonderful setting, wonderful weather, wonderful activities, wonderful children and wonderful staff!

Guess what? We had a wonderful time!!!!

A huge thank you to Miss Golden, Mrs Gallimore, Ms Lampert and Miss Hamblin for giving of their time to accompany the children!

More photos will be shared soon.





Sports day

We are yet unable to confirm whether parents are able to attend Sports Day and what measures we would need to put in place. However, Sports Days will go ahead for the children, in their bubbles, on the allocated days and be celebrated in school with their peers.

Transition Day

Traditionally as the year 6 children visit their Secondary Schools on the first Thursday in July so we allocate the morning for the children to visit their new classes and their new teachers to settle any questions and queries they may have prior to the end of term and coming back in September. We are unsure how the Secondary's will manage this this year however we will still go ahead with our transition morn. If they are with us, Year 6 will enjoy a morning outside should they not be going to their new school on that day.

Transition 'Moving – up' Morning will be on Thursday 1st July.

Staff Changes for September

We are extremely sorry to have to say goodbye to Miss Boulter at the end of this term. Since she started at St Mary's school as a Newly Qualified Teacher two years ago she has been a great asset to the St Mary's Team. We will miss her dedication to the children, her positivity, her relentless strive to provide the best education for those in her care and her fun!

In her place we welcome Miss Norris who was successful at interview just prior to half term and we look forward to her joining us for Transition morning.

Vet Visit



To enhance their topic on Animals, Little Oaks had a visit from a vet and a veterinary nurse from Vets 4 Pets in Bath.

The children LOVED the carousel of activities and were so enthusiastic in their learning.

Huge thanks to both the vets and Mrs Hazelton for arranging the visit.





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Attendance for this week

Class	This Week's Attendance
Little Oaks	88%
Class 1	96%
Class 2	98%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	92%
Class 6	99%

WOW well done classes 3 and 4 – great attendance this week!