



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 26 – 21/05/2021



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This term's Christian Value is Generosity and Service:

'Serve one another in love.' Galatians 5.13

'God loves a cheerful giver.' Corinthians 9.7

Message from the Headteacher

At last we are seeing signs that we can begin to plan, slowly and carefully, to reintroduce some of the activities that have been sorely missed over the last year. Whilst we are keen not to throw caution to the wind and "blow it all now", we are currently exploring and planning, within government guidelines, for any easing of restrictions and will let you know as soon as we can which activities can be re-introduced and when.

We are continuing with our distancing, cleaning and ventilation measures to endeavour to avoid any further cases. With more and more adults getting the vaccine, we are optimistically crossing our fingers for brighter times ahead.



Achievers Awards

Little Acorns: Onie and Thea for following the routines, listening carefully and being amazing in Nursery
Little Oaks: Oliver for noticing when people are upset and makes them feel better with kind actions and kind words

Class 1: Lexi for being generous in PE and choosing people who didn't have a partner

Class 2: Kara for using her time to help someone in Creative Club

Class 3: Erin for being so kind and hard working

Class 4: Lola superb effort in rugby and fantastic kicking

Class 5: Beau for working so hard he has progressed onto the next level in maths

Class 6: Aiden for being a super hero in his learning and showing great focus, especially in Science.

Clubs

Clubs that have been established this term will continue into Term 6. The guidance from the DFE (Department for Education) has stated that we should continue with staggered starts and finishes and maintain 'bubbles' in schools.

Clubs will finish on Friday 9th July.

Bikeability

Congratulations to the two groups of children who passed the Bikeability Level 1 and 2 this week. You demonstrated absolute tenacity and perseverance to complete the course, despite the weather. Our instructor from BANES was impressed with not only your commitment to achieving your goal but with your manners and compassion towards each other. Well done.

Aaron, Riley, David, Violet, Fergus, Gethin, Beth, Olivia, Kaius, Sonny, Rayan

Goodbye

We will be sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Sillem at the end of next week. Mrs Sillem has been a valued member of our teaching team for the past two years, currently supporting children in Year 6. We wish her well in her new teaching position at a school in Bath.



Camp

Soooo exciting! The Year 6 are ready, the teachers are ready, the office is ready and Ms Lampert is ready. On Monday morning, 7th June, everyone will be off to Great Wood for three days of activities, delicious food, fun and free-time and cabin inspections ☺. Children should come to school with all their kit at their usual time. Any medications will need to be dropped off to Ms Lampert.

Please ensure any outstanding payments are made early next week so that we can make all final arrangements.

Attendance

Class	This Week's Attendance
Little Oaks	99%
Class 1	98%
Class 2	95%
Class 3	97%
Class 4	94%
Class 5	94%
Class 6	95%

Well done Little Oaks for such high attendance and all classes for an improvement on last week.

Inspiring Learning at St Mary's

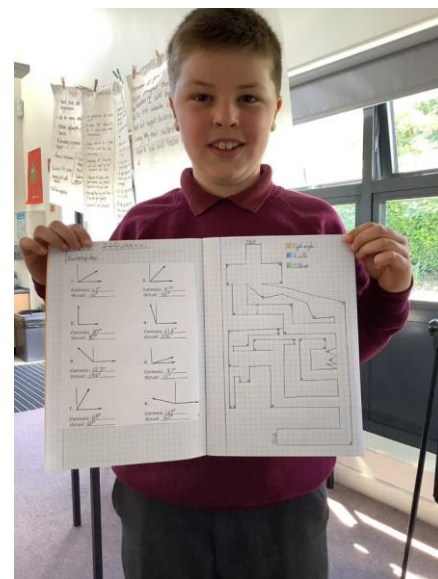
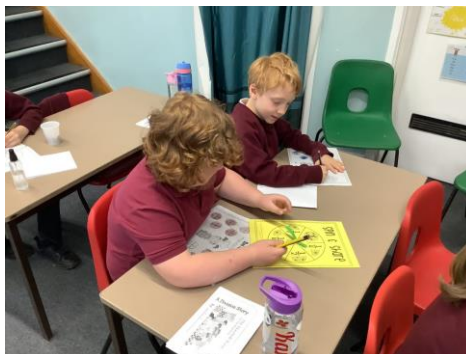


The chicks have arrived.

The children at St Mary's have been very excited over the past few weeks to follow the progress of our chicken eggs as they have been incubated and hatched. All classes around the school have had an opportunity to visit our fluffy additions and some have used this learning experience to inspire work in class: Year 5 even having a debate about whether we should have chickens in school – you can probably guess the result!☺
The chicks will be on their way to a new life on a farm in Frome this weekend.



National Numeracy Day 19th May 2021



On Wednesday we held our first National Numeracy Day and it was a huge success. All the children enjoyed exploring the maths that can be contained within a story book, putting a range of mathematical concepts into different contexts. The feedback from the children was really positive, with comments across both Key Stages of 'how much fun maths is' and 'I love maths now'!

The School Number Heroes Competition rounded off the day, with entry forms being sent home with the children. We all had such a wonderful day that we're already looking forward to the next National Numeracy Day!

Computer Charger

If you borrowed a computer from the school during lock-down please could you search at home as we have a cable missing. We would now like to be able to use these laptops in school and obviously are unable to recharge the laptops without the cable.