

ST MARY'S CE(C) FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY



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14th October 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

We are already nearing the end of our first half term; how quickly time has flown!

Now the children have settled well into their new routines and classes, it is an opportune time to help start building their independence. Encourage them to help prepare their bags for school and to enter the school playground on their own. If they can quickly settle into class in the morning, they will be focussed and ready for learning.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated food items during our Harvest Festival week. Your generosity will help to provide food and essentials for local families.

Finally, I would like to thank those parents and carers who were able to join us at our Harvest Festival Church Service last Friday; it was lovely to see so many new faces amongst the congregation. I would also like to say well done to Billy Pope, Abbie Potter, Edie Bawn and Rebecca Duplooy who led the readings and prayers. Please take a look at our photos overleaf.

Kind regards
Mr J Thorne

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 19 Oct	Stone Age Experience Trip to Blymhill - Years 3 & 4
Fri 21 Oct	Break Up for Half Term
Mon 31 Oct	Return to School
Oct 31 to 7 Nov	Diwali Week
Fri 7 Nov	Indian Dance Workshop - Whole School
Tue 22 Nov	<u>No</u> After School Club
Wed 7 Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Mon 12 Dec	School Christmas Production - times to be confirmed
Tue 13 Dec	School Christmas Production - times to be confirmed
Fri 16 Dec	Songs By Candlelight Break Up for Christmas

PTA CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

The deadline for ordering your Christmas cards online has been extended to midnight, Sunday 16th October. Please bring your artwork to school by Monday morning. Our PTA Newsletter is attached.

STONE AGE EXPERIENCE - Wed 19th October

Just a few reminders for parents about Year 3 and 4's forthcoming trip on Wednesday:

- As the activities are outside, children should wear warm clothing (not school uniform) and bring a waterproof coat.
- Please also bring wellies plus a change of shoes for wear in school and on the coach.
- The children can either bring their own packed lunch or you can order a picnic box from school. Picnic boxes are £2.15 each (free if you are entitled to free school meals). If you would like to order a picnic box, please could you let the school office know by Tuesday morning?

DIWALI WEEK - 31st October to 7th November

Diwali is the five day Festival of Lights and is one of the most significant festivals in the Indian culture. During this week, our children will be participating in a number of themed activities. On Friday 7th November, we will be hosting an Indian Dance Workshop where the children will be taught a combination of traditional Indian "Kathak" and more contemporary "Bollywood" dance moves. Please see attached letter.

NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROVISION

Tuesday 22nd November

Please note that there will be no after school club on Tuesday 22nd November due to staff training.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

J Team dates for next half term are 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th November. Please note that the times for this club have been extended: 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

Dodgeball and Football clubs will resume again after half term. To book, please complete the attached form and return to the school office with your payment. As usual, places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will be held after the half-term break. Dates to follow.

IT'S GETTING COLDER!

As winter is fast-approaching, please remember to bring a warm coat to school every day.

All newsletters and school letters are now available to view and download from our school website.

ST MARY'S SUPERSTARS!!!

Congratulations to the following St Mary's Superstars. We are very proud of you all. Keep up the hard work!

For the week commencing 3 October 2016:

Deputy Headteacher Award Andrea Jasiunaite (Y1)

Star Writers:
Ruby Smith (R)
Cody May (Y1)
Gianni Gambone-Smith (Y3)
Billy Pope (Y4)

Star Readers:
Faith Morton-Smith (R)
William Guy (Y1)
Tyler Smith (Y3)

Star Mathematicians:
Michael Pope (R)
Peter Dallow (Y3)
Hannah Guy (Y4)

For the week commencing 10 October 2016:

Star Writers:
Elsie Deakin (Y2)
Zoe Wightman (Y3)
Abbie Potter (Y4)

Star Readers:
Peter Dallow (Y3)

Star Mathematicians:
Oliver Howe (Y2)
Joseph Partridge (Y4)

Star Phonics:
Isabelle Heath (N)
Polly Deakin (N)



HARVEST FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER





Nursery have had a very busy half term learning about "Ourselves". During our many activities, we have been looking at our facial features, comparing our heights and measuring our feet using cubes.

Our favourite activity was making our own face biscuits using a variety of sweets. The children had to have a little sample to check that they tasted OK!

Mrs King



Reception have been reading "Funny Bones" by Allan Ahlberg and learning all about our skeletons. We all loved the skeleton dance!

Miss Shinton