St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week children in Year 6 have been taking some tests to assess their preparation for secondary school. Assessments are an important part of school life and children were pleased to be able to show off their learning. Year 6 showed our Christian values of determination, inspiration and excellence through their efforts. Thank you to the rest of the school for showing our Christian value of community by supporting Year 6 this week.

Mr Smith will be joining St Mary's as full time Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo from Monday. He is looking forward to meeting you all on the gate next week.

With best wishes, Miss Mitchell (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

The PANTS rule…

This week in Key Stage assemblies Ms Mitchell and Ms Morbi have been talking about the PANTS rule. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS gives an important message for children as young as four to help them stay safe.

Visit the NSPCC website to find out more: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/

Curriculum Presentation to Parents…

This week Reception presented some of their learning to their families. The children showed our Christian Value of 'Inspiration' through confidently performing 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

Friends of St Mary's meetings and the Family BBQ…

Would you like to be help plan and be involved in our Family BBQ? Then come along and join the **Friends of St Mary's.** All parents from any year group are welcome to attend these meetings.

We will be planning for our Family BBQ, which is taking place later in the Summer term on Friday 7th July.

Our first **Friends of St Mary's** meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th June at 9.05am** in the school hall. We will then have another Friends of St Mary's meeting before the Family BBQ on **Friday 30th June at 9.05am**.

We look forward to seeing any parents who would like to help at the meetings!

Do you have any questions about school life?
We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :)
Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

Important dates for your diary…..

Wednesday 17th May—2.45pm— Y4 Curriculum Presentation to Parents

Friday 19th May— Non-uniform Day — Children bring in £1 to raise money for charity

Monday 29th May– Friday 2nd June— Half Term

Monday 5th June— Start of second half of Summer Term

Wednesday 7th June— 9.05am — Friends of St Mary's meeting in the school hall

Thursday 8th June — 3.45pm— Y6 PGL meeting for parents and children

Wednesday 14th June— 9.05am—Parent Information Coffee Morning in the school hall — How we teach Relationships, Health and Sex Education

Wednesday 21st June —9.05am—Parent Information Coffee Morning in the school hall

Friday 23rd June— Sports Day (AM— KS2, PM— KS1)

Person of the Week!

Reception - Mohamed
Year 1 - Karlis
Year 2 - Zynah
Year 3 - Rama
Year 4 - Vikram
Year 5 - Ernie
Year 6 - Layla

Attendance…

A huge congratulations to Year 4 who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week. The class attendance was **96%.**

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school.

22nd – 26th May is Walk to School week

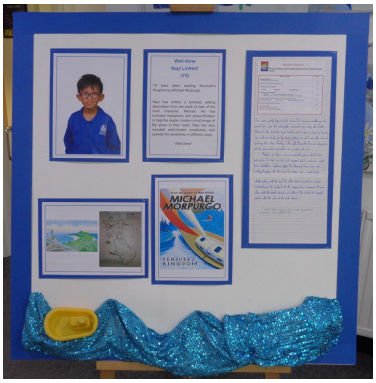
We know that most of our families walk, scoot or cycle to school every day, which is great for keeping healthy and helps keep the air clean.

If you come to school by car, bus or train, consider if you can make a change to walk, scoot or cycle to school for at least some of your journey in Walk to School Week. You might find it creates a new healthy habit.

As a Healthy School, we are always looking for ways to keep healthy.

Work of the Week…

Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby.



As part of their English learning, Year 5 have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. Nayi has written a fantastic setting description from the viewpoint of the main character, Michael.

He has used metaphors and personification to help create a vivid image in the reader's mind.

Well done, Nayi!

Our Prayer of the week…

May is the month of Mary

Mary, mother of God,
Mary mother of compassion, we ask for your prayers.
Mother of all who are poor, you said 'yes' to God's call.
We give thanks for the inspiration of all the women and men who have answered God's call throughout time.
Inspire us and move us.
Amen