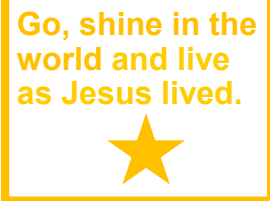




# St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2022  
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Dear Parents and carers,

This week was Anti-Bullying Week. Please talk to your child about what they learned in assemblies about Anti-Bullying. Please also take a look at the attached 'Is it Bullying?' poster that we regularly share with the children and use these ideas when talking to children about bullying. Our key message is always to tell an adult if you have a worry, or if you feel you are being bullied.

A reminder that parents are invited to attend St Mary's music concerts on Thursday next week. Please take a look overleaf for at 'Important dates for your diary' for further information.

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

## Your child's attendance at school...

You know how important it is that your child comes to school every day. **Did you know that most children only miss two days of school in the whole school year?** We even have many children who never miss a day of school!

Children who never miss school never miss out on learning. It's not surprising that children with the best attendance go on to achieve the best qualifications at secondary school. The evidence is clear that doing well at secondary school gives children the best chance to go on to be successful and economically independent in life. When children miss school, it is very difficult to catch up on that missed learning. Teachers move the whole class on every day and it is not possible to reteach your child separately if they miss a lesson. Unfortunately, this can harm a child's progress well into the future if they repeatedly miss out on learning.

Unless your child is so ill that they cannot come to school, please help your child to succeed by bringing them to school every day. Aim for your child to miss no more than two days in the whole school year, or even better, miss none! They'll show our **Christian values of Determination and Excellence**.

**Meet Barney, our new attendance bear.** The school council chose our attendance bear's name. Barney will be awarded to the class with the best attendance every week in celebration assembly. Barney will come and stay with the class for the week. We will continue to name the class with the best attendance in the newsletter each week. Your child can show our **Christian value of Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance.



## Leave from school during term time

We will not authorise any absence during term time to go on holiday or visit family. We know that the cost of travel abroad is very expensive in school holidays but your child's learning is more important. Please do not book any travel before or after a school holiday. Any time away must be taken in school holidays only. Only in the most exceptional circumstances, when travel is unavoidable will the school authorise emergency leave for a short period. If you think you have an exceptional reason, please ask for an exceptional leave request form from the school office and book an appointment to meet Miss Mitchell.

Camden will fine parents for taking leave during school time unless the school agrees it is an emergency. The fine isn't the most important thing though, missing learning is what will have the biggest impact!

I find my learning a bit confusing at the start when I'm late.



## Being on time

We open our gates at 8.45am so that children have time to go to their class and be ready for their reading lesson at 9.00am. Reading is the most important lesson of the day. Children who arrive at 8.45am have extra time to start learning, talk to their teacher and feel confident for the day. It is not possible to reteach your child separately if they miss the beginning of the lesson. Please help your child to never miss learning by bringing them school well before 9.00am.

Thank you for your help with this. Children cannot be at school on time and have excellent attendance without their parents support.

**Congratulations to Year 6 for having the BEST ATTENDANCE last week.  
The whole class attendance was 97%.**

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 23rd November at 9.05am-** Parent Information Coffee Morning in the school hall— How you can help your child stay safe online- All parents welcome

**Thursday 24th November—** 10.00am— Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 music concert; 2.30pm—Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 music concert

**Friday 25th November —** Non-uniform day— Children donate £1 to wear their own clothes

**Wednesday 30th November at 9.05am-** Parent Information Coffee Morning in the school hall— How to read with your child at home- All parents welcome

**Thursday 1st December—** 10.00 Nativity performance for Y2 parents; 2.00— Nativity performance for Reception and Y1 parents

**Monday 5th December—**2.30pm— Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church— Parents welcome

**Monday 5th December—** Nursery Christmas party

**Tuesday 6th December—** Y5 and Y6 Christmas party

**Wednesday 7th December —** Y3 and Y4 Christmas party

**Thursday 8th December—** Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas party

**Friday 9th December—** 3.30pm— Christmas Craft sale outside classrooms

**Wednesday 14th December—** Christmas lunch

**Friday 16th December—** Last day of term

**Tuesday 3rd January—** Start of Spring term— all pupils back at school

## Remembrance Day...

Last Friday, Y6 Trust Group and other members of the class attended a special service of thanksgiving and remembrance at the Military War Memorial in Hampstead Cemetery.



The service was attended by other schools from the local area. Children laid wreaths, listened to readings and sang hymns to remember those who lost their lives in wars. The children all showed our Christian Values of respect and compassion as they observed 2 minutes' silence.



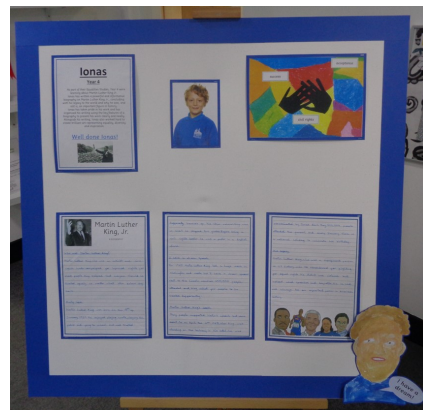
## Work of the Week...



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

As part of their learning about British Values and equality, Year 4 have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr.

Ionas has written a powerful and informative biography and created a fantastic piece of art representing equality, diversity and inspiration.



Well done, Ionas!



## Person of the Week!

Reception - Adryan

Year 1 - Maeve

Year 2 - Yasmine

Year 3 - Malika

Year 4 - Vita

Year 5 - Spencer

Year 6 - Kyle

## Our prayer of the week...

Lord Jesus,

You come to share the Good News of God's Kingdom with the whole world.

May your love reign in our hearts always.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen





# IS it Bullying?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's...

## Rude

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's...

## Mean

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's...

## Bullying