



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 all classes have been learning about aspects of gender, race and religious equality as part of the school's equality curriculum. We look forward to sharing some of their work next week. It was lovely to see some parents at our Parent Information Coffee Morning on Wednesday this week. Please see overleaf for information on our next Coffee Morning. All parents are welcome to join us for these sessions.

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

Pupil voice...

Pupil Voice is very important at St Mary's. One of the ways we find out what the children enjoy most about coming to school (and what we can do to make the school even better) is to ask the children to complete a Pupil Questionnaire. We were pleased to see how positive the responses to the Pupil Questionnaire were and that so many of our pupils (97%) said that they are proud to be at St Mary's. It was a delight to read their comments and suggestions.



Every single child (100%) said that they feel safe at school, and lots of children commented that when they are worried or scared, teachers help you feel better. One child said, "However you feel, someone will notice."

Many children said learning is what you enjoy most, which is great because that's what school is for! We were pleased that all pupils (100%) said that our teachers help them to try their best. One child said "In my old school I did not do a lot and then I came to this one and I learnt so so much."

Of course, many children said that playing with their friends at playtime was what you enjoy most. This shows our value of 'friendship'. We were glad to hear that children said that there are lots of options at playtime – playground games, basketball, Indoor Club. We try to provide a good range of options but we are always keen to hear more ideas!

Many of children said they enjoy celebrating achievements in Celebration Assembly; that they like hearing who is 'Person of the Week', who has special mentions for showing our Christian values and who is a learning hero. It's so important to celebrate our own and others' achievements by showing our value of 'community'.

With the ideas for what we can do to make the school even better, it's always lovely to hear that lots of pupils say the school is just right and doesn't need anything to get better. Some of you even asked to expand the school to Year 7, 8, 9...! Our value of 'excellence' tells us that we can always get better at anything, though.

A few children asked for a swimming pool. We would love to have a pool, especially for those hot summer days, but there really isn't the room! Several children asked for a class pet but there's a lot of time and responsibility to consider with a pet that we think is best done at home.

Poetry Assembly...

As part of the English curriculum, all of our pupils learn poems to recite off by heart. Before half term, Reception to Year 6 performed their poems in front of the school in a special poetry assembly.

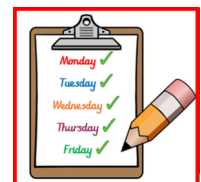


All of the children made us feel very proud as they showed their school Christian values of 'Inspiration' and 'Excellence' during their highly entertaining performances.



Attendance...

For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school regularly. Children must arrive on time before 9am every day so that no learning is missed– remember that the school gates open at 8.45am.



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

Reasons not to keep your child off school:

- If you or another sibling is ill
- It is their birthday
- They are tired from a busy weekend
- They went to bed late
- For non-urgent medical appointments that can be arranged outside of school hours (e.g. dentist, opticians)

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.....

Monday 7th November-Parents working alongside children in Reception- invitation letters will be sent out soon.

Wednesday 9th November at 9.05am- Parent Information Coffee Morning in the school hall– How to help your child with homework— All parents welcome

Wednesday 16th November— School photograph day

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

Tuesday 6th December— Y5 and Y6 Christmas party

Wednesday 7th December — Y3 and Y4 Christmas party

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

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

Parent Information Coffee Morning...

Would you like to hear some advice on how to help your child with their homework?



Then come along to our Coffee Morning on

Wednesday 9th November at 9.05 in the school hall. Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. All parents welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Good manners...

This week in KS1 Assembly, Miss Whiteley spoke to the children about the importance of having good manners.



The children discussed how to greet people, how to have good table manners and how to be polite in class and around school.

Everyone agreed that its important to always remember to use good manners at all times.

Work of the Week...

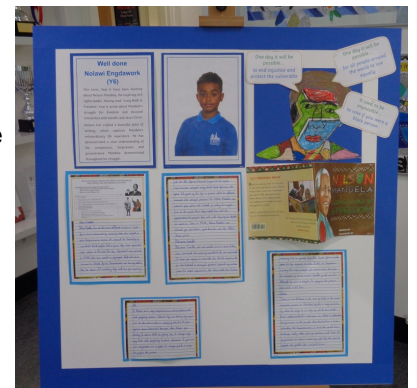


Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby.

As part of Equality Studies, Year 6 have been learning about Nelson Mandela.

Nolawi has written a fantastic piece of writing, which captures Mandela's extraordinary life experience. He has demonstrated a clear understanding of the compassion, forgiveness and determination Mandela demonstrated throughout his struggle.

Well done, Nolawi!



Person of the Week!

Reception - Celine
Year 1 - Keoni
Year 2 - Alfred
Year 3 - Alia-Zoe
Year 4 - Yasin
Year 5 - Lacey
Year 6 – Emilly

Our prayer of the week...

Dear God,
In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days,
cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays:
we see the creator's hand.

In the browning of leaves once
green, morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls, frost's first kiss; we
see the creator's hand.
Amen

