



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, we had our first 'own clothes day' of the new academic year where children could wear their own clothes if they chose to bring in £1.00 for our school charities.

You gave so generously and together we raised £189, with all proceeds being donated to **Plan International** and **New Ways**.

Thank you all for demonstrating our school values of **Community** and **Compassion**.

With best wishes, Ms Marsham (Head of School) and Ms Dyson (Executive Headteacher)

Go Shine Federation Football Tournament...

This week, Y5 and Y6 children took part in a football tournament at St Mary's with other local schools in the federation. Children were not only awarded points for winning and drawing matches, but also points for showing our school values. Children



demonstrated fantastic footballing abilities and showed our school values of **Respect**, **Determination**, and **Community**. A big well done to both our teams who finished 1st out of all the schools who took part.



Harvest donations...

Children show our values of **compassion** and **community** through the act of charitable giving. Thank you to everyone who donated food and toiletries for our harvest collection. They will be donated to the local food bank to help many families in need.

In Harvest Assembly we thanked God for all the food that we are lucky enough to enjoy. We reflected on those people who do not have enough food and discussed the ways that we can help them, such as, donating food.



Smart Watches

Children are allowed to wear analogue watches to help them learn and tell the time. **However, smart watches are not allowed as they pose a safeguarding risk.**

They are able to connect to the internet and so children could access inappropriate content without adult supervision. This is unsafe.

Additionally, many children play with these during the day. This is a distraction and can cause them to lose out on valuable learning time.



I have received and read the St Mary's C of E Primary School newsletter of 9.10.26

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...

Monday 12th October - Parents working alongside

Children Year 5

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th October- Year 6 Residential PGL

Tuesday 13th October- Year 2 Trip to Hampstead heath

Tuesday 13th October- Year 4 History off the Page workshop- in school

Thursday 15th October- 9.10 Friends of St Mary's meeting

Friday 16th October- St Mary's Fancy Dress Disco at 5.00

Monday 19th October- Parents working alongside Children Year 3

Tuesday 20th October- Reception Settling in meetings

Thursday 22nd October- Non-Uniform day

Monday 26th October- 30th October

Half Term- school closed



Person of the Week!

Reception- Mustafa

Year 1 – Danyal

Year 2– Caleb

Year 3- Abdullah

Year 4– Nansi

Year 5 – David

Year 6 – Lexi



Attendance...



Congratulations to **Year 1 and Year 2** who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week.

Year 1 and Year 2 had a class attendance of **100%**

Well done, to other year groups who had above 96%!

Reception 98%

Year 5 98%

Year 6 97%

Year 3 97%

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

Work of the Week!



This week's brilliant piece of work displayed in the school lobby is by Irena in Year 2.

Year 2 have been reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr. Irena wrote her own retelling of the story. She carefully chose words from the vocabulary wall. Irena used adjectives like 'ravenous' and 'gluttonous' to describe the tiger. She thought carefully about how she started her sentences and skilfully started her sentences with conjunctions to add variation for the reader.

Well done, Irena!



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



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Ms Marsham or Ms Jackson.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.

