



St. Mary's News

23rd September 2016



Values Week

Next week we will be having our 'Values Week'. The children will have the opportunity to explore some of the fundamental values of our society and how we apply these to our life at school e.g. laws and rules. Reception children will talk about the police force and how they keep us safe. They will explore rules and laws in school. Other classes will think about what would happen if rules and laws didn't exist in school and in our country. Year six children will look at the differences between countries that are democratic and countries that are a dictatorship.

As part of the week, the children will take part in art activities which will be put together to create a display for our entrance hall e.g. Year 1 children will make the flags of the countries of the United Kingdom, whilst Year 5 will create Andy Warhol style pictures of the Queen.

Photographs will be put up on the website once all of the work has been completed.

First Holy Communion

Many thanks to the parents who attended the First Holy Communion meeting on Tuesday night. The next meeting is for both parents and children and is the first lesson in the children's sacramental preparation. This meeting is on **Wed 28th Sept** at 6pm in **Church**. Further meeting dates this term are:

Wednesday 2nd Nov in the infant hall. 6pm
Wednesday 30th Nov in the infant hall. 6pm



Football Festival

Some of the Year 6 boys have been invited to take part in a football festival on 28th September at Selwyn Jones. Letters have been sent home tonight to the children that have been selected. Good luck next week.



Y6 Parents' Meeting

Thanks also go to the parents of the Y6 children who attended the meeting on Wednesday night. We hope that you found the overview of the year very useful. PGL payment cards and a list of important dates for the year ahead are available in the school office for parents who were unable to attend. If you have any further questions about SAT's, applications to high school or PGL please pop in to see the Y6 teachers or Mrs Hymers.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 29th Sept in the infant hall. Why not pop in for cake, coffee and a chat after dropping your child off at school. Everyone is more than welcome.

We would be really grateful if you could support our coffee morning by donating cakes. As always any offers of help are gratefully appreciated. The children will be able to buy a cake or two and we ask for a £1 donation to support this super cause. Any leftover cakes will be given out to the children at snack time on Friday.



Open Afternoon

Next Thursday afternoon (29th September), we will be having an open afternoon, from 2-3pm for parents of nursery aged children who are considering primary school places for next September. If you know anyone who has a child of this age please pass the details on to them. We only have 25 children in our current Reception class and would love to welcome more children into our school family. When I speak to parents it appears that people don't apply to St Mary's as the perception is that we are always full. With the falling birth-rate in the local area this is simply not the case and we are happy to take children from further afield.

Welcome!

Good Work

A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their good work this week:

Year 1 - Ava

Year 2 - Charlie

Year 3 - Ava

Year 4 - Thomas

Year 5 - Harry

Year 6 - Jasmine

Well done everyone!



ABC Opening Times

Remember that the ABC now opens from 7.30am every morning. Evening times remain the same. The contact telephone number for the ABC club is 01744 678614.



Toddler Group

Have you got young children? Would you like to make new friends? Then why don't you come along to our toddler group on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am until 11.00am for a cup of tea and a chat.

House Points

Infants

Matthew	Sofia
Mark	Roman & Amelie
Luke	Lily
John	Lexie

Juniors

Abbie
Joshua
Joseph
Joshua



The overall winners were Infants - Lily (Y2) and Juniors - Joshua (Y4). Well done everyone!

CLASS DOJO		Dojo Class Update		CLASS DOJO	
	Target	Achieved so far	Leader so far		
Year 1	270	127	Dylan 7		
Year 2	270	126	James 10		
Year 3	500	123	Thomas 11		
Year 4	500	106	James 7		
Year 5	500	142	Joshua & Mischa 10		
Year 6	500	156	Joshua		
	Before School	Lunchtime	After School		
Monday		Zumba	Football KS2 with Mr McMinn		
Tuesday	Fun Fitness Y3/4				
Wednesday	Girls Football KS2	Tag Rugby KS2	Multi Skills KS1		
Thursday	Fun Fitness Y5/6	Football KS1, Guitars	Choir		
Friday	Archery KS2	Archery KS1	Hockey KS2		

Whole School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 27th September to take the children's individual photos, family photos and the Reception Class photo. If you would like your child to have their photograph taken with younger siblings who are not of school age, simply pop into school at 8.45am that morning and the photographer will take them before school begins. All other family photos will be taken throughout the morning.



Dates for Your Diary

26/09/16	Values week
27/09/16	School photographs
29/09/16	Macmillan coffee morning
03/10/16	Poetry week
07/10/16	Harvest assembly KS1 & Rec parents invited 9.30am
10/10/16	Judaism week
14/10/16	E-safety Parental workshop 1.45pm KS2 children E-safety assembly KS2 parents invited
17/10/16	Hinduism week
19/10/16	Open afternoon 2.30-3.15pm Parents evening 3.40-6.30pm
20/10/16	Open afternoon 2.30-3.15pm Parents evening 3.40-6.30pm
21/10/16	Finish for half term
21/10/16	Halloween disco
01/11/16	School reopens
21/11/16	Anti bullying assembly 2.30pm. KS2 parents invited.
02/12/16	Christmas Fayre in St Mary's Club from 3.30pm
13/12/16	KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm
14/12/16	KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Play 7.00pm
15/12/16	Rec Christmas Play 2.30pm
16/12/16	School Christmas Parties
21/12/16	Christmas Service in Church 2.00pm
21/12/16	School closes for Christmas Holidays



Parking

We have been asked to remind parents, grandparents etc to please not park on the road way leading to Bernard Wood Court and Birchley Care Home as it is a private road and is also causing problems for the residents. We ask that you please respect their wishes and use the club car park.



Party Day

On Thursday, 6th October, we are having a 'Party Day' at lunchtime to which anyone who normally has packed lunches is invited to stay for a school dinner. The choices are turkey dinosaurs or vegetarian sausage rolls. If you would like your child to stay on the 6th please let the school office know by next Wednesday, 28th September. There is no charge for any children in Reception, Y1 or Y2 and it is £2.25 for children in Years 3-6.



Poppy Appeal

We have now received our boxes of poppy themed items and poppies which will be going on sale next week. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 per item. This year we have friendship bracelets, slap rulers, wristbands, reflectors and of course traditional poppies. Last year we raised a fantastic £541.74 which was the highest of all the primary schools in the borough. Please support this very worthy appeal.



Lest We Forget.

