



Facts on the 14th— January 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

Happy New Year

We began our new term with a day of activities to support our St Mary's Learners. The children are developing some excellent attitudes for learning and are also able to articulate these skills and attitudes. Many of our visitors comment on how well our St Mary's children behave and also how good their attitudes are to learning.

We have a packed half term planned with various classes, having workshops or assemblies for parents. Also this half term, our KS2 choir are singing at the O2 again. This is an amazing opportunity joining thousands of other Primary School pupils to sing as one choir.

Rabbits won the Golden Ticket for attendance in the Autumn 2 term. Well done Rabbits for achieving the best attendance and they earned their reward of an extra 15 minutes play.

We also awarded certificates for 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. An amazing 25% of pupils in Reception to Year 6 gained this award. Well done to you all!

We have also had celebrations for Star of the Week and Superstars and quite a few children were awarded the '100 dojo award'. Well done—such a great achievement.

We have our e-Safety Workshop for parents on Tuesday 6th February run by Computer Champions. This is a valuable opportunity to hear about how you can keep your child safe at home on the internet/Facebook/social media and other aspects of e-Safety. Please read further details of the workshop inside.

Best wishes

Helen Austin

School Dinner Money—KS2 Children (Yr 3-6)

The cost of a school dinner is now to £2.25 per day.

The school office must be notified in writing of any changes to school meal patterns. If you fail to inform the office of changing to a packed lunch from school meals, in writing, you will still be charged.

Please note all school dinners must be paid in advance and any account seen to be a week or more overdue, will be suspended and a packed lunch will need to be provided. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please contact Natalie King who will be able to advise you as to whether there may be some future support we can offer if you are eligible.

INSET Days 2017/2018:

Friday 25th May 2018 / Monday 23rd July 2018

Absences

Please read the School's Attendance Policy (Pupil) Autumn 2017 before completing an Absence Request form. This policy can be found on our website. Pupils are expected to attend school 100% of the time unless the absence is authorised by the headteacher. The school will give careful consideration to your request in exceptional circumstances only. Authorisation will only be given if the reason for absence falls into the criteria for authorisation as set out in the policy. Unauthorised leave of absence of 5 days or more may be subject to a penalty notice as follows:-

- **£60 (per parent per child) if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 (per parent per child) if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.**
- If the Penalty Notice is not paid within **28 days**, the local authority is then obliged to prosecute for failing to ensure regular school attendance.
- Each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child per parent.

KS2 Carol Service

On Tuesday 19th December, we held our KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church. The festive evening was enjoyed by our pupils, their families and staff too. The service was followed by refreshments and mince pies in the Church Hall. Thank you to all the who attended our popular service.

Mince pies were kindly donated by Co-op Byfleet and refreshments organised by Revered John McCabe.

Photo taken by Mr Hurst, Parent Governor.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for all your kind donations to the Poppy Appeal.

We raised an amazing £568.61!

Cashless Office

Please note the school is cashless and, that with immediate effect, will no longer accept cash / cheque payments for trips and events (Nursery fees are not affected).

If you have not already registered for online payments, please contact the school office.

Parent Voice—Next Meeting

Our next Parent Voice meeting is at Wednesday 21st February 2018. Minutes from previous meetings can be found on our website. Please email Sarah O'Rourke in the office if you have anything you would like raised at the meeting by midday on 9th February 2018. Items received after this date will be discussed at the following meeting. All parents /carers are welcome to attend.

If you would be interested in becoming a class representative, please email Sarah O'Rourke:
office@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk

Sickness & Diarrhoea

Please can we remind parents and carers that pupils are to remain off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Bank of Parent Helpers

Due to parental work commitments, it is not always possible to cover trips and events with parent helpers within their own specific year group. The school are looking to compile a list of parent helpers who would be willing to act as parental support in other year groups.

Please contact the school office if you would like to be added to the bank of generic parent helpers.

As always your support is greatly appreciated.

The Hive – Afterschool Club

We welcome Mrs Wilby & Mr Walker as new Playworkers at The Hive.

The Hive are always looking for new games. If you have any unwanted games, please bring them to the school office or to The Hive when dropping off or picking up.

We still have a number of parents/carers who continue to use the staff car park. We would remind all parents/carers that parking is not permitted in the staff car park when dropping off or collecting from The Hive. May we also remind all parents that access into the school via the staff car park on foot should be made through the main entrance pedestrian gate (to the left of the vehicle gate) and not the vehicle gate itself.

Please may we ask that if you have booked a place for your child/children in either breakfast club or after school club and the place is no longer required, please can you let The Hive know as we have a wait list for most sessions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bold—Extended Services Manager

Stationery Shop

As you know, the school has a fantastic **Stationery Shop** offering a variety of stationery at competitive prices!

KS2 children need to supply their own stationery, so this is the perfect place to keep your pencil case well stocked.

Please see price list below:

Highlighters – 70p

Rulers – 50p

Sharpeners – 15p

Glue sticks – 85p

Whiteboard pen – 55p

Pencil – 10p

Recycled pencil – 15p

Eraser – 20p

Rollerball pen – 50p

Black/blue handwriting pen – 50p

Pencil gripper – 65p

(Spring term prices)

Where: Outside Hippos'

When: **Monday and Wednesday** lunchtimes 12.00-12.20pm

Thursday break time Year 3 only – 10.30-10.45am





Online Safety for Parents

Do you.....

- ⇒ Worry about what your children are doing online?
- ⇒ Know how to keep your children safe online?
- ⇒ Have online safety questions that you would like answering?
- ⇒ Understand the platforms and forums your child can access?
- ⇒ Know where your child is, even when they are safe at home?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above come along to our Online Safety for Parents event on:-

Tuesday 6th February 2018 @ 2.30pm—3.15pm

Main Hall, St Mary's C of E Primary School

Event open to parents of all year groups.

**KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFE Online**



St Mary's Superstars



Congratulations to all our Superstars!

Panthers; Erin, Cameron, Ugnius, Larenzia, Jenson

Cheetahs: Finley B, Cheryl, Ra'id, Toby, Sian

Lions: Callie, Oscar, Aimee, Madden, Alicia

Tigers: Lily Rae, Pedro, Falaq, Lucy L, Tyler

Polar Bears: Martin, Mia, Ruby Rae, Grace, Jenson

Pandas: Ruby, Alfie F D, Betty, Abigail, Abilash

Elephants: Logan, Harry, Sophie, Gabi, Ekene

Hippos: Maeve, Elsa, Louie, George, Abby

Kangaroos: Rebecca, Emily, Tooba, Grace, Rayhan

Giraffes: Raha, Abi, Zente, Devon, Rosie

Lemurs: Lauren, Mia, Kuba, Ries, Emma

Chimps: Matthew, Rayaan, Grace, Eva, Natasha



Star of the Week

Moles: Patrick—for always being a role model and a kind friend

Zara—for participating in dancing and singing activities

Ethan—for doing fantastic sitting and listening on the carpet

Aryan—for being confident to ask for help

Muhammed—for following the carpet and classroom rules

Dylan—for being so enthusiastic about reading new books

Millie-Mae—for having a fantastic start back to Nursery

Evie—for putting her coat without support

Hedgehogs: Hope—for always trying her best in class and during Nativity rehearsals

Oscar—for fantastic behaviour and ideas on the carpet

Rabbits: Lucas—for choosing to play with table top activities in green time and being sensible

Panthers: Freya B—for s super positive attitude to your learning. What a great way to start the new term.

Cheetahs: Sian—for the excitement and enthusiasm that you bring to every nativity rehearsal

Alasiya—for a imaginative and creative description of her dragon

Tigers: Issac H—for taking on another nativity line, on the day of our first performance

Finlay—for working really hard on his writing this week

Lions: Harry—for working so hard to improve his behaviour

Laura—for showing a positive attitude to leaning in all lessons

Polar Bears: Ruby M—for always being very supportive of others

Ruby B—for being a supportive and encouraging friend, particularly in PE this week

Pandas: Mia—for always putting so much care and effort into her work

Zuzanna—for improved focus and effort in lessons

Elephants: Jess—for writing such a thoughtful poem in Literacy

Peter—for great improvement in his attitude towards his learning

Hippos: Christian—for working hard and continually trying to challenge himself in Maths

Dylan—for confidently sharing his understanding with others—you are a wonderful talk partner and role model

Giraffes: Livy—for always being glad to learn—you're an excellent role model

Neo—for improved concentration and enthusiasm in all lessons, especially in topic

Kangaroos: Yves—for having such a positive attitude towards his learning

Aaron—for improving your attitude towards learning

Lemurs: Teresa—for working hard to meet her targets during literacy

Jubei—for completing work more independently particularly in Literacy

Chimps: Anthony—for some fantastic reasoning in Maths and always being happy to take a risk

Jay—for having more confidence to share his ideas

Dates for your Diary

(new dates in bold)

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| 16.01.18 | The Friends Meeting @ 7.30pm |
| 26.01.18 | Cheetahs Parents Assembly |
| 29-31.01.18 | Sayers Croft—Yr 4 Residential |
| 01.02.18 | Stone Age Workshop—Yr 3 |
| 02.02.18 | O2 Young Voices Choir Trip |
| w/c 05.02.18 | Curriculum Week |
| 06.02.18 | E-safety Day |
| 06.02.18 | E-safety Parents Presentation—2.30pm—3.15pm |
| w/c 12.02.18 | Half Term |
| w/c 19.02.18 | Yr 6 Bikeability |
| 21.02.18 | Parent Voice 2pm |
| 22.02.18 | Discos Yrs 1-6 (changed from 01.02.18) |
| 23.02.18 | Kangaroos Parents Assembly |
| 01.03.18 | World Book Day |
| 02.03.18 | Panthers Parents Assembly |
| 09.03.18 | Hippos Parents Assembly |
| 09.03.18 | Mothers Day Sale |
| 16.03.18 | Sport Relief |
| 29.03.18 | End of term—finish at 1.05pm |
| 29.03.18 | The Friends Easter Egg Hunt |
| 16.04.18 | Start of Summer Term |
| 18.04.18 | Class Photographs |