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Newsletter—week ending 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the meetings this week and for me to have the chance to share and discuss with you our ideas for the year ahead here at St. Marys.

This year we will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents as well as headteacher tours. This is something I have done before and it has always been well received. The event will take place in the hall and all classes will be displaying work and resources to give parents a flavour of what each year group is like. I will be doing a short presentation and then some of your older children will be trained to take the parents on a tour of the school. Their visit will end in the hall for refreshments and question time. To advertise this event we are in the process of creating banners to display and we plan to drop leaflets in the community as well. Please do encourage members of the community to visit us if they are looking for a school place for this year or next September . We have spaces across year groups.

At the start of the week, Nicky Oakley came to assembly to hand out the prizes from the Parish Day poster competition that took place in the summer term. All of the children who won came to the front to receive their prize and were applauded by the whole school. The art work created by classes and individuals was truly lovely. Congratulations to all of the winners!

While Nicky was here I shared my desire to 'spruce' up the grounds especially our plant pots that look a little sad at the moment. Huge thanks to Nicky who turned up to school yesterday with enough plants to fill our 16 plant pots! They were a gift from both her and her husband and I was so touched by their generosity .

I am also very grateful to Mrs Brown and Mrs Burnett who have offered to give up their time to come in next week to pot up the plants.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Mr Baddock, with regards to a workshop we will be holding for parents in the near future. I hope many of you are able to come as it is something we are focusing on developing this year at school.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

from

Mrs Jacquie Chambers





Did you know that local Woking-based charity, FoodWise, provides free cookery skills training courses teaching people how to prepare and cook nutritional food on a restricted budget to those families *experiencing financial hardship or on a low income*? This six week course focuses on food purchasing, preparation and cooking with a view to improving health and well-being and helping the food budget stretch further. All the equipment and food required for each session is provided free of charge and course participants get to take the meal they have prepared home with them. If you feel this is something that would be beneficial to you and your family, further details can be found at the following website: <http://www.foodwisetlc.care/>

For any support for your family or your child, please contact me directly, either via email: hslw1@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk, by completing a HSLW referral form which can be found in the school office reception area or call me via the main office number 01932 410300.

I am based in school and work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Mary Murphy-Diprose
Home School Link Worker

Yoga Mat Request!

If you have any unused or old yoga mats that you are happy to donate to the school, Mrs Merrick would be very grateful!

Class Representatives

We now have sufficient Class Representatives for our Foundation Stage and KS1.
We are still looking for KS2 Class Representatives. Please do let us know if you are able to be your child's Class Representative.

Star of the Week



- Moles: Rufus—for being happy & making new friends in Nursery
- Hedgehogs: Sienna—for being happy and confident in school
- Rabbits: Zara—for setting an excellent example as an organised and helpful Rabbit
- Cheetahs: Daniel—for managing his distractions and trying his best with his writing
- Panthers: Freya—for showing good listening skills and learning behaviour
- Lions: Scarlett—for trying and trying again and for persevering in Maths even when she found it tricky
- Tigers: Ibrahim—for taking a risk and having a go at answering questions in class discussions
- Polar Bears: Molly H—for being a risk taker and challenging herself in Maths
- Pandas: Barney—for enthusiastically putting his hand up lots and contributing to lessons
- Elephants: Josh—for demonstrating fantastic effort and perseverance during Maths lessons
- Hippos: Oliver D—for continually challenging himself in Maths lessons
- Giraffes: Abby—for always being ready to learn and making great contributions in class
- Kangaroos: Emily—for being such a reflective and independent learner
- Lemurs: Aoife—for being a reflective learner by listening to feedback and editing and improving her work
- Chimps: Abi H—for always being ready to learn and focussed on her learning

READERS WANTED



As part of our continued efforts to raise the standard of literacy in school, we are hoping to encourage a bank of parents to come in and help with reading. Reading regularly to an adult has been shown to significantly increase the rate of progress that children make. We are aiming for all pupils to read on a rotation basis to the teacher, teaching assistant and parent helper.

We are extremely grateful for the parents who already support the school in this and many other areas, but we are hoping that there would be some more parents/grandparents/carers that would enjoy coming into school on a regular basis to listen to the children read. Typically, you would work on a one-to-one basis, spending 10 minutes with each child talking about the book they are reading and listening to them read. Ideally you'd be able to come in twice a week, but once a week would be fine too.

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer please complete the slip below and return it to the school office. If you would like some further information before volunteering, please pop into the school office or speak to your class teacher.

Please note that there may be a requirement to place you in another class/year group if your own child's class is already sufficiently covered.

We do hope you can support us and look forward to hearing from you.

To be returned to School Office

Volunteer Readers

- I would like to offer my support to be a parent helper reader
- I hold a current DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check with St Mary's School
- I would need to apply for a DBS check in order to help
- I am available on: Mondays AM/PM, Tuesdays AM/PM, Wednesdays AM/PM, Thursdays AM/PM, Fridays AM/PM (*please circle your availability*)

Name: _____ Associated child: _____

Contact Number: _____

Thank you for your interest.
We will be in touch!

Parish Day Art Assembly

Mrs Oakley, from the Byfleet Parish Day committee came into school on Tuesday to present awards to a number of our pupils for the wonderful Parish Day Art entries they completed before the summer holidays.

Congratulations to all the children who took part.



Individual Photographs

Our photographers will be in school on Wednesday 3rd October. Please ensure your child is in the correct and full uniform (including jumper/cardigan) on the day.

Thank you

KS2 Choir & Young Voices O2 Trip

If your child would like to take part in the Young Voices O2 Choir Trip on 31st January 2019, please ensure the permission form is returned no later than 9am on Monday 24th September. Unfortunately we are no longer able to purchase audience tickets.

Choir has now started and we are practicing songs for Young Voices.
Please remind your child to regularly attend choir Thursday lunchtimes.

Dates for your Diary (new dates in bold)

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| 25.09.18 | Friends Meeting at 7.30pm |
| 03.10.18 | Individual School Photographs |
| 06.10.18 | Race Night –The Friends |
| 10.10.18 | Open Morning for Prospective New Parents (9.30am—11.00am) |
| 12.10.18 | Harvest Festival Service—Yr 3 Parents Invited |
| w/c 15.10.18 | ECO Week |
| 19.10.18 | Lions Parents Assembly |
| w/c 22.10.18 | Half Term |
| 29.10.18 | Young Shakespeare Workshop—Yr 6 |
| 30.10.18 | Great Fire of London Workshop—Yr 2 |
| 02.11.18 | Giraffes Parents Assembly |
| 02.11.18 | Fireworks Night—The Friends |
| 16.11.18 | Children in Need |
| w/c 19.11.18 | Lifebus |
| 30.11.18 | Chimps Parents Assembly |