



St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Newsletter—week ending 30th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

The Christmas preparations are well underway and the children are all very excited! Our Christmas tree has arrived ready for our tree decoration assembly next week. Thank you so much to the Friends who bought the tree and the stand. The children have all been busy making their decorations to hang on the school tree and they are looking great! The children will bring their decorations home at the end of the term so that you can enjoy them as well.

Congratulations to the staff and children of Chimps class. They did an amazing job retelling the story of Macbeth in today's class assembly, with solo singing, narration, rapping and dancing. The children have worked really hard in their own time to make sure it looked polished on the day. Thank you to all of the parents and visitors who came to watch, your support is very much appreciated .

We hope you have a lovely weekend and are looking forward to seeing you all at the school fair this Saturday .

From

Mrs Chambers



Message from Guildford Cathedral—Yr 1 Trip

It was a pleasure to welcome St Mary's School to Guildford Cathedral again and thank you so much for bringing your children to our workshop. The children are a credit to your school, so alert, perceptive and reflective, good at listening and they showed great maturity in the activities in which they participated. Please pass on our appreciation to your staff and helpers who also took a full part in the workshop and are to be congratulated for their cutting out skills!

Whilst writing, below is the link to information about our Christingle service on 27 January 2019, a poster is also attached, as is a poster regarding our Christmas Eve, Journey to Bethlehem service on Christmas Eve. We would be most grateful if you could share this information as appropriate!

<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/news/2018/christingle-service>

The Book Fair



This week the school book fair was held in the school hall. Lots of people came to buy our lovely books that were on offer and some people even bought Christmas presents! The fair was held on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th November

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our school. Hopefully we shall be able to buy some nice new books for our already wonderful library.

Written By Josh, Year 5

Christmas Post Rota

Each class has a turn at sorting and delivering the post. Children may wish to wear a Christmas accessory whilst doing this, so do feel free to send them in with tinsel, 'Rudolf ears' etc on the day their class is delivering. Please note, your child will not be able to wear these accessories all day, so they should be easily removable!

Date	Class
4 Dec	None due to special assembly
5 Dec	Year 1
6 Dec	Year 3
7 Dec	Reception
10 Dec	None due to KS1 Nativity
11 Dec	Year 5
12 Dec	Year 6
13 Dec	Year 2
14 Dec	Year 4
17 Dec	Post box closed
	Have a wonderful holiday!

St Mary's School Byfleet

Christmas 2018 Fair

Sat 1st Dec
15:30-18:00



****Free Entry****

Hot Food & Refreshments Games

Entertainment "Elfridges"

Santa's Grotto

↙ (Grotto Tickets) ↘



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Learn to Ride a Bike

We are very excited to announce that during the Spring Term, we will be offering Key Stage 1 children the opportunity to 'Learn to ride a bike' with instructors from Surrey County Council.



A two-hour course where trainees:

- Get used to steering their bike and using the brakes before getting on the bike
- Get on and off their bike with confidence
- Walk, scoot and stop while seated
- Start to use their pedals and balance
- Finish with independent periods of riding

The course is delivered by Surrey County Council's team of Cycling Instructors, who are all:

- Permanent Surrey County Council employees
- Accredited to the National Standard for Cycling.
- DBS-checked
- First Aid trained

Please register your interest with the school office

We can't guarantee children will be able to ride their bike after this training but if they can't they will have a really solid basis for further practice.

Lifebus

We were very lucky to have the Lifebus in last week. All children in the school had a chance to come into sessions, which covered various areas of PSHE. I know both the children and teachers enjoy their slots and learnt a lot - including some jokes and riddles!

Mr Baddock

PSHE Lead





THE PARENTING PUZZLE

How to Get the Best out of Family Life

at

St Mary's C of E School

We are delighted to announce we will be running a Parenting Puzzle 10 week course in school next term. Starting in January, the ten sessions will take place on a Monday morning, for 2 hours, and are designed to give parents tips and ideas about how to manage their children's behaviour, encourage their development and improve their relationships with them. We recognise that whilst children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, looking after them can be stressful and challenging. The Parenting Puzzle helps deal with those challenges so you have a calmer, happier family life.

The course is open to all mums, dads and carers. It builds on parents' existing skills and introduces helpful ways of improving family relationships and managing the behaviour of children of all ages.

The course is run by 2 trained leaders, who have children themselves and know all about the realities of being a parent. There is a small weekly charge of £2.00 to cover the cost of the course handbook and refreshments.

The Parenting Puzzle isn't a course for bad parents of naughty children! It can help all parents, whatever the ages or stages of their families, by offering an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas as well as pick up new strategies and approaches to help make family life more fun.

Topics covered on the Parenting Puzzle course include:-

- Praise and raising self-esteem
- Understanding why children behave as they do
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs) and dealing with anger
- Setting clear boundaries
- Exploring different approaches to discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

To book, please email our Home School Link Worker, Mrs Muphy-Diprose: hslw1@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk

Home School Link Worker

Monthly Coffee Morning—Reminder

A reminder we are starting on Monday 3rd December a monthly drop-in coffee morning from 9-10am. The purpose of these sessions is to give you an opportunity to meet face-to-face and to see how we can help you and your family within school, as well as providing you with information about services accessible to you within the local community.

I look forward to meeting you on Monday 3rd December. Siblings are welcome to attend too.

Mary Murphy-Diprose

Email: hslw1@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk

Working days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you from The Royal British Legion for
raising an amazing £376.11!
The local area raised an fantastic total of £38,969.53!



Star of the Week

Moles: Lucy R—for always being ready to learn and for having a brilliant week back

Finley – for working so hard on writing his name

Hedgehogs: Daisy—for always being happy to learn and trying her best in Nativity practises

Rabbits: Erin—for growing in confidence and taking risks in her learning

Cheetahs: Ellis—for working extremely hard on improving his maths skills

Panthers: Ava—for making super progress in reading and using her sounds when writing

Tigers: Melissa—for being positive about school and her learning

Lions: Inaya—for always trying hard in lessons to produce her best work. Well done

Polar Bears: Isabella—for persevering in Maths lessons and showing a hardworking attitude

Pandas: Riley—for challenging himself with his mental maths skills

Elephants: Alfie F D—for showing enthusiasm across all areas of his learning

Hippos: Ruby M—for showing wonderful perseverance in maths and never giving up

Giraffes: Lucas—for making lost of progress in Reading and Maths. Keep up the hard work

Kangaroos: Ben—for persevering during test week

Chimps: Lou—for showing such resilience in her performance and listening to direction

Lemurs: Grace—for producing a fantastic piece of writing in Literacy, focusing on use of vocabulary and punctuation for effect

Dates for your Diary

(new dates in bold)

01.12.18	The Friends Christmas Fair
03.12.18	HSLW Coffee Morning @ 9-10am
05.12.18	Height & Weight—Yr 6
07.12.18	Library Visit—Yr 4
07.12.18	Nativity Rehearsal
10.12.18	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm (Adults only)
11.12.18	KS1 Nativity @ 9.30 am
12.12.18	Nursery Nativity @ 11am
12.12.18	Christmas Lunch
14.12.18	Christmas Jumper Day—mufti day
14.12.18	Yr R Nativity @ St Mary's Church
14 & 17.12.18	Nursery Christmas Parties
17.12.18	Class Christmas Parties Yr R—6
18.12.18	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church - Yr 5 Parents Invited
18.12.18	End of term—1.05pm finish
19.12.18	INSET Day
03.01.19	INSET Day
04.01.19	Start of Spring Term
18.01.19	Pandas Parents Assembly
22.01.19	Parent Voice
25.01.19	Tigers Parents Assembly
30.01.19	Disco
31.01.19	Young Voices—O2 Trip
11-13.02.19	Kingswood Residential - Yr 4
01.05.19	Disco
13.05.19	SATs Week
03-07.06.19	PGL Liddington Residential - Yr 6