



St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Newsletter—week ending 8th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Hope you all had a great week.

Thank you to everyone who has already made contributions towards our Mothers Day collections and to the Friends for organising the event.

Congratulations to all of the children who received Gold this week and as parents we hope you enjoyed receiving your surprise gold postcard in the post. The children are receiving gold awards for going that extra mile with their learning and for putting in great effort, which is fantastic to see.

Please can I remind all parents that if your child has been sick that they do not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode. We have had several children and members of staff off ill this week and really need to control the germs spreading so your support with this would be really appreciated. There are horrid colds doing the rounds as well. We are all hoping for a more germ free February!

The big reveal!

On Monday 11th February at 9.05am, you are all invited to join us on the school playground to hear the whole school perform our school song! We have had the final mixed and polished song sent through to us, so we are now able to share it with you all! I hope you can all come and join us to celebrate all of the children's hard work. Exit from this event will be via the Hart Road gate only. The music DVD will be on sale soon after half term.

Look forward to seeing you then!

Mrs Jacquie Chambers



Anxiety in Children: A workshop for parents
Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 9am



You are warmly invited to come to a presentation on anxiety in children at St Mary's led by our Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Community Nurse. The session will include a short presentation and the opportunity to ask questions about anxiety and how to support your child. A range of information that you can take away with you will also be made available. After signing in at the office, please join us in the hall from 8:50am onwards for tea and coffee. The session will start at 9am. So we have an idea of numbers, please email me (hslw1@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk) if you plan to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to this session.

If there are other topics about which you feel you would benefit from learning more to support your child, drop me a quick email.



We are delighted to announce we will be running another Parenting Puzzle 10 week course in school next term. Starting in May, the ten sessions are anticipated to take place on a Monday evening, 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 focus on positive approaches to discipline is perfectly aligned with our revised whole school behaviour policy which is based on building and restoring positive relationships. This means the Parenting Puzzle creates consistency for your child between home and school.

The course is run by two trained leaders, who have children themselves and know all about the realities of being a parent. It is designed to empower parents to improve family relationships and children's social, emotional and cognitive development, resulting in increased resilience, empathy and self-esteem in themselves and their children.

Spaces are limited, if you would like to attend, please send me an email to express interest and when course details are firmed up, I will send these to you.

Mary Murphy-Diprose

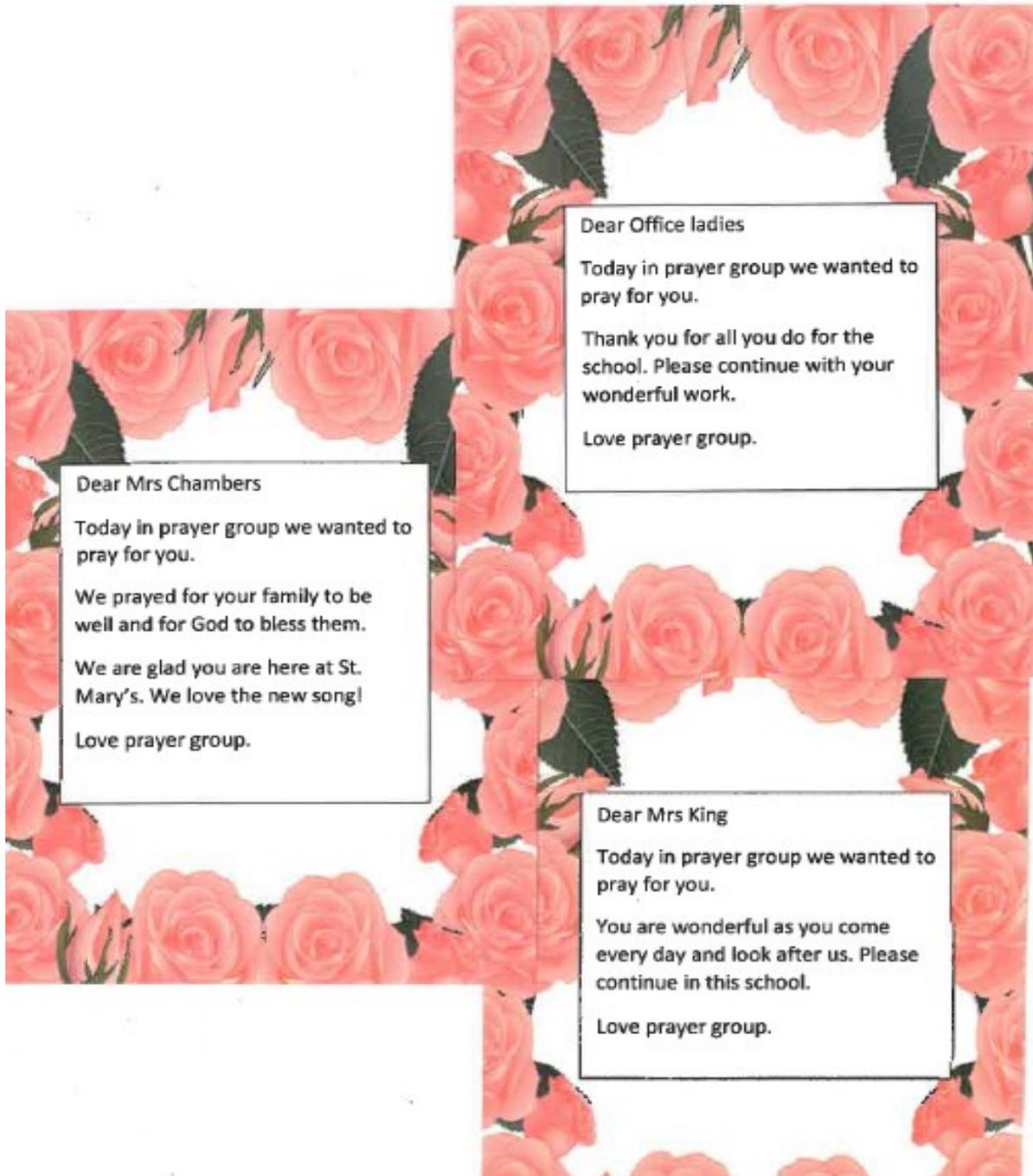
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Working days *this week*: Monday 11th: 8:15am—2:15pm; Friday 15th: 8:15am—12:15pm

Prayers from our Prayer Group

Please see below a few prayers which have been written in our Prayer Group this week.

Thank you so much from Mrs Chambers and the office ladies.



Dear Mrs Chambers

Today in prayer group we wanted to pray for you.

We prayed for your family to be well and for God to bless them.

We are glad you are here at St. Mary's. We love the new song!

Love prayer group.

Dear Office ladies

Today in prayer group we wanted to pray for you.

Thank you for all you do for the school. Please continue with your wonderful work.

Love prayer group.

Dear Mrs King

Today in prayer group we wanted to pray for you.

You are wonderful as you come every day and look after us. Please continue in this school.

Love prayer group.

Water Bottles

We have a number of children who do not come into school with a drink.

Please can you ensure you send your child/children into school with a water bottle.

Thank you

Byfleet Art Group—Spring Exhibition

Byfleet Art Group Spring Exhibition takes place this year on Saturday 13th April 2019 from 10am until 4pm at the Catholic Church Hall, Madeira Road, West Byfleet KT14 6DH.

Entry is free and on show will be a diverse selection of affordable and original art along with limited edition prints and greetings cards, all created by our local artists. Refreshments are available so why not relax with a warm cup of tea and a slice of delicious cake, many homemade.

In addition, the Byfleet Art Group meet at St Mary's School every Tuesday evening during school term time, from 7pm until 9.30pm. A very warm and friendly group, painting and drawing together with the help of our wonderful resident tutors if required. The group caters for artists of all levels from beginners to experienced and new members are always very welcome.

We also run a programme of inspiring workshops and demonstrations by visiting professional artists which members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

If you are interested or require any further information please visit www.byfleetartgroup.com or contact: Jackie Hubbard (Chairperson) jackie.hubbard40@gmail.com on 01932 402042, Pat Clarke (Secretary) patclarke-art@hotmail.co.uk or email byfleetartgroup@gmail.com

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you must ensure the office is notified by 9am.

If we do not hear by the close of registers at 9.15am, the absence would be marked as unauthorised.

Messages can be left overnight.

Thank you

Safer Internet Day

This year Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 5th February. The school were visited by Mr Rickus from Computing Champions who spoke to the KS2 children and parents about how to stay safe online. The children discussed how they can interact with others online and how it makes them feel. All children throughout KS2 spoke confidently about how they should only be speaking to people they know and understand what they must do if they come across something that upsets them.

During the afternoon, Mr Rickus also provided a parent meeting. Thank you to those who attended, we hope it was helpful. If you were unable to attend, please find attached a handout from the meeting; hard copies are also in the office and on the school website.

I would also like to say a massive thank you and well done to the Digital Leaders. Over the last few weeks they have been planning an Online Safety poster competition and created a PowerPoint which they presented to the KS1 children on Monday. They spoke clearly and confidently and I am very proud! There is still time to hand in any last minute posters!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss O'Brien

Computing Lead

e-Safety guidance - Parents

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/> - Advice on how to talk to your children about staying safe online, including having a regular, open dialogue

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/> - Free telephone advice on all things e-safety, including practical guidance on setting up parental controls – 0808 8005002

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ - Age appropriate advice for parents regarding both e-Safety and cyber bullying, including how to discuss specific issues. Games and resources for use with your children can be found on the main site at: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers - "How to" guides for setting up parental controls on a range of devices, including Xbox, Playstation, TV on demand (e.g. iPlayer) and your Internet router / Wifi box. Games and resources are also available on the main site at: www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.getsafeonline.org - Guidance on everything in your online / digital world, including viruses and hacking, along with content for adults, such as safe online banking and choosing appropriate passwords

ceop.police.uk – Place to report inappropriate online behaviour, such as grooming, through the "Safety Centre" at: ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/ You should call the Police if a child is in immediate danger

www.iwf.org.uk - Hotline for reporting criminal content online, such as abusive images. Reports can be made at: www.iwf.org.uk/report

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide/> contain information on how to use Minecraft safely, whilst <https://blog.connectedcamps.com/10-best-kid-friendly-minecraft-servers/> has details of child friendly servers for online, multiplayer gaming

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/roblox-a-guide-for-parents> - Advice for parents on how to keep children safe when playing Roblox

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/ - Parents' guide to Pokemon Go, including details of how to play the game safely



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Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

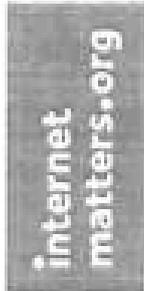
Checklist

- Put yourself in control
 Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting www.internetmatters.org
- Search safely
 Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safesearchcentre.
- Agree boundaries
 Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.
- Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?
 Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.

Over 65% of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online*



- Explore together
 The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.
- Check if it's suitable
 The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.



Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they interact with a social media network like WhatsApp or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they can to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and popups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Family View when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content
- Help them to better understand how different programs they use and judge the quality and reliability of online content

Talk about it:

For an interesting conversation

- Start conversations when your child is doing something fun so you can talk about the things that interest them about
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use that as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be a role model and let them know they don't have to share everything with you if you don't want to get involved with you
- Encourage them to get help with any issues you can't solve without paying for it
- Talk about online passwords as well as the dangers of giving out personal information that might be embarrassing, funny or risky to others
- Ask them what they can do to help if they see something wrong



Deal with it

You can find out where to get help and advice on the Report it page of internetmatters.org where we include information on how to report problems - and which relevant organisations and agencies to turn to.

On this page, we also provide information on how to deal with any specific issues you may encounter with your child, such as finding inappropriate content and cyberbullying.

Stay safe at secondary school

Exposure to some of these risks increases when children move up to secondary school so make sure your child is prepared - find out more with our [pub-learn](http://pub-learn.org) guide at internetmatters.org/pub-learn



Class Photographs

We have our class photographs on Wednesday
24th April 2019.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child/children to be included in their class photograph, please put this in writing to your child's class teacher.

Mothers Day Sale

The Friends would like to thank parents for the Mothers Day donations already received and would remind parents that they can continue bringing them in until Friday 15th February.

Thank you



Star of the Week

Moles: Rocky—for becoming more independent

Hari—for being so enthusiastic about reading

Hedgehogs: Elsie—for amazing me with her progress in reading! Keep working hard.

Rabbits: Willow—for huge improvements in her phonics

Cheetahs: Finn—for showing excellent progress in his reading! Well done!

Panthers: Amelia—for super work in Maths and for always contributing to our class discussions.
Well done

Tigers: Gracie—for working hard at school and at home to improve her writing. Well done!

Lions: Alex—for using his phonics in his writing. Well done!

Polar Bears: Demi—for being a fantastic role model and taking responsibility for her own learning

Pandas: Madden—for creating a great introduction to his instructions

Elephants: Ruby—for being a wonderful role model to others

Hippos: Anum—for working incredibly hard in Literacy and confidently sharing her understanding with others

Giraffes: Lilly—for making lots of progress in spellings. Keep up the hard work!

Kangaroos: Amelia—for always trying her best in Maths

Chimps: Mikey—for excellent contributions in Literacy

Lemurs: Lewis—for challenging himself and taking risks in his learning

Dates for your Diary

(new dates in bold)

11-13.02.19	Kingswood Residential - Yr 4
12.02.19	Tigers Library Visit @ 1.30pm
15.02.19	Kangaroos Parents Assembly
15.02.19	Pandas Library Visit @ 10am
15.02.19	Polar Bears Library Visit @ 1.30pm
w/c 18.02.19	Half Term
w/c 25.02.19	Bikeability—Yr 6
27.02.19	Nursery & Reception Farm Visit
27.02.19	'Anxiety in Children' Workshop for Parents 9-10am
01.03.19	Lemurs Parents Assembly
07.03.19	World Book Day
14.03.19	Stone Age Workshop—Yr 3
22.03.19	Hedgehogs Parents Assembly
22.03.19	Elephants Library Visit @ 10am
22.03.19	Hippos Library Visit @ 1.45am
05.04.19	End of term—1.05pm
23.04.19	Start of Summer term
24.04.19	Class Photographs
01.05.19	Disco
13.05.19	SATs Week
24.05.19	INSET Day
w/c 27.05.19	Half Term
03-07.06.19	PGL Liddington Residential - Yr 6
04.09.19	INSET DAY