Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the PTA meeting last night. We have voted people into the key positions required to run a PTA and we have a good sized group of parents who have volunteered to help this year. Congratulations and thank you so much to the people who were willing to be voted on to be the official name on the constitution: Charlotte Alderson as Chair, Jisoo Park as Vice Chair, Chris Waddle as Treasurer and Helen Exley as Secretary. They will be sharing these roles unofficially so that it can be more of a manageable team approach. Leila Hallows will be supporting Chair, Erica Hamilton as supporting Vice Chair, Holly Kelly as supporting Treasurer and Paulina Rakowska as supporting Secretary.

At the meeting we have agreed all of the events for the year and the team have great ideas. I will leave it to the new team to reveal what we are fundraising for this year and what events we have planned. Thank you to Mrs Robinson and Miss Rutherford who also attended the meeting. They are leading on parental engagement this year, so they were keen to hear what the PTA were planning so that we can involve staff more, to support the parents in the running all of the events. Thank you so much to all of you who have been in touch about supporting the school and the PTA.

I am excited for the year ahead!

Hope you all have great weekend!

Mrs Jacquie Chambers
**Parental Engagement—REMINDER**

At St Mary’s, we understand how important it is for parents to be actively involved with their child’s school. Below is a link to a survey which will give you the opportunity to support us with improving parental engagement and to share your views and ideas. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey by Friday 11th October. We have extended the closing date by a week. It should only take a few minutes to complete and will help us to create an action plan moving forward.

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q6QQHDT](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q6QQHDT)

Many thanks

Mrs Robinson and Miss Rutherford

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**Preparations for Brexit – 31st October 2019**

In the run up to the provisional date for Brexit of 31 October 2019, the Government has asked schools to reach out to ensure that parents/carers of pupils who are EU, EEA or Swiss nationals are reminded to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020. For further details please visit:


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**Parking**

Can we please remind our parents/carers to park considerately when dropping off and picking up from school. Please do not park across our neighbours driveways or on the yellow zig zags by the school entrances.

There is plenty of parking by the Church entrance of the school and we have permission to use the Church hall car park.

To help alleviate traffic in the Hart Road, we have a voluntary one way system where we enter from Church Road and exit onto Rectory Lane.

We thank you for your co-operation.

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**Parents Evenings—Moles to Year 6**

A letter was emailed this week with details of our forthcoming Parents Evenings on Tuesday 22nd October & Wednesday 23rd October 4pm—7pm and Moles ONLY on Thursday 24th October 9am –11am.

Please remember to make your Parents Evening bookings next week, when available:

**SIBLINGS ONLY** Bookings open 6am Tuesday 8th October onwards

**OPEN TO ALL (INCL NON SIBLINGS)** Bookings open from 6am Thursday 10th October onwards

Please note bookings will close 12 noon on Friday 18th October - no appointments can be made after this time

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**Parental Supervision On Site Outside Of School Hours**

Please can we politely remind parents/carers that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to safeguard their child until the school opens at 8.45am and again after 3.15pm.

All Foundation/KS1 children are to be supervised by their parent/carer before being handed to the class teacher each morning. In return, teachers will not release a Foundation/KS1 child until the parent/carer is present.

With regards to children in KS2, local authority guidelines state that pupils may come to school and go home independently. If you would prefer your KS2 child to be supervised when handing over at the beginning or end of the school day please contact the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping the pupils of St Mary’s school safe.
Happy Puzzle Company

Today, the Happy Puzzle Company kindly visited our school, encouraging us to work together to solve puzzles. This helped us to improve our logic and communication skills.

“I had a cracking day, thank you Happy Puzzle Company”, quoted Abby, a student from year 6.

Thank you Miss Booth for arranging such a wonderful and fun-filled day.

Mr Baddock

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.
Community Working Party

‘Dig’ out your gardening gloves and lend a hand as we tidy up the allotment areas of St Mary’s. We are looking for parents, villagers and friends to volunteer an hour or two to do the following:

- Weeding
- Cutting back hedges and overgrowth
- Clearing
- Odd jobs
- Fix broken sleepers

No experience or tools necessary; but if you have any of the following please bring them along: hedge shears, hand forks, secateurs, loppers, gardening gloves etc.

Donations of the following will be very much appreciated:

- Organic matter such as compost or manure
- Wooden sleepers/planks with the following dimensions:
  960mmLx220mmHx120mmW
  or 2400mmLx220mmHx120mmW

Come along and join in on a fun community day.

Free refreshments available all morning.

Children are welcome!

12th October 2019 from 9am to 12pm
At St Mary’s CofE Primary School, Hart Road, Byfleet
Star of the Week

Moles: Lucy—for showing great enthusiasm when reading new stories
Myles—for trying super hard to follow our class rules and share toys with his friends
Hedgehogs: Molly D—for being a caring friend and always being enthusiastic to learn
Rabbits: Aliyan - for challenging himself in the classroom and being a superstar learner
Cheetahs: Willow—for making a great improvement with her maths
Panthers: Patrick—for putting 100% into his learning and presentation
Lions: Marley—for super work in Maths and Literacy. It is great to see you being an enthusiastic learner!
Tigers: Jack A—for trying hard to be an independent learner
Polar Bears: Harriet—for being a great role model to the class by following instructions and showing great enthusiasm
Pandas: Amelie—for carrying out additional learning at home and for having such a positive attitude towards all aspects of school
Elephants: Laura—for showing a wonderful enthusiasm and interest in History
Hippos: Joshua—for showing an encyclopaedic knowledge of History
Giraffes: Ruby-Rae—for always putting 100% in all her learning
Kangaroos: Evie—for showing wonderful perseverance in Maths this week and never giving up
Chimps: Amelia—for working very hard, especially in maths doing long division
Lemurs: Ella—for being incredible patient and helpful to her peers
Dates for your Diary
(new dates in bold)

04.10.19       Happy Puzzle Company Workshops
07 & 08.10.19  Skipping Workshops—Yr R - 6
10 & 11.10.19  Nasal Flu Immunisations Yr R - 6
16.10.19       Weald & Downland Trip—Yr 2
21.10.19       Yr 6 Height & Weight
22 & 23.10.19  Parents Evening 4 –7 pm
24.10.19       Parents Meetings (Moles only) am
25.10.19       Harvest Service @ St Mary’s Church—Yr 3 Parents invited
25.10.19       Open Classrooms
w/c 28.10.19   Half Term
05.11.19       Snow White performance to whole school
05.11.19       Parent Voice—2pm
07.11.19       Shakespeare Workshop—Yr 6
08.11.19       Shoebox Appeal—closing date
08.11.19       WBJS Fireworks Display
15.11.19       Children in Need
19.11.19       ECO Day
w/c 25.11.19   Life Bus
29.11.19       Open Classrooms
11.12.19       Nursery Nativity Performances
12.12.19       KS1 Nativity Performances
13.12.19       Christmas Jumper Day
13.12.19       Christmas Lunch
13.12.19       Open Classrooms
16.12.19       Carol Service—St Mary’s Church
17.12.19       Yr R Nativity Performances
20.12.19       End of Term—1.05pm
06.01.20       Start of Spring Term
07.02.20       Young Voices Choir
11.02.20       Safer Internet Day
12-14.02.20   Yr 4 Residential
w/c 17.02.20  Half Term
3 & 4.03.20   Parents Evening
05.03.20       World Book Day — Dress up day
02.04.20       Easter Service & St Mary's Church—Yr 4
w/c 11.05.20  Yr 6 SAT’s week
01.06.20       Yr 6 Residential
w/c 08.06.20  KS1 Statutory Testing—Phonics Screening
16-19.06.20   INSET Days