



St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Newsletter—week ending 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Your children

There has been some amazing art happening around the school and the children's work is looking lovely up on all of the display boards ready for our Open Day video being shot on Monday. This week myself, Mrs Harding and Ms Gorton carried out learning walks around the school watching all of the children in their new classroom environments. The children are a real credit to all of you and the staff. They showed great behaviour for learning and were so settled and enthusiastic in their lessons, we were all very proud of them. We look forward to sharing all of this with you at our new remote parents evening later this month. There will be more details about parents evening soon as we are just deciding which online platform to use.

Open Day Video

On Monday, please make sure that your children come to school smart and in the correct uniform. Thank you so much to all of you who responded to the consent form to say if you do or don't give permission for your child to be in the class shots during the video. We have had no replies from 52 families which is a shame. We are now unable to amend the permission lists ahead of Monday as the deadline has passed.

We plan to post our video on the school website so you will also have the chance to watch it. I am very keen to update and revamp our school website so you will see some changes over the coming months.

Welcome

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed our new Home School Link Worker! Welcome back Mrs Merrick who left us to have her baby last December and who is now returning to us in a new role. Mrs Merrick will be starting after October Half term as our HSLW. I am also very excited to announce, I have appointed a Nurture Liaison Lead who started with us this week. Tanya brings much experience in running nurture groups for children, therapy sessions for children and also has experience of working with families and parents. As you are aware the happiness and wellbeing of the children is very important to us here at St Mary's and happy children learn best. The addition of Mrs Merrick and Tanya will add further to our pastoral support system here in school which is exciting. Tanya will be on the gates and on playground making herself known to you all from today so please join me in making her feel welcome.

Have a great weekend!

Jacque Chambers



Absences

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office each day to update us.

If your child is absent due to COVID symptoms or isolating due to a family member awaiting test results, please let us know the results as soon as these are received.

We thank you for your support.

Vaughan House Harvest Donations

Harvest is soon approaching and at this time of year we would normally ask for food donations to Vaughan House. However, as you are aware, we are having to do things differently this year due to current circumstances. Therefore, rather than food donations, a monetary donations page will be set up on ScoPay. This will be available during October for you to donate if you are able to.

We also hope you enjoy Year 3's virtual Harvest Festival Assembly which will be emailed out to all parents at the end of this half term and uploaded to our St. Mary's YouTube channel.

Thank you in advance. The Year 3 team

Message from Reverend McCabe:

This month is Harvest Festival and today we are sending donations directly at Vaughan House's request to the Church Homeless Trust, which is directly linked with Vaughan House Guildford's re-start ministry. Please donate online at : <https://churchhomelesstrust.org.uk/donate/>. Our link there is Liberty Johnson who would be delighted to hear of any donations and is contactable on: liberty.johnson@riverside.org.uk



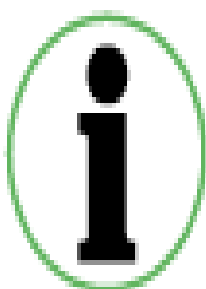
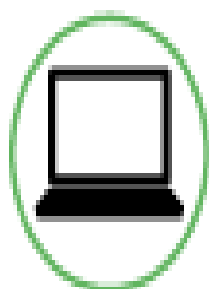
Wooden Pallets

The school have 6 wooden pallets which we are not using. If they would be any use to you, please call the school office.

Thank you

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Pupil Premium Funding

We understand that financial situations may have changed significantly for some families with the current COVID-19 situation. As a school we are able to support our pupil premium families. Should your family find themselves having to self-isolate and if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals, please contact the school office as school caterers Twelve15 are offering weekly food goody bags.

Please note this does not apply to Universal Free School Meals.

If you think that you may be eligible for the support please email: info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk at your earliest convenience providing your National Insurance Number (each parent if applicable) and your permission for us to check your eligibility on your behalf. Please see application form for details required. This can be found on our website, alternatively we can email a copy to you.

We would love to support you if we can!

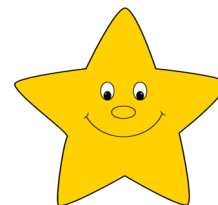
Criteria of Eligibility for Pupil Premium – Do either parent’s receive any of the following?

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker’s Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190- **N.B. If you receive Working Tax Credit you DO NOT qualify even if you receive Child Tax Credit and your income is below £16,190**
- Working Tax Credit ‘run on’ – Paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit.
- Looked After Children (LAC), ie in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority.
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangement order or a residence order?
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces?

Application for Pupil Premium will not affect any financial support you are already receiving.



Star of the Week



Moles: Emilis - for always bringing a happy and positive attitude into Nursery.

Izaak - for being happy to try and try again with a smile.

Rabbits: Jasmine - for trying really hard with her name writing. Well done Jasmine!

Hedgehogs: Kenzo - for working really hard to retell our class story!

Cheetahs: Mimi - for coming in with a smile on her face every day this week!

Panthers: Kristof - for your wonderful self-portrait painting in our Art lessons this week.

Lions: Phoebe - for being ready to learn in every lesson!

Tigers: Brayden - for contributing lots of interesting facts during our Geography and History lessons.

Polar Bears: Sarah - for great improvements in her story writing and using fantastic vocabulary.

Pandas: Maggie—for working hard to produce some great work this week. Well done!

Elephants: Connor - for working hard and showing great enthusiasm in Maths lessons.

Hippos: Ryan - for contributing ideas so confidently in class.

Kangaroos: James - for being such a kind, caring and hard working member of the class – a great role model to others!

Giraffes: Elsie - for always being kind and caring to others.

Chimps: Dexter - For his constant effort in every aspect of school life – all round excellence!

Lemurs: Sophia - for always reflecting on her learning, particularly when editing & improving in English.

TTRS Superstars

Year 2: Ruby - Lions

Sam - Lions

Patrick - Tigers

Year 3 & 4: M J - Hippos

Jeanine - Elephants

Amy - Hippos

Year 5 & 6: Laura - Kangaroos

James - Chimps

Ellie - Lemurs

Dates for your Diary

(New dates in bold)

26 - 30/10/20	Half Term
08 & 09/12/20	Flu Immunisations
18/12/20	End of Term - 1pm finish
04/01/21	INSET Day
05/01/21	Start of Spring Term
10/02/21	Individual School Photographs (date changed from 2/2/21)