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Newsletter - week ending 1st October 2021

Dear St Mary's Families,

'Learning for Life'

Kindness Trust Courage

Hope you all had a great week!

Events

We are very excited about our first sporting event taking place next week at a local school for our year 2 team. Huge thanks to Mr Craven, one of our sports coaches, for organising this event. We wish our year 2 team lots of luck! There are many events planned for the year ahead and we look forward to sharing these events with you through the school website and on our Instagram feed.

The children have been busy designing their Christmas cards for the PTA so it has been very festive in some rooms with Christmas music being played to set the mood. Thank you to the PTA for organising this again for us and we hope lots of our families will buy the cards, mugs and other festive gifts on offer to help raise money for the children at school.

Reminder

There have been some children arriving at school after 8.40am. Please can we remind parents that the **learning starts at 8.40am** so children need to be in the classroom by 8.40am. Teachers will be making contact with families who are consistently late to school as we really don't want any children missing out on their learning time.

Leadership Team

I am pleased to share that we are welcoming 3 members of staff to the senior leadership team for the year: Miss O'Brien, Mrs Robinson and Miss Simmons. They will be driving our curriculum and wellbeing for this year to help us achieve our aims for the year and fulfil our vision. The senior leadership team consists of myself as Head teacher, Mrs Harding as Deputy, Ms Gorton as SENCO and then our 3 new members. We are very excited about the plans for the year, which will be soon published on the school website in our School Development Plan.

Planetarium

Next week the planetarium is coming to visit us! It is great to be able to welcome educational workshops back on site. We will still be adhering to preventative measures in accordance with the COVID risk assessment. We really hope the children enjoy the week and we would love to hear any feedback you may have. A big thank you to Mrs Barnes for organising the event for us as Science leader.

Have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Chambers



COVID Symptoms

Anyone with symptoms should get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate. <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>. Please also inform the school of any positive result.

Under 18's and those that are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after second jab) no longer need to isolate as a close contact of a case but **are** strongly encouraged to have a PCR test.

Prayer

Our prayer this week has been written by Polar Bear class.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Farrelly

Polar Bears

DAILY PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for being there for us in times of uncertainty.
Help us to find the courage to be brave and know that
you are always by our sides.

Please help us to find resilience when we find things
hard and to keep going to achieve our goals.

Thank you for all our friends and family that help
support us during these times.

Amen

PTA & Friends—Firework Display: Tuesday 2nd November

The PTA & Friends have a firework display on Tuesday 2nd November.

To see full details of the event and a notice of forthcoming events, please visit:

<https://www.stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=PTA+and+Friends&pid=110>

Let's Get Reading!

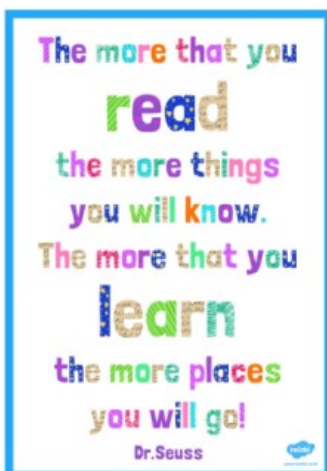


This week's book reading was from Ms Amison, surprising her child in Reception. I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Amison for getting involved and reading her favourite children's story 'Winnie's Magic Wand'! She did a great recording of the story - I am sure lots of us can relate to accidentally putting something in the washing machine and the nightmare that follows after! Thank you for sharing your reading of the book with us!

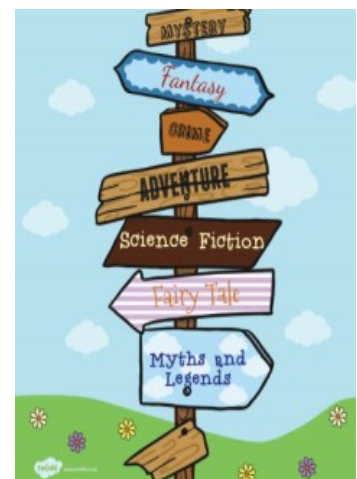
Seeing adults read can have a huge impact and influence on children. The more they see adults read, the more likely they are to become readers themselves. Reading for pleasure is a great way to learn new things and to become transported to new places and times without leaving your chair!

If you would like to get involved and do a surprise reading of your favourite children's book for your child, then please contact me (Mrs Robinson) via the office, including your name, contact number and child's name and class. I will then contact you, to confirm arrangements and to offer any support needed.

The children can't wait to see whose parents will surprise us next!



Many thanks
Mrs Robinson
(KS2 Leader)





Star of the Week

Moles: Katie - for her brilliant effort socialising with others and for always lending a helping hand.

Rares - for his friendly, positive and enthusiastic attitude in Moles.

Hedgehogs: Luena - for always trying her hardest at everything she does!

Rabbits: Harrison - for creating a fantastic story map for 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Well done Harrison.

Cheetahs: Martha - for having such a positive attitude at school and being so enthusiastic with her learning!

Panthers: Oliver - for independently applying what he's learnt in our English lessons.

Lions: Matei - for such a great attitude towards his learning – top lad!

Tigers: Otilie - for so much effort at home with her reading.

Polar Bears: Finn - for always working hard and challenging himself this week!

Pandas: Beau - for always being kind and helpful, and trying her best when our maths learning is tricky.

Hippos: Dylan - for creating models to help others on the working wall.

Elephants: Lily - for being such a conscientious learner and so hard working!

Kangaroos: Isla - for creating amazing sentences in English, using our New Learning

Giraffes: Finley - for fantastic contributions to class this week, especially in English!

Chimps: Falaq - for fantastic perseverance in Maths this week!

Lemurs: Lucie - for showing incredible perseverance in Maths, and learning from mistakes.

TTRS Superstars

Year 2: Oliver - Tigers

Edie - Tigers

Otilie - Tigers

Year 3 & 4: Thomas - Elephants

Lucas - Elephants

Sofie - Pandas

Year 5 & 6: Faye - Chimps

Zaina - Chimps

Inaya - Giraffes

Home School Link Worker—Newsletter

Please find the HSLW Weekly Bulletin attached, which includes information, advice and resources on mental health and emotional wellbeing services for children, a recipe idea and a fun activity for families to try at home.

<https://www.stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Bulletins&pid=385>

Dates for your Diary

(New dates in bold)

w/c 4.10.2021	Space Week
06.10.2021	Nasal Flu Vaccination Yrs R - 6
06 & 07.10.2021	Planetarium Visit Yrs 1 - 6
13.10.2021	Open Morning
14.10.2021	Disco - PTA & Friends
15.10.2021	Open Classrooms
18 & 19.10.2021	Parents Evenings
22.10.2021	Additional INSET Day
w/c 25.10.2021	Half Term
31.10.2021	Secondary School Applications DEADLINE
w/c 01.11.2021	Outdoor Learning Week
01.11.2021	Primary School Applications OPEN
02.11.2021	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime
02.11.2021	Firework Event - PTA & Friends
12.11.2021	Children in Need
w/c 15.11.2021	Life Bus
10.12.2021	Christmas Fair - PTA & Friends
17.12.2021	End of Term - 1.05pm
04.01.2022	INSET Day
05.01.2022	Start of Spring Term