



# St Mary's C of E Primary School

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## Newsletter - week ending 5th November 2021

'Learning For Life'

Kindness Trust Courage

Dear Families of St Mary's

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful and fun half term. We started the week with a very lively pantomime performance which the children and staff really enjoyed. A huge thanks to Miss O'Brien and Mrs Severn for organising this.

This is now my favourite half term as it is the run up to Christmas! Plans and events are all underway so please keep an eye out for further dates and information.

### Fireworks

The PTA did an amazing job of organising such a successful event; it was such a great evening. The organisation, Scouts, stalls and fireworks were all brilliant. The money raised will benefit all of the children of St Mary's. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and who came to support the event.

### Welcome

A warm welcome to our new School Business Manager, Rachel Weeden, who started with us this week. It is great to have her as part of the team.

### Recruitment

We are currently advertising for a Finance Officer and an additional Teaching Assistant on Eteach. If you know anyone who may be interested, please do signpost them to the advert.

### Uniform

Just a reminder that from January, the start of the Spring term, children will have moved to wearing black skirts/trousers etc rather than grey or navy. Details can be found on the school website. It would be ideal if Year 6 could also make this change but we understand if their current items of clothing still fit, you may not want to purchase a new skirt or pair of trousers for a couple of terms, which we appreciate and understand. Please let us know if you need help in funding or sourcing the black items. We are here to support in any way we can.

### Request

If anyone has any bamboo or materials we could use for den building, that you are able to donate to the school, please can you let me know through the school office. Thank you so much.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chambers



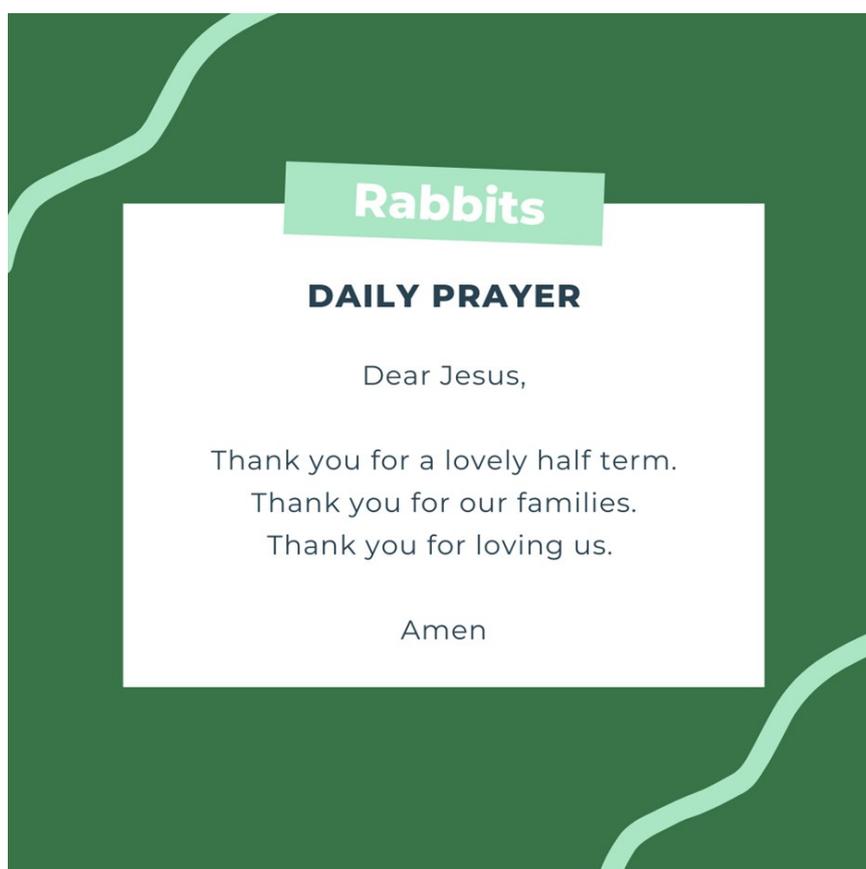
## Home School Link Worker—Newsletter

Please find the HSLW Weekly Bulletin attached, which includes safety tips for these darker evenings, information on a new drop-in Citizens Advice service, a recipe and a fun activity for families to try at home.

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

### Prayer

Our prayer this week has been written by Rabbits class!



Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Farrelly

### 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.

### Report from Year 6

On Tuesday morning, we had the great opportunity for M&M theatrical productions to come in to perform 'Sleeping Beauty' for the whole school.

We were really impressed that there were only 4 actors but 8 different characters, it was so clever! It was very enjoyable as there were lots of comic moments with the actors miming to different voices, great sound effects and dances – especially when they got the teachers up to dance – they were brilliant!

The story was extended to include some scary scenes that helped to make the story more exciting.

We all thought it was comedy gold and are really sad that we won't be here next year to see them again for another amazing production.

Finley, Laura, Josh and Faye

Year 6.

### Would you like to train to teach in a local primary School?

Please find attached details of a recruitment event for SSF SCITT on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November @ 5pm, at Holy Trinity Pewley Down School (GU1 3QF).**

There are two flyers – one specific to this event and one with dates for all recruitment events this term.

Details on both can be found using the link below:

<https://www.stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Community+Links&pid=760>

### Children in Need



BBC Children in Need Day is back on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021!

For over half a century BBC Children in Need have been raising money for young people in the UK that need help.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November the whole school are invited to come into school dressed in mufti for a small donation of £1. Please wear spots and any Children in Need merchandise if possible!

Thank you,  
St. Mary's School Council



Just like previous years, we will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse with their Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. For more information, please follow the links below.

Operation Christmas Child: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5VVDymhGr4&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5VVDymhGr4&feature=emb_title) How to pack a shoe box and more information: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

If you would like to take part, we would love for your shoe boxes to be brought in to your child's classroom on the week beginning **8<sup>th</sup> November**.

Slips are available in the office for you to collect to attach to your shoebox.

Thank you for your generosity

St. Mary's School Council

#### **What to include...**

**Toys** -A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

**School Supplies** - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

**Hygiene Items** - Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.. **Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste can no longer be included in shoeboxes.**

**Other Items**- Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

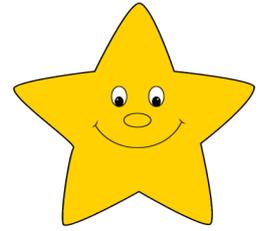
#### **DO NOT INCLUDE:**

**Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids;** used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.



## Star of the Week



**Moles:** Noah “for taking such good care of our Nursery resources and for being a good role model.”

Delilah “for always treating others with kindness.”

**Hedgehogs:** Sophie “for showing courage and overcoming your fear when you were scared!”

**Rabbits:** Ronnie “for having a go at showing ‘5’ in lots of different ways and impressing me with your phonics!”

**Cheetahs:** Poppy “for always having such a positive attitude at school and being ready to learn!”

**Panthers:** Raees “for settling into St Mary’s so well and for always showing me he is ready to learn.”

**Lions:** Finley “for beautiful handwriting and amazing athleticism.”

**Tigers:** Ishbel “for always showing kindness and compassion.”

**Polar Bears:** Rohaan “for responding to feedback during DT and making improvements on his moving poster about Deforestation.”

**Pandas:** Harry W “for super independent writing in your cold task. Well done!”

**Hippos:** Maddie “for a great effort in improving her Maths presentation”

**Elephants:** Isla “For working really hard on column subtraction!”

**Kangaroos:** Sienna “for your fantastic enthusiasm towards your learning both at home and school”

**Giraffes:** Connor “for having a great learning attitude in all subjects!”

**Chimps:** George “for having a brilliant attitude towards his learning in Maths and never giving up!”

**Lemurs:** Emaan “for confidently sharing her ideas with the class.”

### TTRS Superstars

#### *Year 2*

Francesca -Tigers

Oliver - Tigers

Leona - Tigers

#### *Year 3&4*

Faith - Polar Bears

Sofie - Pandas

Daisy - Pandas

#### *Year 5&6*

Gracie A - Kangaroos

Shafi - Chimps

Barney - Chimps

## Dates for your Diary

(New dates in bold)

w/c 08.11.2021	Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal
10.11.2021	Year 6 – School Nurse Height & Weight Check
w/c 15.11.2021	Life Bus
16.11.2021	Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop
<b>18.11.2021</b>	<b>Choir Singing at Byfleet Lights</b>
<b>19.11.2021</b>	<b>Children in Need</b>
10.12.2021	Christmas Jumper Day
10.12.2021	Christmas Fair - PTA & Friends
<b>10.12.2021</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity</b>
<b>14.12.2021</b>	<b>Year 5 Christmas Performance</b>
<b>14 &amp; 15.12.2021</b>	<b>Reception Classes Nativities (classes/times TBC)</b>
<b>15.12.2021</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
17.12.2021	End of Term - 1.05pm
04.01.2022	INSET Day
05.01.2022	Start of Spring Term
03.02.2022	Giraffes Class Assembly
10.03.2022	Kangaroos Class Assembly
17.03.2022	Pandas Class Assembly
24.03.2022	Rabbits Class Assembly