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Newsletter - week ending 12th November 2021

'Learning For Life'

Kindness Trust Courage



Dear Families of St Mary's

I hope you have all had a great week.

Poppies and Christmas Shoe Boxes

This week we held a remembrance assembly and the children took part in a 2 minute silence. Thank you to Miss O'Brien and Miss Roberts for leading this. We are sorry we were not able to sell poppies this year.

My office is filling with Christmas shoe boxes which is great to see. Thank you so much for your generous donations, they really do make such a difference.

Learning

Myself and some of the senior leaders enjoyed carrying out learning walks around the school this week and talking to the children about their learning. Over the course of this year, senior leaders will be leading teams of teachers to drive our new curriculum forward, which we are now able to do as COVID restrictions have lifted. This year is about getting out into the community, welcoming visitors on site and offering the children exciting new opportunities and experiences to enrich the work they do in the classroom. If you would like to come in and help in the classroom, please do let your class teacher know.

Attendance

Each half term, an Education Welfare Officer meets with the school to run register checks. They monitor attendance for children and lateness. Myself and Mrs King met with Anita Merritt, our EWO this week to look at our attendance since September. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, this will be highlighted in the meeting. According to Surrey County Council policy, if attendance is a concern, families will be issued with a stage 1 letter. Should there be no improvement, a stage 2 letter will then be issued requesting medical evidence of absence. After both letters have been issued and if there is still no improvement to attendance, the family will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer and become an open case. Attendance has a direct impact on a child's social and academic progress which is why it is so important for children to be in school. Our HSLW Laura, will be supporting families this year with their attendance and offer assistance and guidance, to help families improve attendance for their child. If your child has been absent with COVID or other authorised illness and their attendance is below 90%, this will not trigger further action initially. If your child has had unauthorised holiday or unauthorised absence and their attendance is below 90%, that will trigger further action and support.

Christmas

For this years Christmas tree assembly, the children will make their own tree decorations as we have done in previous years. This year, the theme is red and white. Please can we ask for any donations of unwanted red and white crafting materials that you would like to recycle. Example of helpful red and white items: ribbons, buttons, sequins, glitter, pipe cleaners, beads etc. Please send any items you may have in with your child which they can bring to my office. Thank you in advance for your help.

The KS2 choir are singing at the switching on of the Byfleet Village Christmas lights and also to the elderly at Barnes Wallis Court and West Hall. Miss Lattimore is busy teaching children the songs at lunchtime. We have had so many children come forward wanting to join the KS2 choir which is exciting. Letters will be going home to choir members about upcoming events so please look out for these.

Useful Link

[‘Squid Game’ Trending across Platforms: What Parents Need to Know | National Online Safety](#)

We hope you all have a great weekend.

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.

Home School Link Worker—Newsletter

Please find the HSLW Weekly Bulletin attached, which includes information on Remembrance Day, a link to Place2Be's 'Parenting Smart' website, a recipe and an 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 Kangaroos class!

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Farrelly



Kangaroos
DAILY PRAYER
Dear God,
Today and everyday we are grateful for our family and friends. We thank you for all the opportunities you provide us and remember those who fought for our freedom.
Amen

ST MARY'S SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS FAIR

10TH DECEMBER 3-6PM

LOTS OF FUN GAMES, STALLS,
FOOD AND DRINK

Tombola, splat the rat, snowman bottle flip and lots more!

SANTA'S GROTTO FROM
3.30-6.30PM

Book your tickets with the link below or by scanning the QR code

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstmarys/>





Star of the Week



Moles: Parker - for his growing confidence and for asking more questions.

Rosie - for her wonderful imagination and always being an amazing role model.

Hedgehogs: Daniel - for your superb progress in reading and writing!

Rabbits: Freddie - for working carefully and creatively on all the things he makes. Well done Freddie!

Cheetahs: Ashton - for always showing kindness and respect to everybody in the class.

Panthers: Ellie - for always trying her best and persevering with her learning in all subjects.

Lions: Rufus - for putting in so much effort in English this week with his writing.

Tigers: Sonya - for fabulous twist on a fairy tale.

Polar Bears: Jack R - for consistently working hard and challenging himself in all learning.

Pandas: Lauren - for working hard in English and challenging herself.

Hippos: Rhys - for being incredibly helpful and good at problem solving in Computing.

Elephants: Diego - for always doing the challenge tasks in Maths and explaining his reasoning so clearly!

Kangaroos: Ugnius - for always working so hard in class and challenging yourself in maths lessons.

Giraffes: Iman - for positively contributing to lessons with your fantastic learning attitude.

Chimps: Aimee - for taking ownership of her learning and pushing herself to extend her ideas in English.

Lemurs: Laura - for having a growth mind-set towards her learning, and explaining her understanding with confidence.

TTRS Superstars

Year 2: Oliver - Tigers

Francesca - Tigers

Karmina - Lions

Year 3 & 4: Jonathan - Elephants

Patrick - Pandas

Sofie - Pandas

Year 5 & 6: Connor - Kangaroos

Shafi - Chimps

Barney - Chimps

Children in Need

BBC Children in Need day is back on Friday 19th 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 19th 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



Dates for your Diary

(New dates in bold)

w/c 15.11.2021	Life Bus
16.11.2021	Year 6 - Young Shakespeare Workshop
18.11.2021	Choir singing at Byfleet Village Green
19.11.2021	Children in Need - Mufti Day
03.12.2021	PTA Mufti Day - Tombola Donations
09 & 10.12.2021	KS1 Nativities
10.12.2021	Christmas Jumper Day
10.12.2021	Christmas Fair - PTA & Friends 3pm - 6pm
14.12.2021	Year 5 Christmas Performance
14 & 15.12.2021	Reception Classes Nativities (classes/times TBC)
15.12.2021	Christmas Lunch
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