



St. Mary's CofE Primary
'Learning for Life'

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newsletter

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Our Vision Statement **'Learning for Life'**

Learning for life' with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' is at the heart of St Mary's. At our school children are seen as unique and will feel loved, safe and empowered to flourish so they reach their full potential both academically and personally.

Kindness Trust Courage

Dear St Mary's Families,

Thank you to all of the visitors who came to watch Lemurs class assembly. They taught us all about explorers of the past. Well done Lemurs!

Our parents' evenings are coming up next week and we would like all parents to sign up for a slot please. If you do not sign up for a slot, the class teacher will be in touch about arranging another time to meet as these meetings are so important. They are a chance to talk about how the children are settling in and share with you what their learning journey needs to be this year. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for a slot.

Life Skills sessions will take place again this year. All children across the school will choose a skill they would like to learn for the afternoon and each teacher will offer a different activity. We would love for parents/carers to come in and share their skills and knowledge with the children as well. Have you got a skill the children would also like to learn? Have you got a creative talent? Are you able to teach the children a sport? Please email info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to chat about an idea or share something you may be interested in doing with a group of children.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chambers

HSLW

In this week's [HSLW bulletin](#), you will find information on the following:

- World Mental Health Day
- Family Information Directory
- Parenting Puzzle workshop

There is also a fun family activity to try at home and a recipe idea.

Cycle Training Team

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. Please see link for more details. <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=29155>

Parents Evening

Thank you to the 91% of parents/carers who have already booked their parents evening appointments. For parents who have yet to make their appointments please do so via School Cloud. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact the school office.

Bookings close midday on Monday 9th October.

Photographs

The closing date for school photographs is **Tuesday 17th October.** Orders after this date will need to be made direct with the photographers and will incur a late fee.

Application for Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

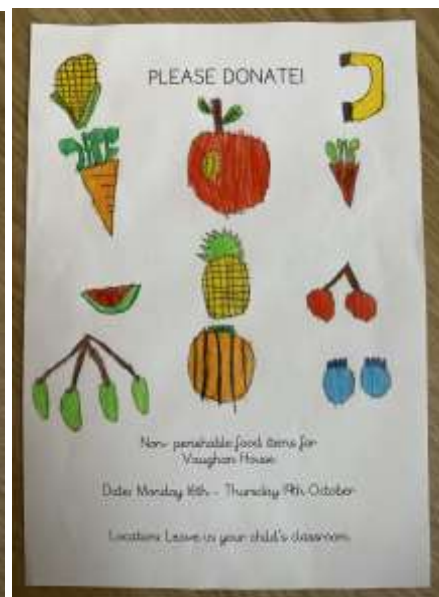
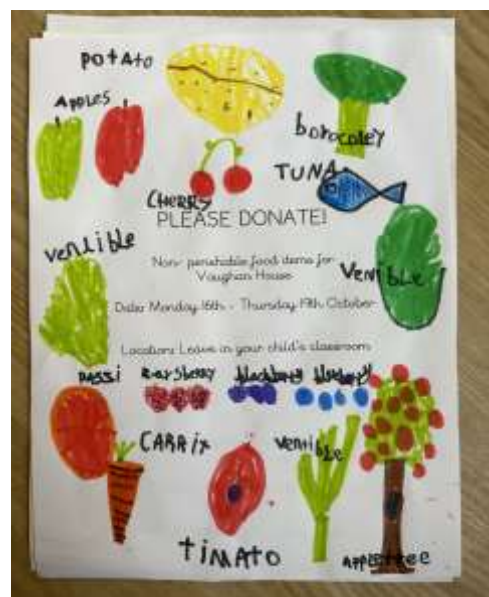
Vaughan House – Donations

Vaughan House are collecting non-perishable food donations to support those in need. We would love to support them with this. If you have any donations, please could you bring them to your child's classroom on Monday 16th October - Thursday 19th October.

Thank you in advance.

Yr 3 Team

Here are some of the lovely posters Yr 3 have made.





Star of the Week



Moles

Tommy "for always listens well to instructions"

Ella "for sharing her interest in books"

Hedgehogs

Maya "for being a kind friend and looking after our class"

Rabbits

Aidan "for being more confident to have a go."

Cheetahs

Seth "for challenging himself with his writing during independent work!"

Panthers

Lyra "for her amazing effort in Maths when we focused on 'greater than' and 'less than'."

Lions

Joni "for using some great alliteration in your writing!"

Tigers

Martin "for using some great alliteration in your writing!"

Polar Bears

Ben "for always putting 100% into everything he does and being such a conscientious learner."

Pandas

Lexie "for confidently sharing her character's thoughts and feelings in our freeze frames."

Hippos

Teo "for coding confidence in computing"

Elephants

Kaitlynn "for being a fantastic St. Mary's learner and always challenging herself."

Kangaroos

Jamie "for fantastic concentration, effort and perseverance in all subjects this week!"

Giraffes

Patrick "for a brilliant piece of Pop Art."

Lemurs

Zac "for asking for - and applying - feedback in English lessons to improve his writing"

Chimps

Olivia "for being a role model to others and demonstrating what a great St Mary's learner is!"

This week's Times Table Rockstar Superstars

Year 2: Leonie - Tigers
Lucas - Lions
Amelia CC - Lions

Year 3 & 4: Matthew - Polar Bears
Aliyan - Elephants
Mimi - Elephants

Year 5 & 6: Serena - Giraffes
Leah - Chimps
Lila - Lemurs

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

10 & 11.10.2023	Parents Evening
11.10.2023	Kangaroos Class Assembly 9am
13.10.2023	Singing to Barnes Wallis – Yr 3
17.10.2023	Closing date for photograph orders
17.10.2023	Winchester Science Museum – Yr 5
17.10.2023	Local Walk – Yr 1
19.10.2023	School Nurse Height & Weight check – Yr 6
20.10.2023	Harvest Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 3 parents invited
20.10.2023	Quiz Night – PTA
w/c 23.10.23	Half Term
30.10.2023	Macbeth Workshop – Yr 6
31.10.2023	Pantomime Performance
02.11.2023	Freshwater Theatre – Yr R
02.11.2023	Butser Farm Trip – Yr 3
02.11.2023	Firework Display – PTA
03.11.2023	Freshwater Theatre – Yr R
08.11.2023	Elephants Class Assembly 9am
15.11.2023	Watts Gallery Trip – Yr 4
16.11.2023	Byfleet Christmas Lights – Switch on
w/c 20.11.2023	Life Bus
22.11.2023	Polar Bears Class Assembly 9am (Pandas now 15.5.24)
23.11.2023	Lightbox Trip – Yr 2
24.11.2023	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
29.11.2023	Giraffes Class Assembly 9am
02.12.2023	Christmas Fair - PTA
08.12.2023	Reception Nativity – 9.30am
12.12.2023	KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
13.12.2023	KS1 Nativity – 2pm
14.12.2023	Christmas Service in Church - 9.15am Yr 5 parents invited
15.12.2023	End of term – 1.05pm finish
02.01.2024	INSET DAY
03.01.2024	Start of Spring Term
27.03.2024	Easter Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited