



newsletter

Week ending
10th November 2023

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.

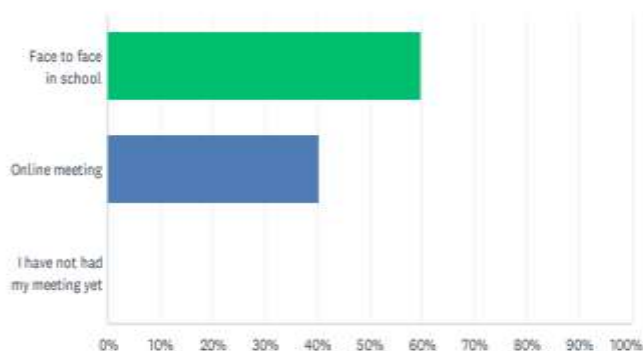
Kindness Trust Courage

Dear St Mary's Families,

Year 6 led a beautiful Remembrance service for us this week. The children stunned us all into silence with their moving, very touching presentation. Huge thanks to the Year 6 parents who came to support the children and thank you Year 6!

Q1 How did you attend parents evening?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Face to face in school	59.80%	61
Online meeting	40.20%	41
I have not had my meeting yet	0.00%	0
TOTAL		102

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

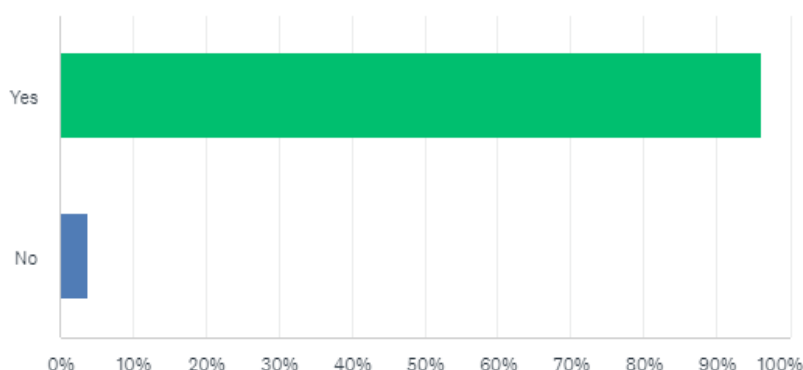
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.



Are you in favour of being able to choose between online and face to face parent's evenings?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.08%	98
No	3.92%	4
TOTAL		102

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey about parents' evenings. It was an overwhelming 'yes' to keeping it a choice of online and face to face, so families can choose which option suits them best. It was the first time our teachers had to alternate between face to face and online so we appreciate there were some timing issues, which we will address ahead of next time. Thank you for your helpful feedback and lovely comments, which have been passed on to the teachers.

Class Reps Thank you to those who volunteered to be the reps for your classes.

I would like to invite the class reps to join me for a hot drink and a catch up 8.45am to 10am on the following dates:

28th November / 23rd January / 5th March / 7th May / 25th June

We will meet to answer questions and talk about ideas and suggestions.

If you have any feedback or questions for the school, please do share these with your class reps and they can bring them to the meetings. (*Any child specific or specific class based questions should be raised with the class teacher.*) More general and school wide questions and suggestions, please do share with your class rep.

Have a great weekend!

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Anti-bullying week
- Play and Learn plus group
- Health visitor drop-in sessions

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

Reindeer Run

Every year, we hold a Christmas themed fundraising event for Woking and Sam Beare Hospice. Each St Mary's child gets the opportunity to design their own reindeer headband and run to raise money to donate to this special charity, which supports people with end of life care. This event is taking place on Monday 4th December. This year, we are asking you to donate using the Just Giving page below.



https://www.justgiving.com/page/stmarys-byfleet-fun-run-2023?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fstmarys-byfleet-fun-run-2023&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

We are certainly looking forward to our fundraising run and hope we can raise a good donation for such a meaningful charity.

Thank you for your support!

Year 6 - Written by Henley, Josh and Freya

Helping Children Talk About War

Please find below a link from The British Psychological Society offering guidance for parents/carers on how to talk about/support children manage emotions around war.

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news/helping-children-process-horrors-war>



The Cobham Band
Training Band



**Monday evenings
7-7:45pm**

**FREE brass tuition
Instrument provided**

Open to all ages!

Venue:
Churchgate House Centre
Downside Bridge Road
Cobham KT11 3EJ

CONTACT Steph on 07519 660174



Star of the Week



Moles

Arthur "for working really hard on improving his listening skills"

Nathan "for being kind to his friends and good listening skills"

Hedgehogs

Raavan "for lovely manners and being so respectful."

Rabbits

Annabelle "for being such a king and caring member of the class."

Cheetahs

Royalty "for working so hard to use her phonics in her writing!"

Panthers

Lottie "for her perseverance and hard work with her learning, especially in our Maths lessons!"

Lions

Amelia R "for putting so much effort into her learning at home and at school – it is making a real difference!"

Tigers

Muhammad "for the incredible improvements you have made to your writing!"

Polar Bears

Max "for always showing such kindness and good manners to all."

Pandas

Ella-Rose "for trying your best and working hard in both English and Maths."

Hippos

Ololade "for showing great enthusiasm and dedication with her reading at home."

Elephants

Juli "for writing a great report on volcanoes and earthquakes."

Kangaroos

Faith "for working incredibly hard in Maths and persevering through challenges"

Giraffes

Chloe "for being a super St Mary's learner and always doing the right thing."

Lemurs

Josh "for consistent effort and focus in all lessons – an exceptional role model to his peers!"

Chimps

Kayson "for great perseverance this week, particularly during our Remembrance assembly!"

This week's Times Table Rockstar Superstars

Year 2: Koa - Lions

Leo - Lions

Daniel - Lions

Year 3 & 4: Luca - Pandas

Logan - Pandas

Kristof - Hippos

Year 5 & 6:

Megan - Giraffes

Calvin - Giraffes

Oliver - Lemurs

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

w/c 13.11.2023	Anti-Bullying Week
13.11.2023	Anti-Bullying – Wear Odd Socks Day
w/c 13.11.2023	Shoebox Appeal
15.11.2023	Watts Gallery Trip – Yr 4
15.11.2023	Yr R Church Visit
16.11.2023	Yr 2 Church Visit
16.11.2023	Byfleet Christmas Lights – Switch on
17.11.2023	Children in Need
w/c 20.11.2023	Life Bus
22.11.2023	Polar Bears Class Assembly 9am
22.11.2023	Re-arranged Firework Display – PTA
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
04.12.2023	Reindeer Run – Woking & Sam Beare Hospice
05.12.2023	KS2 Carol Service – St Mary's Church
06.12.2023	Nursery Nativities
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
08.01.2024	Great Fire of London Workshop – Yr 2
10.01.2024	Buddhism Workshop – Yr 6
16.01.2024	Chertsey Museum Workshop – Yr 3
30.01.2024	Young Voices – Choir trip to O2
27.03.2024	Easter Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited