

# ST. MARY'S C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



*'Through God's love, we strive to be the best we can be.'*

**8 FEBRUARY, 2019**

**NEWSLETTER NO: 13**



Our theme for this week's collective worship has been kindness. The children were asked to go out and carry out random acts of kindness towards their friends, school adults and family. Hopefully you were at the receiving end of kindness from your child this week. We discussed that kindness made everyone feel loved and special and this is what makes everyone happy.

It is important as a school community that we are finding time to think of others and make sure we make time to show kindness. It is essential that we stop for a moment to try and be still to give ourselves time to reflect and take stock of what is important in our lives.

## REMINDER

I also just wanted to remind everyone that we urge parents not to park on Church Street or Barn Street as this is causing congestion and safety issues. We understand that some parents use their cars to drop children off to school as they then head off to work, however please try and park safely in the surrounding streets, this may mean that you have to leave 10 minutes earlier to park and then walk. Complaints have been made to the local council so I ask you to consider this when you are driving your children to school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Best wishes,

Breda McKelvey  
Deputy Head Teacher

Dates for your diary  
**SPRING 1 2019**

Week	Date	Event / activity	Who
6	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Valentines Bake Off	Staff/parents/children
6	14 <sup>TH</sup> February 2019	Year 6 Assembly 2.50pm	Staff/parents/children

Break up for half term holiday on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 3.30pm

Spanish star of the week



Español

CAYSON

RECEPTION

Sports star of the week



BETHEL

YR 6

Musician of the week



JAMAL

YR 2

Well done!

## Attendance and punctuality

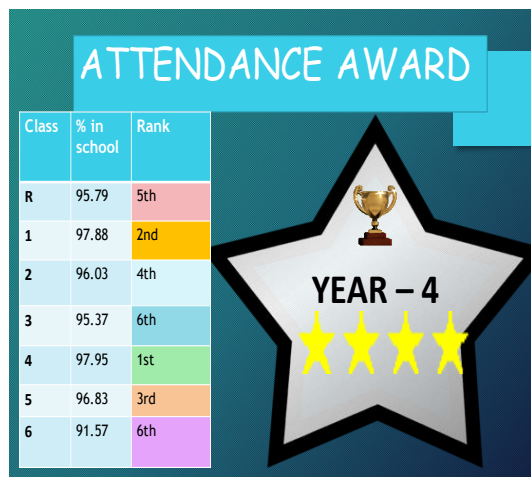
We would like to remind parents of the importance of getting your child to school on time. Many of you are never or rarely late, this is great, well done.

However, we have noted that the main office has been extremely busy after the gate has closed at 9am with late comers. It is our job to highlight to you that when a child is late the impact on a child is loss of learning. At St Mary's children late in the morning will be missing out of the fundamental lesson of reading.

This is time that your child will not get back and it will impact on their achievement throughout their school career. We have noticed slower progress for some children who are persistently late. Being late regularly (persistently poor punctuality) is not acceptable and not fair on the child. Children often feel embarrassed or uncomfortable as they enter the classroom late or when their class does not achieve awards for punctuality.

Please get your routines organised so that your child does not miss out on their learning and we do not have to keep communicating with parents both collectively and individually about this.

**Many thanks for your cooperation with this.**



## Let's celebrate!

**Congratulations to all the children that have received the star of the week award at our celebration assembly this week.**

**Children receive these by 'living out' one or more of our school values.**

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>ADEENA</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>RUBY</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>CHINNEKA</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>AYANNA</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>CAITLIN</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>MAYA</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>ISABEL</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>KIMORA</b>

**HOPE  
COURAGE  
LOVE  
RESPECT  
TRUTH**



## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Dear God,

If I cannot be brilliant, let me be kind.

If I cannot change the world, let me inspire just one other to do so.

If I cannot give away riches, let me be loving.

Let me be known for kindness, for it is the greatest glory.

~Amen



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### DINNER MONEY

**Reminder: Dinner money must be paid in advance of your child having a school dinner. The school is not obliged to provide a school dinner where payment is not forthcoming or where authorisation for free school meals has not been received. We will therefore act promptly to address such issues at an early stage.**

**Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**



## SCHOOL NEWS

**On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Year 6 attended a workshop at Hackney Museum to learn about how to stay safe at home and in the community. We met different public servants who work to keep us such as Fire Fighters, Police Officers and TfL staff. The children learnt lots and really enjoyed the day.**



**Blessing, the bus driver.**



**Year 6 were made aware of knife crime and the devastation to families that it can cause.**



Parent/child, leave Mary Berry standing and give her a run for her money and enter a cake into our Valentine's baking completion.