

# St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School



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

2 February, 2018

**Newsletter No: 10**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearly half way through the school year! Can you believe it?

Over the past two weeks St Mary's have been treated to wonderful assemblies from Year 5 and Year 6. These have shown the fantastic learning, confidence and talents of our children. We look forward to more assemblies from the rest of the school.

We were sorry to say goodbye to our chef, Anthony today. Antony is moving back to Edinburgh to be with his family and will be going back to college to further challenge himself in the area of pastry, which is his speciality. We are currently looking for a new chef to lead our kitchen and provide healthy and tasty lunches, as well as someone that will support the school in reviewing our food policies across the school. If you know someone who would be suitable for this role, please put them in touch with us.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs O'Brien

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## Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 – Year 4 Assembly
- Half term week – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 2018
- World Book Day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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## After school clubs

There are still spaces in all our after school clubs, (except choir). Please call into office to register, if your child would like to attend one of our clubs.



## Nursery/ Applications

Application forms for admission into Nursery in September 2018 can be obtained from the school office. Children must be 3 Years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 to be eligible for a nursery place at St. Marys.



## Spanish star of the week



RECEPTION	EDWARD
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## Sports person of the week



VARIOUS	GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM
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## Musician of the week



RECEPTION	DUKE
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## A prayer for the week

Let us reflect on the people that help us.

Dear Lord

I thank You for the people in my life  
I thank You for my family and friends  
who understand my actions and love me,  
who support me in my decisions,  
and whose presence can lift the burden of a thorny day.

I thank You for others in my life  
who teach me new things  
who help me be a good person  
and whose contribution will stay with me for life

In the light of Your love.

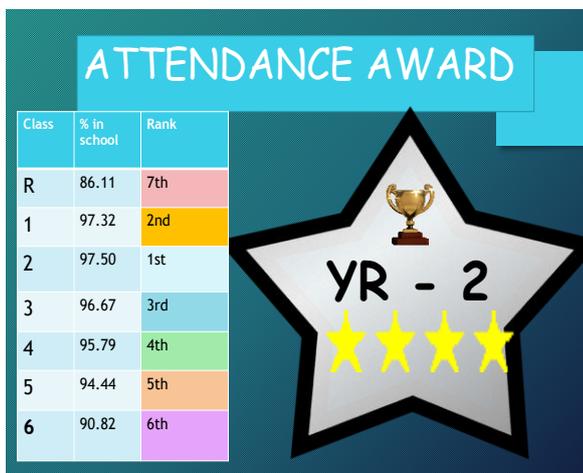
Amen.

## Attendance and Punctuality

**Does your child's class have the best attendance or punctuality?**

**How can you help your child's class win these awards?**

**LATENESS & NON ATTENDANCE = LOST LEARNING**



## 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.  
Hope Courage Love Respect Truth**

Nursery	LEWI
Reception	RUFARO
Year 1	SKY
Year 2	HOPE
Year 3	CRISHAUN
Year 4	DESIRE                  RUBY
Year 5	VANESSA
Year 6	MEHKI



## PTFA News

### Valentine Bake Off

Open to children and adults

When: 8th February 2018

How do I get involved?

- Bake a cake or a batch of cakes on the theme of LOVE
- Bring your cake to school in the morning of 8th
- Judging will be take place in the afternoon by guest judges
- Prizes for the best children and adult cakes.
- All cakes sod at the end of the day
- Profits go to the PTA

Go on .....impress us with your baking skills.



## Community News

### **Do you have a child who would like to learn to ride a bike or who is keen to get off their stabilisers?**

Hackney Council, together with Cycle Confident, are offering FREE Complete Beginner training for children of 5 years and upwards. Training takes place on Hackney Downs in groups of no more than 4, led by 2 fully qualified instructors.

Courses last for 2 hours and are bookable on the Cycle Confident website <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/> or by calling Cycle Confident on 020 3031 6730.



### **PARENT GYM**

**As you will have seen in previous newsletters St Mary's are facilitating Parent Gym, a company running a parenting course in school.**

**The uptake has been great and the feedback from participants has been extremely positive. Please speak to Ms Barker if you are interested in participating.**

"I found the first session of Parent Gym both helpful and enjoyable, and I would recommend others to try the course. The facilitator is experienced and sympathetic, and created a friendly and supportive atmosphere, as did all of the participating parents. They made it clear that the sessions are not about criticising or preaching to parents, but rather are for parents to share their concerns and ideas and think about different things to try at home to improve aspects of their own family life."

Quote from a St Mary's Parent

A promotional poster for Parent Gym. The background is a photograph of a woman and a young girl hugging. The poster has a red banner at the top with the text 'parentgym FOR PARENTS WHO CARE'. Below this is a black box with yellow text: 'SIGN UP FOR A FREE 6-WEEK PROGRAMME packed with the secrets of how to be a great parent.' Below that is a yellow box with black text: 'WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? By using the techniques on this programme your children will:'. A list of four bullet points follows: '• Get on better with their siblings and other kids.', '• Learn faster and do better at school.', '• Smile, laugh and be happier more of the time.', and '• Listen more and argue less.' At the bottom of the poster, it says 'ASK AT THE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS'.