

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



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

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Newsletter No: 11

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you all had a fun filled half term break.

Although there are many children and adults still feeling unwell at the moment, it has been a smooth start to this very short half term (4 weeks and 4 days until the Easter break). Please be aware that due to the playground and building works over the Easter break, school will now have an Inset day on Monday 16th April for training and preparation, so children will not be in school on that day.

We look forward to World Book Day next week. Please remember that your child can come to school with their favourite book and dressed as their favourite book character. We do not expect you to buy costumes, please be creative using things that you already have at home.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested and would like to find out more about the position, please make an appointment to see me.

Have a great weekend and wrap up well as the weather turns cold again!

Mrs O'Brien

Dates for your diary

- World Book Day – Thursday 1st March 2018
- Year 3 Assembly 8th March – 2.50pm
- Year 2 Assembly 15th March – 2.50pm

Please note there will be an inset day on Monday 16th April 2018, children will return to school on Tuesday 17th April 2018 after the Easter Break. A revised copy of holidays for this school year will be sent via email.

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 31st August 2018 to be eligible for a nursery place at St. Marys.



Spanish star of the week



YEAR 3

JOHAN

Sports person of the week



YEAR 3

DESTINY

Musician of the week



YEAR 5

VANESSA

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

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% in school	Rank
R	93.75	5th
1	97.22	2nd
2	95.88	6th
3	92.59	7th
4	93.87	4th
5	97.78	1st
6	96.62	3rd



PUNCTUALITY AWARD

Class	Numbers late	Rank
R	7	4th
1	8	6th
2	10	7th
3	5	2nd
4	5	2nd
5	7	4th
6	0	1st



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	JA'RAYAH
Reception	LEO
Year 1	PHILLIPA
Year 2	KWABENA
Year 3	DESTINY
Year 4	MAYOWA
Year 5	MAGDELINE
Year 6	NICOLA



A prayer for the week

As we hear about violence and tragedy both locally and around the world, let us reflect on those that it has affected.

O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

YEAR 4

This week the children in Year 4 debated as to whether to charge the central character in the text, Noah Barleywater Runs Away, for the offence of plucking 3 apples from the Tree. A trial of Barleywater took place at the Barn Street Court. Everyone had a role to play including prosecution and defence lawyers, jury members, judges, witnesses and reporters.

The defendant was found guilty. Forensic evidence revealed that the finger print found on the stolen goods (an apple) that matched that of Mr. Barleywater. The defendant will be sentenced later this year.



World book day 2018

On World Book Day, we invite children to dress up as their favourite character from a book. The emphasis will be on children having a decorative and creative outfit rather than one that is expensive and elaborate. We do not expect parents to buy costumes. This is a chance for children to celebrate a love of books and to be creative. A prize will be awarded to one boy and one girl from each class for the most creative character outfits.

DO
SOMETHING
BOOKY



YEAR 6

MALACHI & ORLA

YEAR 5

CAOIMHE & JUDE

YEAR 4

NATALIA & OMARI

YEAR 3

ANNABEL & JOHAN

YEAR 2

AALIYAH & KEMEL

YEAR 1

PHILLIPA & SHAHIEM

Congratulations to all our new members of our school council. These children have been elected by their peers to represent the views of all pupils and to improve their school.

PTFA News

Cake sale

Date	House team
Friday 23 rd February	Yellow
Friday 23 rd March	Green
Friday 20 th April	Red
Friday 18 th May	Blue
Friday 15 th June	Yellow
Friday 13 th July	Green

Community News

St Mary's PTFA Annual General Meeting

Friday 9th March 2018
School hall
3.00 to 3.30

Come along and hear what the PTA has been up, how much money it has raised and what it has spent that money on to support school activity.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Constitution
2. Accounts for 2016/17
3. Account of the associations activities in 2016/17
4. Election of Committee Members
5. AOB

Nominations for the positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary can be made to the office no later than Wednesday 7th March. Nominations need a seconder