

# St Mary's News

**St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I wanted to say a big thank you for the effort that you and your children made on International Day. The children looked wonderful in their traditional dress and colours of their home countries. It is extremely important that we are aware of our heritage but also proud of who we are. It was great hearing children talk about the countries that they and their families are from and watching them participate in the dance workshops representing music and dance from around the world.

If you stayed for the International event after school you will know what a great occasion it was. Again we had a large contribution of food from many places that families had spent time and money preparing for our school community. We are extremely grateful to those people who supported with this. It was also a joy to watch the children, staff (and parents at the end) participate in the dances. It was evident from everyone's faces, just how much they enjoyed this. Maybe next year we could run a parents dance class, for them to perform too! Keep talking to your children about where they / you are from as it is important that we all have a sense of identity.

This week every class has been learning about important figures from black history too. Please ask your children about the person they have been learning about.

If you would like to review this or other events / activities in school please email a short paragraph to the admin office or write a comment on the school website at the bottom of the Headteacher's Welcome on the Our School page. As always we value your feedback.

After meeting with some of our Year 6 prefects this week I am excited to announce some new projects that they will be undertaking. Before half term you will be treated to a publication written by some year 6 pupils. This will be to compliment this newsletter and capture the children's views and voices. I look forward to sharing their first article with you, which will be about their school journey trip, that they are attending next week. In addition, we have a group of children that will be leading the way in making St Mary's a 'greener' school. They will be announcing a competition to design a recycling bin made out of recycling shortly!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs O'Brien

Headteacher



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## KEY DATES

- 7-9.10.19 Year 6 School journey
- EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Parents Evening 7th & 8th October.
- 17th October maths workshop for Nursery & Reception parents 9.00am & 2.45pm
- Friday 18th October, school breaks for the half term holiday. Children return to school on Monday 28th October 2019

## Well done!

St Mary's have been awarded the **Bronze TFL STARS accreditation** for our commitment to promoting and supporting safe, sustainable, active travel at the school and beyond.

# Prayer and reflection

**This week we have been celebrating and learning about inspiring black people. We have also been celebrating our own identities through our International Day.**

**Dear Lord,**

**You created all people in your image.**

**We thank you for the human diversity of race and cultures in this world.**

**Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of friendships and empower us to recognise and celebrate differences as your great gift to the human family.**

**May the spirit who breaks down barriers and celebrates community, go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all.**

**Amen**



## CELEBRATIONS

R	ILARIA
1	DEMI-ROSE
2	KEMEL
3	HARRY
4	ARYA
5	JOHAN
6	ETHAN

*“Headteachers’ stars of the week are given to pupils who have demonstrated that they are living out our school values. This is celebrated with a special tea party.”*



*“Celebrating children's skills and knowledge . Awards chosen by specialist teachers and staff.”*

SPANISH	CRISHAUN YR 5
MUSIC	ETHAN YR 6
PE	ETHAN YR1

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARDS

Class	Attendance %	Rank	Number of lates (punctuality)	Rank
R	97.58	5TH	5	5TH
1	95.47	7TH	3	4TH
2	95.55	6TH	6	6TH
3	99.60%	2ND	1	1ST
4	98.72	4TH	9	7TH
5	100%	1ST	1	1ST
6	99.18%	3RD	1	1ST



Attendance
YR 5



Punctuality
YR 3/5/6

*“ Good attendance and punctuality is a large factor in positive outcomes for children. Lets all aim to be here every day and on time. Missing school = Missing learning. ”*

## Personalised Santa Sacks

Surprise your child with a wonderful personalised Santa Sack, and raise money for St. Marys School at the same time.

<https://www.sforders.co.uk/3vZ1UR6Ws>

**The online shop will close on 19th October 2019, after this date you will be unable to order.**



## Christmas Cards

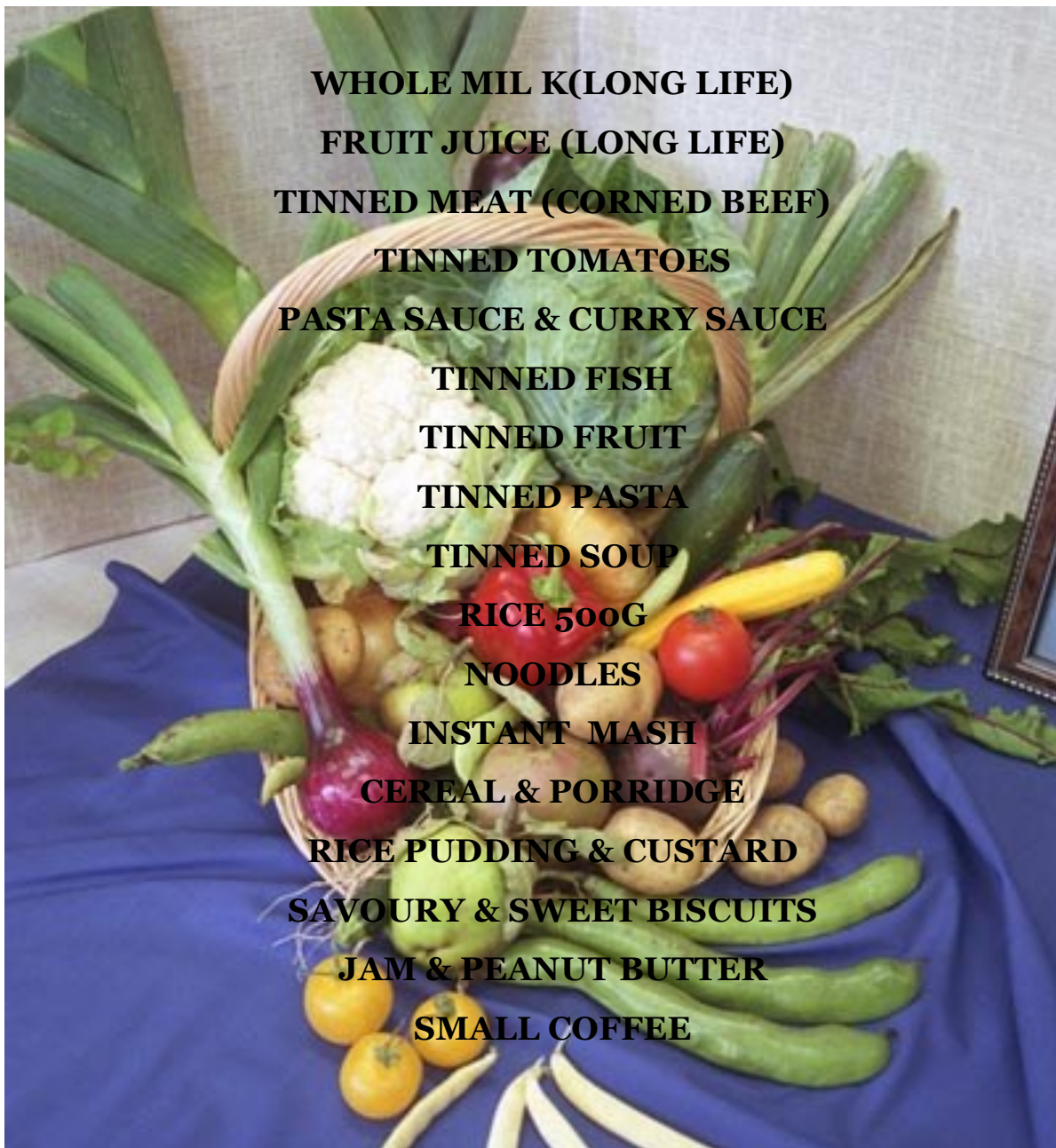
**Children will be designing their own Christmas cards in the next few weeks, they will then be available for parents/carers to buy.**



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival will be held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 in the school hall at 10.40am, parents are welcome to attend.

We are collecting donations for the food bank at St. Marys Church, they have requested the following items. YR 6 children will deliver them to the Food Bank.



# PUPIL POST

WRITTEN BY THE PUPILS FOR THE  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## HEADLINE

Welcome to our first article in  
St Mary's News. We are.....



# **School Disco - Years 1 - 6**

**30th October 2019—3.30pm—5.00pm**  
**TBC**

**Tickets £3.50 - drink & snack included**

**Sign up for tickets at the gate from Mon-  
day 14th October**

**Only 100 tickets available**

