



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Term 5 Week 4 May 6th 2016

### Celebrate

Congratulations to:

#### Value Awards

##### *Creative Learner*

*Mikaela D*

##### *Independent Learner*

*Sophie, Ariadne,*

*Emilia, Harry C*

##### *Resilient Learner*

*Jazmine*

##### *Responsible learner*

*Juliana, Emily B*

##### *Collaborative Learner*

*Year 6*

##### *Reading Challenge*

*Elsa, Nicholas S, Luca*

*B, Adam C, Bethany C,*

*Ben T*

##### *Lunchtime Awards*

*Jonny, Niamh*

##### *Awards outside School*

*Swimming-*

*Jamie O ~15m,*

*Ben G~25m,*

*Isabelle H~100m*

### BEACON DANCE SHOW

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 19, girls from years 4, 5 and 6 went and performed a dance at Beacon's spring dance show.

The girls performed amazingly well and really told a story through dance. They remained professional throughout the whole evening, gaining recognition for fantastic behaviour back stage. Not only are all the members of staff at St Mary's incredibly proud we also were given glowing reviews from members of staff at Beacon and also the director of dance at the University of Brighton. They stated: "It was great to see all of the pupils smiling and enjoying themselves and the pupils performance skills were just fantastic!"

The year 6 girls wrote this to explain their dance: Welcome to our nightmares, filled with monsters tormenting our sleeping girls. Watch the monsters dance through the girls sleep as they wrestle with their duvets to try and get out of the horrors that are happening. The terrifying stalking commences and disturbs the girl's slumbers. Watch out for the twists and turns and the dancing dream continues.



#### Attendance :

Reception: 99.0%

Year 1: 98.7%

Year 2: 94.7%

Year 3: 97.9%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 98.1%

Year 6: 99.6%



Well Done  
Y4!  
100%

### National Curriculum Tests

May is an important month in the school year when Children in Year 2 and Year 6 sit their National Curriculum tests. For Y6 this happens next week whilst Y2 take them over the course of the month.

You may have heard that these tests along with assessment at all levels have changed drastically for this year and are set to change again next year. Many professionals have criticised the tests as being age inappropriate with expectations set very much higher than previously. On top of the introduction of a new curriculum, teachers have had to be very flexible in responding to a string of changes and revisions made by the DfE to these assessments

throughout the whole of this year.

I want to thank our whole staff team for their dedication and support of all the children and for working so hard to ensure that they continue to provide interesting and exciting approaches to learning even in the face of these challenges. With your support they have continued to help our children really live out our mission to

**Pray~Learn~Love~Enjoy**

### FOR YEAR SIX



You have all worked really hard this year and we are proud of each and every one of you. Please do your best but remember....

### A POEM FOR YEAR SIX



DON'T GET STRESSED.

JUST DO YOUR BEST.

REMEMBER, YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED

WITH SKILLS SATS CAN'T TEST.

Taken from this week's First Reading

*"Jesus has been taken up to heaven, but he will come back o you!"*

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:3-5, 8-11



*~ Pray ~ Learn ~ Love ~ Enjoy ~*

WE NEED  
THE HELP OF  
FOUR (OR  
MORE) **REAL-  
LY STRONG**

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

**PEOPLE** TO ENABLE US TO  
MOVE SOME PICNIC BENCH-  
ES AROUND, INCLUDING  
MOVING A PICNIC BENCH  
FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT  
THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL  
TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE  
OF THE SCHOOL. IF YOU  
(AND THREE STRONG  
FRIENDS) COULD POP INTO  
SCHOOL SOME TIME TO  
CARRY OUT THIS REMOVAL  
JOB WE WOULD BE REALLY  
APPRECIATIVE. PLEASE  
CONTACT THE SCHOOL OF-  
FICE IF YOU CAN HELP.  
THANKS SO MUCH.

## Shine Day

We are organising a  
on  
**Friday 20th May**

The children will be taking part  
in a range of different activities  
across the day designed to let  
them show us how they can use  
their skills and talents and shine  
in something new.

If you feel you could run or help  
us run an activity repeated 4  
times during the day for up to  
15 children each time, please  
make yourself known!

### SUMMER IS ON IT'S WAY!

Please ensure your child has their water  
bottle, a sun hat, and sun cream (if  
you want them to apply more  
during the day)



### Dates for Your Diary

#### MAY

**9th-13th** Yr 6 SATS  
**13th** Reception Class  
Cake Sale  
**14th** Nursery School  
Sponsored event  
**16th** Class  
Photographs  
**20th** Shine Day-  
**27th** Last day of Term  
5 (3.15 collection)

#### JUNE

**6th** First day Term 6  
**7th** Make & Take  
(New Reception Sept)  
**7th** Cookery Club  
starts  
**10th** Queen's  
Birthday Tea Party  
**17th** FSM Fathers  
Day Gift Sale  
**20th-24th** Yr6  
Residential  
**30th** Stay & Play  
(New Reception Sept)

### DON'T FORGET OPEN MORNING - MATHS AND COMPUTING TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016

Please come and join us for an exciting morning of maths and computing at St Mary's School on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 between 9.30 and 10.30 am, followed by coffee and questions from 10.30 to 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome and we hope you can join us.

*NOTE: You will not be asked any questions or given any tests!*



Maths &  
Computing

### P.E T-shirts

Exciting news for team sport in P.E lessons!  
Following on from discussions with staff and  
children we have decided to introduce house  
coloured P.E shirts. You will no longer be able  
to buy pale blue P.E shirts but instead will be  
able to get your child's house colour. Red- St  
George, Green- St Patrick, Yellow- St David,  
and Blue- St Andrews.

We will be sending out house reminder let-  
ters next week!



### Terrific Tennis!

On Thursday 8 of  
our year 4's went to  
Beacon to compete  
in a tennis tourna-  
ment. The children  
played very well and  
had great fun learn-

ing many new skills. The children did extremely well  
finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place! A fantastic result!



### Running a mile.

Children and staff this week have begun  
trying to walk, jog or run a mile a day. We  
have decided to do this to promote exer-  
cise as part of a healthy lifestyle. There  
has also been research into how the exer-  
cise break can aid learning and concentra-  
tion.

Keep up the great exercising!

The Summer Fete is fast ap-  
proaching, leaflets have been  
sent out about appearing in the  
"St Mary's Has Talent". The  
Friends of St Mary's have asked  
if parents could start bringing in bottle do-  
nations, for the bottle tombola. If you  
could bring them into school on Monday,  
they would be very grateful. Thank you.

**St Mary's Summer Fete,  
Sunday, 3rd July**



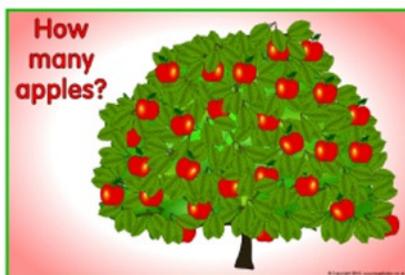


Our book club has made a good start, but you still have time to get those orders in and support your school. So far we have raised £23.54 to put towards new books, with year two putting in the most orders so far.

Thank you for your support.

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### ESTIMATION – A SKILL FOR LIFE

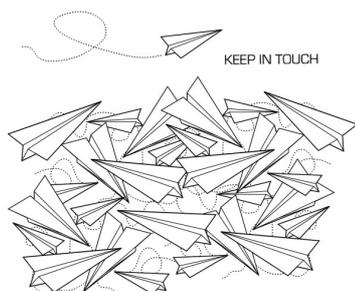
In mathematics we usually need to ensure that we get an exact answer, however in everyday life we often estimate an answer. An estimation involves finding a number that is close enough to the right answer: not trying to get the exact right answer, just something that is good enough (and usually in a hurry).

Helping your children to develop their ability to estimate in a range of different contexts can be very easy to do and a lot of fun. For example you could ask your children to estimate the number of biscuits in a jar, the number of packets on a shelf, the length of a room, the weight of an object, etc. The possibilities are endless and can be found in everyday, real life contexts. For more information and online activities please visit the following websites:

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/estimation.html>

[http://www.iboard.co.uk/activities/path/counting-and-understanding-number\\_estimating/subject/maths](http://www.iboard.co.uk/activities/path/counting-and-understanding-number_estimating/subject/maths)

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/estimation-game.php>



Please do not forget that this newsletter is just one way in which we like to keep you informed and up to date with what is happening at St Mary's School. The school website provides a wealth of information and class pages are updated regularly. Staff are posting comments and photos on Facebook weekly and there are an increasing number of Tweets. Please check out some of these channels of communication to find out more about what is happening at school and enjoy sharing in the children's learning.

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