



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Term 5 Week 2 April 28th 2017

Celebrate

Congratulations to:

Value Awards

Collaborative Learners

Green Class

Responsible Learners

*Luid-Carlos, Marcus H,
Luke G, Philip C, Juliana
C, Freya B.*

Independent Learners

*Jack C, Joshua A, Courtney
S, Jonty M*

Creative Learners

*Joshua T, Christopher S,
Amber A.*

Reflective Learners

James K, Alexandra C

Resilient Learners

Ava C, Sophia M

Reading Challenge

Yzabel C, Harvey C

Awards outside school

Max W-Swimming

Marcus h-Swimming

Lunchtime Awards

Ameline, Zoe

Spanish Awards

Bronze-Jaime A

Silver-Daniel C, Julianna

C, Isabelle H

Gold-Charlie W, Maisie M,

Bella T-J, Jonny M, Lola B

Attendance:

Red Class YR: 94.2%

Orange Class Y1: 95.8%

Yellow Class Y2: 100.0%

Green Class Y3: 98.4%

Blue Class Y4: 98.2%

Indigo Class Y5: 96.1%

Violet Class Y6: 98.3%

**Well Done
Yellow
Class!**

Mobile Phones/Electrical Devices

Please note that children MAY NOT bring mobile phones into school unless they are walking to or from school without adult accompaniment. If children bring mobile phones into school they MUST be given into the school office at the start of the school day and collected at the end of the day. These phones MUST be clearly named. NO children should be bringing in any other electrical devices to school for any other reason. Any phones or electrical devices brought to school and not handed into the office WILL BE CONFISCATED and only returned to a parent/carer. We very much appreciate your support with this matter and kindly request that all parents reiterate these messages to their children.



New School Ruck Sacks

We have now arranged with Phillips Man's Shop to offer a school ruck sack as part of our school uniform. This will replace the book bags which children will no longer be required to bring to school from September.

We hope that these smart looking ruck sacks will save space in school (as your child will only need one bag) and that they will help on school trips as a means of easy identification when monitoring groups of children outside the school grounds.

The royal blue bags as modelled below, are embroidered with the school logo and come in two sizes for infants (£11.75) and juniors (£12.75) and will be available in the shop imminently.



Dates for Your Diary

Remember: **PI** shows parents, carers, parishioners and friends are invited.

APRIL

30th FSM & The Ashdown Inter-School Mud Run

MAY

1st Bank holiday

Please be aware that May and June are the times when most internal and external assessment and testing happen—it is vitally important that children are in school.

5th Year 2 Trip to Bewl Water

5th Year 5 Cake Sale

8th KS2 SATs week

15th Class Photographs

15th Raising confident children seminar-see back page.

19th Shine Day

20th Summer Fete

26th Marian Celebration **PI**

26th Last day of Term 5

Children collected after Marian celebration or 3.15pm

29th May —2nd June School Holiday

JUNE

5th First day of Term 6

INSET Day: 21st July

Children will now finish school for the summer holidays on 20th July at 1pm.

Leavers' Mass will now also be on 20th July.

Taken from this week's Gospel

3rd Sunday of Easter Year A

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

Luke 24:13-35



The Emmaus Road
Luke 24:13-35

~ Pray ~ Learn ~ Love ~ Enjoy ~

WELL DONE YEAR 4!

Well done to Year 4, we have just sent a cheque to The Marine Conservation Society for a magnificent sum of **£380.76** for their sponsored swim. This really is an amazing amount considering there are only 21 children in the class. Well Done to all of them, they should feel very proud of themselves. Thank you to Miss McMillan for organising this event and to Helen Blake for giving up her time to run it. Brilliant!



SWIMMING

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their contribution towards swimming lessons. We are very lucky to still have a pool. If you haven't already done so, please could you send in your money in a named envelope. **£10** per child for term 5. We also have swimming hats for sale in the office at £1. Thank you also to all the parents who helped with swimming this week, it really does make a difference having help.

Miss Heathcote was amazed at the amount of clothes without names in. Please can you label your children's clothes especially on swimming days, it is really difficult to ensure 30 children are changed and in their 'own' clothes when the children have no idea if it is their clothes.



Our main learning focus this year is English. Each week a different word or sentence game will appear in

...determiners.

A determiner is like a special adjective that pins down which noun is being spoken about. In most instances a noun cannot stand on its own in a sentence and needs a 'determiner' to help us know which particular thing is being referred to.

We wouldn't say:

Cat hissed at girl.

We would have to specify which cat and which girl.

That cat purred at this girl.

Determiners include: a, an, the, this, that, those, these, my, your, his, her, its, our, their, many, few, some, two, three, which and whose.

Cloze Game

Play around with inserting different determiners into the following sentences. Look at the different ways you can change the sentence depending on which determiners you use.

_____ afternoon, _____ dog will bite _____ leg.

_____ soldier rushed to _____ road as _____ ambulance pulled up.

Look at _____ man stealing _____ handbags.



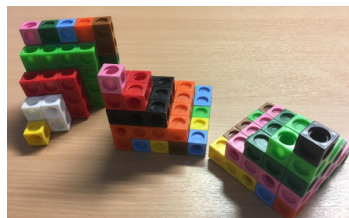
Look at this stack of golf balls. How many are there? Can you show how you worked it out?

This problem has been up in the staffroom all week. The staff found the answer but then posed the further question 'Is there a formula for working out how many balls in a stack of any size?'

Certain members of staff have taken this question home and got family members involved too! Mr Sayer has found the formula and made a model to show why it works.

Talking about maths is great. The answer isn't the only important outcome.

Can you work out the answer? Explain it to someone else? Work out more answers for different sized pyramids?



m@ths
x+zone

Away from School?

If your child is absent from school, please could you leave a short message on the answer machine telling us the child's name, class and why they are not in school. Alternatively send the office an email (office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk) We have to put an actual reason on the register which is sent to county. Information needs to be more specific than 'unwell' or 'poorly'. Obviously we do not need great detail, but 'tummy upset, bad cold, chicken pox etc' Thank you.



Beat the Street

Children from St Mary's school and their families have been asked to take part in an exciting East Sussex initiative which aims to encourage people to walk, cycle or scoot as part of a game which is called "Beat the Street." It will take place across the county between 7th and 26th June. Hundreds of special sensors called Beat Boxes will be placed around the county which people tap with a card to tracks their journey. Children will be able to earn points and prizes by being active.



Children will receive information about this event at an assembly soon.

I hope that lots of children will take part in this game which encourages fitness and being active together, outside.

Kent Life

Green class an amazing day on Tuesday. They dressed appropriately for their journey toMaidstone. They learnt about the life and times of the Romans., how to be a Centurion, how they kept healthy as well as meeting a brave gladiator! Miss Morley said the children were very well behaved and were a credit to the school. The children had a great day, and after asking them their favourite part of the day, most of them said it was meeting Boudicca.




**KEEP
CALM
IT'S
ONLY
SATs**

SATS

Just one week to go before the Keystage 2 SATS tests (Year 6). Please take the time to read through the information on the St Mary's website to ensure there are no surprises during the week. If your child is unwell during this week please contact the office asap to inform the school and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will call you back to hopefully make alternative arrangements. There will be a breakfast club in the morning, this will ensure all the children are in school and ready to begin the tests in plenty of time. We know the children are apprehensive about SATS but we as a school will ensure they run as calmly and smoothly as possible and will encourage the children and help them through this week.

Good Luck

A POEM FOR YEAR SIX



BY SPARKY

DON'T GET STRESSED.

JUST DO YOUR BEST.

REMEMBER, YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED
WITH SKILLS SATS CAN'T TEST.

Raising Confident and Competent Children

A seminar for parents of primary age children,
presented by East Sussex Parenting team as
part of the Triple P Parenting Programme.

Monday 15th May

7pm (to 8.30pm approx.)

Groombridge St Thomas School

To book a place contact Karen Seal:
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