



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Term 1 Week 6

October 11th 2019

Celebrate

Value Awards

Responsible Learners
Lol B -excellent work in maths (c/fw. from last week)

Due to the welcome assembly this morning the value awards from this week will be carried over to next week

Awards outside school
Year 3 & 4 Boys

Football tournament,
Respect award for manners Kindness and sporting attitude.

Thomas W-Football award

Theo S- Gold Award

Violin,

Hallie B-

Contemporary Dance,
Atwin A- Traditional story telling

Anit A- Traditional Indian dress,

Ily W- Downsman Hike Medal 29 miles in 2 days.

Attendance

Red Class YR: 92.4%
Orange Class Y1: 99.7%
Yellow Class Y2: 99.7%
Green Class Y3: 96.8%
Blue Class Y4: 98.4%
Indigo Class Y5: 99.1%
Violet Class Y6: 98.1%



Well Done
Orange and
Yellow
Class

What a Wonderful Welcome Assembly

Thank you so very, very much to our lovely school community for providing such a wonderful, warm welcome to all our new pupils in assembly this morning. It was a delight to find out more about each of our new Reception children from their Year Six buddies, who did an incredible job introducing them to us all. I was so impressed to hear about all the learning that the Reception children are looking forward to doing during their time with us and I am sure they will grow and develop like good seeds over the coming years. Thank you to the Reception Team who work incredibly hard at this time of year to ensure that each child settles quickly and that their start to primary school is so positive.

We were also delighted to have so many of the school's Governors attend assembly this morning to offer their own welcome to our new children and families. The Governing Body is made up of volunteers who work with incredible commitment and determination to support all aspects of the schools' development and improvement. It was a testament to their support to see so many of them come to share this morning's assembly with us. It was also a pleasure to have some representatives from The Friends of St Mary's join us as well today to welcome our new children and their families to the school. The Friends have prepared a little treat for each Reception child to take home with them today so please look out for these if your child is in Reception class, though there is a good chance the bags will be empty before they even leave the playground! The Friends of St Mary's do an incredible job organising and hosting some brilliant events over the course of the year for the children and the community, ensuring that our mission to enjoy our time at St Mary's is fulfilled. However, their efforts also result in raising funds for the school which are used directly to provide so many extras for the children that the school would not be able to afford without these funds. Today the children were amazed when The Friends presented the school with a cheque for **£7300!!!** This fantastic contribution to the children's

piggy bank is the result of many people's efforts over the last year – people who have given up their time to organise, run and support a whole range of different events. This is an incredible achievement and so very, very gratefully received by the school on the children's behalf. We will look forward to letting you know what the money is spent on over the coming months.

Finally thank you to all the family and friends who came to share today's special assembly with us. It was lovely to have so many of you attend so we could welcome you too. I hope you saw today what a very special community you have become a part of and I hope many of you will want to get more involved in our school community over the course of your children's time with us.

Liz Hills

Dates for Your Diary

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

October

17th Science Centre visit
18th Health and Wellbeing day

18th Flu spray vaccination

18th FSM Autumn Disco
3.15 to 5pm

25th Last day of term 1.
3.15pm finish

November

4th First day of Term 2

7th Pupil/Parent consultations 3.30-6pm PI

11th Pupil/Parent consultations 3.30-6pm PI

11th Remembrance

Assembly 10am PI

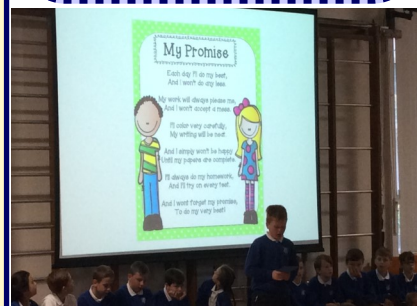
11th RE Events week—
Judaism

20th New parent open morning for Sept 2020 admissions 9.30am

21st New parent open afternoon for Sept 2020 admissions 2pm. No booking required

25th—29th Eco Week
(Christmas Crafts)

Please check dates regularly as events are added or may be changed.



Taken from this week's Gospel:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

"Get up! You may go now. You have been healed because you believe."

~ Pray ~ Learn ~ Love ~ Enjoy ~

Home Alone – Keeping Your Child Safe

As your children grow up it is important that they start to become more independent and for many children staying home alone is often an important step in their journey to independence. The time at which you may consider leaving your child at home alone will differ depending on your child's age, maturity and confidence and it may differ from child to child within your own family. There is no legal age at which children may be left home alone, but parents can be prosecuted for neglect if leaving your children alone puts them at risk of injury or suffering. To help you to make sensible and safe decisions about when it is appropriate for you to leave your children alone the NSPCC has produced a very useful guide with sound advice and useful tips to help parents/carers decide in which situations they may leave their children home alone. A copy of this guide has been emailed to you but it can also be accessed at the following link:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1110/home-alone-guide-keeping-child-safe.pdf>



I would strongly advise all parents/carers to take some time this weekend to read through this guide. If you already leave your child alone it is still worth reading as it may highlight things you may not have considered about your children's safety when they are alone. If you are parents/carers of younger children I would still suggest you read the guide as it will help you to consider very small steps that you could start to take with your children now so that when the time comes for them to start to be more independent they will be ready and confident – and so will you.

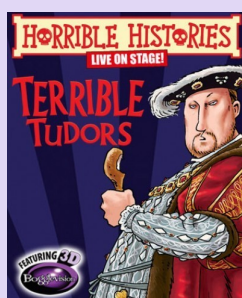
News from Violet Class Year Six and Five's Horrible Histories School Trip

On Friday the 4th of October Year 5 and 6 went on a school trip to see Horrible Histories in the Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall. We would like to say a massive thank you to all the adults that made this school trip possible which include: Miss Ticehurst, Miss Morley, Miss White and Miss Russell.

Once we arrived, we took a seat in the theatre ready to watch the show. The show was great but the best part was after the interval where they made us put on 3D glasses and some of the gory stories flew out into the audience! Then they explained the rest of the history from the Terrible Tudors in 3D!

Overall, the trip was a fun and educational trip because we learnt a lot about the Tudor family and the kings and queens of England throughout that time.

By James Hawkes
and Daniel Eels



Red Class

Mrs Williams and all of the Red class team would like to say how incredibly proud they are of all the



children this week. They are all now coming into the classroom independently in the mornings and settling beautifully.

The children are doing really well at all their activities and they should all be very proud of themselves. Well done Red class!!

Football Success!

On Wednesday, eight boys from lower key stage 2 represented the school in an inter-school, football tournament.

The children were excited and looking forward to playing as they put on their St. Mary's team kit. The children played six matches and worked collaboratively and showed great sportsmanship in each of their games.

There was some tough competition, but the boys held their own and ended up coming 3rd, which we are extremely proud of. However, the children won another award. They also won the award for respect. This award was voted on by teachers and leaders at Beacon and was given for the team who showed the most encouragement, sportsmanship and best manners throughout the tournament. I was incredibly proud of all the boys!

B. Piper



Head Lice

A case of head lice was found in school today. Incidents of head lice in school are often a recurring problem. Therefore we all need to be vigilant to keep on top of the problem. It is important that you please:

- Look at your child's hair **this evening**. Treat if necessary straight away. If using chemical solution, before treating wash off all conditioner and chlorine from the hair. It is VITAL that you check and if necessary, treat the whole family to prevent re-infection. Check your family's hair on a daily basis.

Facts about Head lice

Head lice are spread by climbing from head to head. They cannot fly, jump or swim. Head lice lay their eggs on the hairs near the roots. Old eggs are found on the hairs further along as the hair grows, and the empty egg cases are called nits. It does not make any difference whether hair is long or short, clean or dirty. To help with the problem, long hair must always be kept tied back in school.

Thank you



School Photos

The proofs for the school photos taken in Wednesday have arrived in school today and will be sent home.

Please note that you can order online direct with JP Photographic. Full details are on the order form. Order on line or return to school must be by 5th November

Don't miss...
First day
at school
photos

We have just been advised by the Kent and Sussex Courier newspaper that Red Class's photo has been included in the First Day of School Supplement today.

Parking outside school.

There have been more reports of parents/carers either dropping off children on the zig-zag area outside the school or even parking on the zig-zag area and walking their children down the school drive.

This is not acceptable for the safety of our children and you could also be committing an offence of causing an obstruction.

Our zig-zag lines are accompanied by a traffic regulation order which does make it an offence to park there or stop there during school times. There signs are very clear.

Please, please, please do not STOP to DROP OFF or PARK on the ZIG-ZAGS. We are all busy and might be rushing but there is no excuse good enough that puts the safety of our children at risk.

We ask all parents to ensure that whoever is picking up and collecting your children to adhere to this. We understand that Chapel Green does get busy at school times but there are spaces available to park around the surrounding roads, you may just have to walk a little further. Please do not park across residents driveways or too close the junctions of Montargis Way and surrounding roads. If you do live in walking distance from the school, please do consider this, it is better for everyone, reducing congestions, getting some exercise and cutting down on car pollution.



Thank you for your co-operation.