



9th November 2018

St. Mary's Newsletter

Dear parents,

Welcome back!

As a whole school we have been focusing on the centenary of the end of World War 1 and the importance of remembering those who have lost their lives or been involved in the Great Wars and other conflicts around the world. We have also been thinking about the symbolism of the poppy in PSHCE lessons and in assemblies this week. As a mark of respect we held a two minutes silence today which was beautifully observed by all the pupils and staff.

Year 6 pupils have been learning a great deal about the World Wars in their humanities lessons and we have all been impressed with the emotional maturity they have shown. Next time you are in the school hall do take a look at the display of their remembrance poetry – each child wrote an additional verse to John McCrae's 'In Flanders Fields' poem. They attempted to match the tempo and rhythm of the original work and we were very impressed with their efforts.

Lunch menu (see attached)

Clubs

Please note that Drumming club, which is now held on a Tuesday lunch time is just for children in Year 4 and above. Thank you.

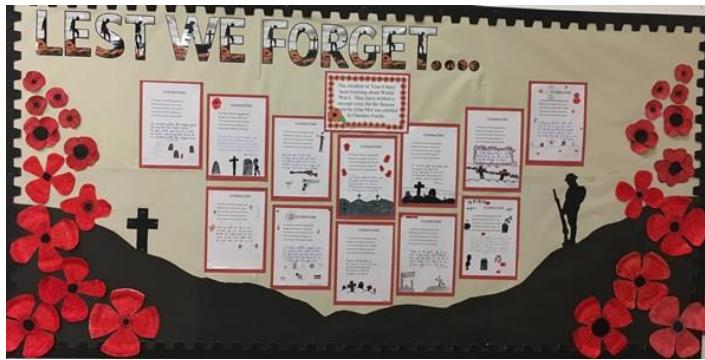
Wibble wobble

New play equipment was revealed to children at break time today. This was purchased by the School Council. Great idea!



Lighthouse Foodbank appeal

A reminder that we are continuing to collect for the Lighthouse Foodbank in Henley.



Thank you and well done to all of our pupils who are involved in remembrance day parades on Armistice day this Sunday.

On a totally different note – I wanted to let you know that our Site Manager Gavin Dickason is leaving St. Mary's as of today as he has decided to return to a full time role working in a technical logistics capacity. We would like to thank Gavin for all of his support and wish him the very best of luck in his new job.

Finally, I look forward to seeing those of you who can make it to the FOSMS quiz night tonight. Many thanks to the FOSMS team for organising this for us all.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Rob Harmer

Events 2018/19

A reminder that our school App and website are updated with key events on a daily basis. Don't have the app yet? Search for St. Mary's PIOTA on your phone.

Anti-bullying week – wear odd socks day! Monday 12th November

We are asking all children and staff to come into school on Monday 12th November wearing odd socks to help us kick off Anti-bullying week! The purpose behind this slightly unusual request is to remind us that we are all different but all equal.

Would you be able to spare anything please? Below is a list of food needed:

*tinned meat
pasta sauce
long life milk
savoury or sweet biscuits or crisps
tea, coffee, hot chocolate
cereal
squash
toothbrushes, toothpaste
washing powder
toiletries*

If you could drop anything into the box in Reception, we can take it down to D:two where Lighthouse is located, and help make a family happy! Thank you in anticipation.

Dates for the coming week:

Anti-bullying week

Monday 12th November: Wear odd socks to school

Tuesday 13th November:

Bertie Slippers in nursery to celebrate new look. Also visiting Stay and Play.

Year 5 trip to Ure Museum

Wednesday 14th November:

Year 2 visiting the chickens at the Merchants' house

U10 & U11 football v Dolphin School



Our slogan for this term is to be kind. Our focus will be on ensuring that children know what bullying is, what to do if they feel that bullying is occurring and how to seek help. The wellbeing of each and every pupil is of paramount importance to us, and we work very hard to create an environment where every child feels respected and valued.

Children in Need, Friday 16th November

Wear spots to support BBC Children in Need! Friday 16th November will be a non-uniform day and children are encouraged to wear spots if at all possible. We are asking for donations of £1 per child to support the good work of Children in Need please.



Bring and Buy

- To support BBC Children in Need
- Friday 16th November 3.30pm.

U10 & U11 Netball v Dolphin School

Captain Fantastic visiting Nursery and Kindergarten

*Thursday 15th November:
Kindergarten to see Hotel Transylvania*

Friday 16th November:

Children in Need

Nursery trip to Swiss Farm

U8 & U9 Football v Dolphin School

U8 & U9 Netball v Dolphin School

Children in Need Bring & Buy sale

The School Council hope to raise lots of money for Children in Need through a good old fashioned 'Bring and Buy's sale which will be taking place in the school playground, after school on Friday 16th November. This provides you with the perfect opportunity to have a bit of a clear out and make way for new goodies that will be for sale on the day!

Please note what can / can not be sold at the sale. Also, please only bring in donations on the actual day of the sale (storage is an issue) and we ask for just one box of donated goodies per family. Any items left at the end of the sale will be taken to a local charity shop.

What we want:

Good quality -
Toys and games (games and puzzles need to have no missing parts - we don't want any unhappy buyers)
Books
Clothing

We do not want:

- Electrical items
- Toys or games which no longer work
- Books which are falling apart
- Clothes which are stained/ torn

Shining moments?

We would like to know more about your child's 'shining moments'. You hopefully would have noticed that a questionnaire was sent home at the end of last term asking for information about this. We appreciate that paper can easily get lost in school bags, so for ease we have also attached the questionnaire to this newsletter. Does your child take part in any clubs outside of school, or have they entered any competitions? Does your child do any work in the community or taken part in any performances, or

completed any pieces of work outside of the school? We hope to gather ‘shining moments’ information on every child at school and urge you to complete and return the attachment to the school office. Thank you in advance.

Celebrations

It was wonderful to celebrate some of the children’s recent achievements this morning. Well done to Frankie Moore who shared a poster he had created which depicted everything he had done during half term. Very creative Frankie! Thank you also to Ivo Seraille for sharing a project he had completed on hyenas – David Attenborough would have been very impressed with the information and level of detail Ivo had gathered.

Well done to Year 2 for featuring in the gold book this week for the research they had carried out on animals over the half term.

Congratulations to Charlie Nelmes who was awarded with the AFC Henley Player of the week trophy and to Emily Southgate and Harry Waldron for the excellent progress they have made in the swimming pool. Well done also to all of the children who took part in the Chiltern Edge Cross Country run last weekend. Some great results considering the weather and the tough competition. The organisers provided us with the following list. If your child took part and isn’t included in this list do please let us know so that we can celebrate their effort:

Year 2
Eliza Vann, 9th

Year 4
Miley Vann, 13th (reports in that this was Miley’s best run to date, so well done!)
Pippa Whittam, 12th
Lily Wildgoose, 14th
Abigail Lawrence, 22nd

Year 6
Lily Whittam, 8th

Finally, thank you to Daniella Southgate who played the piano in assembly for us today and did so beautifully.



PE Stars of the week

Kindergarten – Elodie Comonte
Year 1 – Austin Lawrence
Year 2 – Ferris Froehlich
Year 3 – Caleb Marchant
Year 4 – Kalypso Vogel
Year 5 – Charlie Scott
Year 6 – Lily Whittam

Sports news

Girls:

St Mary's U11 1-2 Crown House U11

This was a very good game. As the match went on the girls started to use the space more to create more opportunities. This was great to see. Martha Peach

scored a goal which was disallowed as her foot was outside the designated area. Unlucky Martha! St. Mary's goal was scored by Lily Whittam. Well done to Player of the Match, Sophie Hucker.

St Mary's U10 3-2 Crown House U10

The girls played very well, with Ella Shraga and Emily Southgate playing fantastically in defense. Special thank you to the year 4 girls- Polly Johnston, Lily Wildgoose and Charlie Wilks for playing in the match also. Roxanna Schoenmakers scored one goal and also assisted Polly's goal. Solid team work also saw Lily Wildgoose assist Charlie Wilks goal. Players of the Match were Emily Southgate and Aoife Lynch. Well done all!

Boys:

U11 Long Close Tag Rugby Tournament

St. Mary's finished third in the Long Close Tag rugby tournament with some excellent rugby being displayed by all the boys representing the school.

The first match we won against St. Bernard's 8-6 with some great tagging and turn-overs. The second match we lost 8-6 to Long Close with a few ball handling errors and forward passes costing us. The third match we lost 8-5 to Dair House but in terms of the character shown it was probably our finest display coming back from 4-1 down after the first half with some excellent tries and support play.

Music lessons

Jocelyn Longworth has been teaching piano at St. Mary's for 30 years and currently has availability. Jocelyn says that youngsters are introduced to their piano adventure in a playful manner, learning the skills required and having fun. Jocelyn takes pupils from Year 2 upwards. Interested? Please contact the school office.

Open days and events

Pangbourne Piano Festival, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March

Each year Pangbourne hosts a popular Piano Festival at the school and invites pianists, aged 6 to 18. The syllabus includes solo, duet, trio (one piano, two hands), two piano, and accompaniment classes of all standards from grade one.

The deadline for entries is Friday 16 November at 5pm. For further information please visit <https://www.pangbourne.com/community/outreach/pangbourne-piano-festival>