

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Learning with love, strength and faith following the example of Jesus'

Dear St Mary's families

What a lot has been going on again this fortnight! We are looking forward to opening the school doors tomorrow (Saturday) for our Open afternoon from 2-3pm. We are delighted that many of our Year Six children have volunteered to come back to school to proudly show visitors around the school. We really value their leadership. From next week there will be a head boy or head girl from year six in place. This role will be taken by a new child each week. Watch this space next time to find out more! Please do come along to the open afternoon if you can; we are combining with 'Art for All' free art activities for young and old going on in the church and the school from 10am until 4pm.

Mrs Taylor, Acting Head of School

Ship Ahoy!



The playground is buzzing with excitement as today the children have had their first opportunity to play on the newly completed pirate ship. We would like to name the ship and are looking for suggestions from the children for a name that we hope can be painted onto the ship. Buckets are in school to collect name suggestions at 20p a go. The name of the ship will be announced at the **Grand**

opening on Monday 30th October after school when we will be thanking the PTFA for their wonderful efforts in raising the money for the ship. Please come along to the playground at 3.15 to cheer the head boy or girl for the week as they cut the ribbon.

Mrs Taylor

Beacon Cross-country



With their customary determination, enthusiasm and wonderful sportsmanship our children once again did us all proud at the recent Primary Cross-country event last Wednesday held at Beacon Academy. Their team spirit extended to every competitor in the race as they cheered each runner to the finishing line. We are delighted that Tia and Lauren in Year 6 qualified for the next round of the area championships taking place on Wednesday 18th October. Well done girls, go for it!

Learner of the week

Week ending 6/10/17

LILAC – Ryan

WILLOW – Charlie

CHERRY – Esra

MAPLE – Noah

Week ending 13/10/17

LILAC – Lauren

WILLOW – Daisy

CHERRY – Joseph

MAPLE – Frederica

Attendance

Week ending 6/10/17

LILAC – 97.6%

WILLOW – 100%

CHERRY – 95.6%

MAPLE – 98.8%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 97.9%

Week ending 13/10/17

LILAC – 96%

WILLOW – 94.4%

CHERRY – 97.6%

MAPLE – 96.1%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 96%

Sports Star of the week

Week ending 6/10/17

LILAC – Eleanor

WILLOW – Callum

CHERRY – Thomas

MAPLE – Jared

Week ending 13/10/17

LILAC – Tia

WILLOW – Elouise

CHERRY – Charlie

MAPLE – Finlay

The Romans are invading!



The children in Willow class have produced the most wonderful array of Roman artefacts for our Roman Exhibition. We have sampled delicious Roman Food that they have baked using authentic Roman methods, they have built amphitheatres and chariots, made shields, weapons, mosaics, a giant Roman coin, a Roman temple and sculptures of Roman Gods. The children are taking it in turns to tell us all about their projects and some have already given some fascinating talks and shown us some brilliant presentations. We are looking forward to sharing their

wonderful creations with you after half term when we will invite parents to come in for Willow's Roman presentation.

Mrs Woods

Lilac Class – The Borrowers



During the first week of term, Lilac Class were given a project to make a 'Borrowers' room or house using things they could find around their home. Once the project was set they got to work building their houses with their families. They found it fun and entertaining and the results look amazing!

Written by Thomas and Eleanor, Lilac

Forest School

We had a marvelous afternoon in the autumn sunshine. Again a massive thanks to our volunteers, who help us make the experience available for the children. Below are some photos of what Cherry class got up to this week.



Our activities included collecting autumn leaves and melting beeswax to dip them in to preserve them, looking under logs for minibeasts, mixing clay and sticks and using it to make pictures on tree trunks and paper.

If anyone has old wellies that their children have grown out of, we would be grateful if you could donate them to school so that we always have spare ones if children have forgotten them or don't possess any. Thank you!

Mrs Sanders

Raising Resilient Children workshop

Following the successful seminar on 'Raising Resilient Children' run by Sam Mills from Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, we are pleased to announce the dates for a further two workshops.

Monday 22nd January 2018 – Raising Confident Competent Children Seminar 1.45-3.15pm

Monday 25th June 2018 – Raising Resilient Children Seminar 1.45-3.15pm

Following each workshop there will be the option for attendees to come to a follow up discussion group to further chat about the issues raised.

In addition Sam will also be available to talk about what her service can offer parents at parents evening on Wednesday 22nd November.

Sian Leahy, SENCO



Pioneer Partnership update



On Monday, the teachers from the 3 school linked up after school to moderate writing. These moderation events will happen each term and will help teachers to calibrate their judgements across this year.

Mr Procter

Media Mums and Digital Dads: Building Digital Confidence - an online safety workshop

This workshop is being arranged for parents on **Tuesday 14th November** at **9am**. Advice will be given on how we can equip our children from an early age to safely and resiliently engage with the internet. This workshop fits in well with the Anti-bullying week agenda as we are increasingly aware of digital images and cyberbullying being a frequent topic in the news. Come along to update your knowledge on the key themes in this area.

Please email the office to indicate you will be attending so that we can arrange the room appropriately.

Sian Leahy SENCO

Gardening Club



At Gardening Club this week we looked at the work of the Artist Andy Goldsworthy and talked about transient environmental Art. We worked together to create a sculpture with leaves inspired by his work, then went on to work in small groups to create our own art displays.

Mrs Sanders

Starfish Malawi

We have had an exciting visit from the Charity Starfish Malawi with whom St Marys had a link for many years. We are aiming to re-establish this link and for the children to make direct links with the children in the school. The charity is sending a shipping container out to Malawi that will be leaving at the end of the month. Thank you to those children and parents who have donated goods to be included in the container. We look forward to telling you more about this link as it develops this year.

Katrina's Corner

Autumn is well and truly upon us and half term is nearly here, and I would just like to highlight that at St Mary's Church on the 23rd October we will be running a Messy Monday with stories, songs, craft activities and pumpkins for all ages! 10:30-12:30, no charge but donations towards costs are welcome.

Katrina Thomas

PTFA

A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported the comedy night at the village hall on Saturday, it was a big success with the village hall packed to the rafters and full of screams of laughter! We raised in the region of £600. A big thank you to the comedy team that made this happen!

We are now well into autumn, and it feels like Christmas is only round the corner! The wheels are now well in motion for the Christmas Fair, if you can help in anyway or supply a raffle prize that would be great, please contact Rachel on rachel@speechie.co.uk. On this note, if you are shopping, don't forget to click on Easy Fundraising. Any new parents that are unsure of this, please contact Rachel as above, and she can go through it with you.

Finally don't forget the second hand clothes rail which is outside the school office. It has a large array of school uniform for your little people and is donation only.

Snacks

We would like to encourage the children to have a snack at school each day. This snack should be a healthy option - fruit/ vegetables or bread sticks, raisins, plain crackers or oat cakes only.

Maple have a piece of fruit provided free of charge. Maple class may also bring a healthy snack to eat in the afternoon.

Cherry Class have a piece of fruit provided. No other snacks required.

Willow and Lilac class - please bring a snack from the list above only.

If your child has specific dietary requirements please let us know so that we can make an arrangement with you.

Mrs Taylor

Mince Pie Race

Mr Procter and Alan Brundle (Pioneer Governor) will be running the Mince Pie Race on Sunday 10th December. They will be raising funds for school projects.

You are welcome to come and join in on the fun and cheer on Mr Procter and Mr Brundle. Please see the link below for more information.

<http://www.seafordstriders.org.uk/Newsite/mince-pie-ten-mile/>

If you would like to sponsor Mr Procter and Mr Brundle, please see the school office

Interesting, Useful and Unusual Words

Every fortnight there will be an interesting, useful but unusual word in our newsletter for the whole community to learn.

Mr Procter and Mrs Taylor will select words each week. Children will then be asked in Friday's assembly what the word means and to put it into a sentence to show they have understood the meaning. This is to help build up our children's vocabulary throughout the year. Please see this week's below:

Peculiar

Definition: different to what is normal or expected. To be strange, unusual or odd



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES	
Term 1 & 2	
Saturday 14 th October	2-3pm – Open Afternoon for prospective parents
Sunday 15 th October	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 18 th October	12.30-1.30pm Village Harvest Lunch
Wednesday 18 th October	14.45 – 15:15 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, all welcome
Thursday 19 th October	1-3pm Lilac Forest School
Monday 23 rd -Friday 27 th October	Half-term week
Monday 30 th October	START OF TERM 2
Monday 30 th October	Pirate Ship Grand Opening
Thursday 2 nd November	Maple Forest School
Thursday 9 th November	Cherry Forest School
Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 14 th November	On-line safety workshop
Tuesday 14 th November	'Flu vaccinations for YR to Y4
Thursday 16 th November	Willow Forest School
Sunday 19 th November	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 22 nd November	Parent Consultations
Thursday 23 rd November	Parent Consultations
Thursday 23 rd November	Lilac Forest School
Thursday 30 th November	Maple Forest School
Friday 1 st December	Christmas dress up day
Saturday 2 nd December	PTFA Christmas Fair