

St Mary's Church of England School

Newsletter 06 – 11th October 2019

This Week's News:

Harvest Festival took place this morning at Fairford Leys Church. The Year Four pupils led the service giving thanks for the food that is grown, celebrating by singing and praying. Thank you very much for the generous donations of food items from families across the school. These will be distributed by the Vineyard Church Storehouse to local people and families in need.



Thursday was World Mental Health Day and this week at St Mary's some pupils from Year Six received peer mentor training from the mental health charity, Buckinghamshire Mind. This involved the children learning about how to look after their own and their peer's wellbeing. After half term, these children will be running lunchtime sessions where pupils from across the school can speak to them about any worries or concerns they might have. These sessions will be supported by Mrs Allwright and there will be further follow-up sessions to support the school and children from Buckinghamshire Mind.

Bucks County Museum

On Monday, 3AH had an interesting visit to the Museum Resource Centre at Halton to learn about the Stone Age period. They participated in workshops where they were able to handle artefacts, dig like archaeologists, create cave paintings and make fire.

Learning Power Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Ben M, Casey W, Chloe W, Dexter B, Emily-Rose K, Ethan M, Freddie S, Lewie S, Jennifer B, Lily S, Lyvia W, Lewis B-W, Katie L.

Star of the Week

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Ella D, Jarshan V, Lily D, Leonie P, Ava B, Imogen F, Jack P, Eva D, Tigger A, Joy A, Aisha L, Freya K, Christian A.

HERO Attendance Bear

This week the class with the best overall attendance is 3AH with 99.3%. 3AH will therefore be awarded the Attendance Bear to keep for the week.

House Points

This week's results	Number of points	Running Total
Rothschild	601	1761
Hampden	430	1670
Lee	402	1607
Cook	293	1500

The class with the most house points at the end of the term will win a Mufti Day.

Lunchtime Award

This week the winners of the Lunchtime Award are 4I. This is for excellent lunchtime behaviour.

PTA 5p Challenge

Please keep bringing in your 5ps for the PTA challenge. 1B are close to filling their bottle, with 1H and 4J close behind. Remember, the class who fills their bottle first will receive £50.00 for a class treat and all other classes will win £25.00 once their bottle is full.



5p Challenge – Week 1 Update!



School Photographs

Please be reminded that school photographs will be taken next Monday, 14th October. These will be individual photographs and not family groups.

Road Safety Reminder

Parking - Can we please remind parents they are not to park outside of the school unless in a designated parking space. This is a residential area and residents, members of staff and other parents are being blocked in spaces/their drives. The double parking outside of the school also poses a risk in the event of an emergency vehicle needing to get through. Please may we ask parents to drive very carefully when picking up or dropping off children both outside the school and on surrounding roads. In the interest of safety please use the car park behind the Co-op in the Square, which is just a short walk to the school gates.

Morning Drop Off

Can we please remind parents/carers that the period before registration opens at 8.45am is unsupervised and is not playtime. In the interest of safety, we ask that all children are kept off the play equipment and that children should not run around the playground during the period between 8.35 and 8.45. Thank you for your support.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected as our Junior Road Safety Officers: Charlotte G, Lilly R, Holly C, Poppy H, Megan J.

Forest School

Mrs Johnson would like to thank everyone who donated plastic bottles for the recycled fence which is now complete apart from the gate.



Year One have been enjoying Forest School sessions this term with the added excitement of being able to drink hot chocolate. Thank you very much to the PTA who purchased the cups, plates and cooking utensils and therefore enhanced the children's outdoor experience.



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PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Mon	14 th	School Individual Photographs
Wed	16 th	Reception Open Morning – Prospective Parents 9.30am
Thurs	17 th	Y2 Green Dragon Eco Farm
Thurs	17 th	RWI Parent Meeting KS1 & EYFS 6.30pm
Mon	21 st	Parents' Evening 4.30pm PTA Secondhand Uniform Sale
Wed	23 rd	Parents' Evening 3.30pm PTA Secondhand Uniform Sale
Fri	25th	INSET DAY (No Pupils)
Mon	28th	HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Mon	4th	PUPILS RETURN
Wed	6 th	Reception Open Morning – Prospective Parents 9.30am
Fri	8th	PTA Chocolate Mufti Day
Fri	8 th	Flu Vaccinations
Fri	8 th	PTA School Discos: EY 4.15pm – 5.15pm Y1/ 2 5.30pm – 6.30pm Y3/4 6.45pm - 7.45pm Y5/6 8.00pm – 9.00pm
Tues	12 th	Y5 Space Centre
Wed	20 th	KS1 Stay & Play 9.00am
Fri	22 nd	Reception Open Morning – Prospective Parents 9.30am
Sat	30th	PTA Christmas Fayre 1.00pm – 4.00pm

DECEMBER

Tues	3 rd	Nursery and EYFS Nativity 2.00pm
Wed	4 th	Nursery and EYFS Nativity 9.30am
Fri	6 th	Y6 Holdenby House
Fri	6 th	Y4 Christingle Service 4.30pm Fairford Leys Church
Tues	10 th	KS1 Christmas Concert 2.00pm
Thurs	12 th	KS1 Christmas Concert 9.30am
Fri	13 th	Y3 Carol Concert 9.15am
Mon	16 th	Y3 Carol Concert 2.30pm
Tues	17 th	Y5/6 Carol Concert 7.00pm Fairford Leys Church
THURS	19TH	LAST DAY OF TERM