

St Mary's Church of England School Newsletter 09 – 8th November 2019

This Week's News:

We had our second Open Morning for September 2020 entry this week. Parents visited and toured the school with our Year 6 guides. We had wonderful feedback of our Year 6 pupils from the visitors who commented on their enthusiasm, knowledge and polite manners.

On Tuesday some pupils from Year 6 led a whole school assembly about the peer mentoring service they will be running following their training with Bucks Mind earlier on in the term. The children talked about how mental health affects our thoughts and feelings and how you feel inside might affect how you act and show it on the outside. The peer mentors explained that they will be running lunchtime sessions where pupils from Key Stage One and Two can speak to them about any worries or concerns they might have. These sessions will be supported by Mrs Allwright. During the assembly children raised lots of relevant questions and said they are looking forward to these sessions starting next week.

On Wednesday Mrs Makin, one of our parents, led an assembly for the children to help them understand how Hindus celebrate Diwali. She shared information about some of the activities related to this festival and was helped by some children from Year Three who dressed in traditional Indian clothes. Thank you for providing this experience for the children.

Remembrance Day Service

A team of Year 6 pupils have been selling poppies this week and our children have responded very generously. Our Remembrance Day assembly is taking place on Monday 11th November at 10.45am. All Year 6 parents are warmly invited to attend the assembly at our school.

PTA News

The PTA has now banked all the 5ps collected in the Bottle Challenge. This has raised a total of £970.39 with 1B winning the overall prize of £50 for a class treat and 4J winning £25 for almost filling theirs. Thank you to everyone for your support with this. 5ps are no longer needed to be brought in, instead save them for the Christmas Fayre!

Thank you also for all the chocolate donations brought into school today for the Chocolate Tombola. This will be put on the tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 30th November.

Pupil News:

Here is a message from one of our parents, Amy Stevens:

'My son Harry started growing his hair at the beginning of the year as he wanted to raise money for charity. He originally chose one charity after hearing about it on television but has since changed his mind. After losing his little sister at the end of September he has chosen to have it cut in December and raise money for SANDS ([sands.org.uk](https://www.sands.org.uk)) the charity for stillborn babies and neonatal deaths.'

Here is the link to the Facebook fundraiser page for full details:

https://www.facebook.com/donate/2438413266421593/?fundraiser_source=external_url

Harry's also been asked to be a mascot in this Saturday's Aylesbury Vale football game and will be there with a bucket collecting, hopefully, more donations.

Please take the time to read his story and donate if you can.

Learning Power Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Freddie W, Amelia A-H, Jada C, Evangeline S, Samuel B, Riley M, Neve F, Tinashe M, Ethan A, Katie L, Rosie R, Jonty H, Fifo A B.

Star of the Week

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Adam S, Stanley D, Roxie W, Olivia T, Harry S, William M, Freya W, Hannah F, Amy D, Summer E, Maizie F, Poppy H, Adam C.

HERO Attendance Bear

This week the class with the best overall attendance is 3I with 100%. 3I will therefore be awarded the Attendance Bear to keep for the week after half term. Please see attached the average % attendance for October 2019.

Lunchtime Award

This week the class who have won the Lunchtime Award is 3AH. This has been awarded for excellent lunchtime behaviour.

House Points

This week's results	Number of points
Lee	381
Rothschild	293
Hampden	281
Cook	234

Joyce Trust

For anyone wishing to apply for Joyce trust funding, can you please ensure all forms are returned in a sealed envelope FAO Mrs Hope no later than 18th November, as the trust are meeting in late November to review the applications. More details about the Joyce Trust can be found on the school website.

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PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

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
Sat	9 th	Deadline for ordering your child's Christmas Cards
Fri	15 th	Rothschild Mufti Day
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
Mon	9 th	Yr 5 Space Centre Visit
Tues	10 th	KS1 Christmas Concert 2.00pm
Wed	11 th	Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day
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

JANUARY 2020

Mon	6th	INSET DAY
Tues	7th	SCHOOL OPENS START OF SPRING TERM