



# St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter - Issue 25 - 14/05/2021



Please note that should you wish to receive this newsletter in a different format please ask at the school office.

**This term's Christian Value is Generosity and Service:**

'Serve one another in love.' Galatians 5.13

'God loves a cheerful giver.' Corinthians 9.7



## Achievers Awards

### *Little Acorns:*

*Little Oaks: Millie for demonstrating ALL of the Values ALL of the time. Alfie Smith for sharing his toys and games with his friends.*

*Class 1: The WHOLE class because 'GOSH they are ALL so generous with each other'. (Mrs Appleby)*

*Class 2: Kizzy for jumping up straight away to help someone who was having difficulties.*

*Class 3: Jayden for being always so generous, kind and understanding to his friends.*

*Class 4: Chesny for taking pride and putting heaps of effort into his work.*

*Class 5: Autumn for being an excellent 'chick mum'; she has continually offered her time to look after the chicks - even cleaning out their home.*

*Class 6: Violet for trying so hard all week in work and play practice*

## Absences

Thank you, thank you!

This week we received messages from parents for all children's absences. Huge thanks for communicating these to us as it saves a lot of time for office staff in chasing up unauthorized or reasons for absences.

Brilliant 😊!

## Sports days - Save the Date!!!

We have provisionally booked our Sports Days for the following dates. We will have to consider class/phase bubbles and whether parents are able to attend when we have carried out our Risk Assessment based on the government's most up-to-date guidance.

**EYFS: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30**

**Key Stage 1: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm**

**Key Stage 2: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1.00pm - please note the change of date for KS2 Sports Day**

We will provide more information regarding these events closer to the day.

## Vouchers over half term

We wanted to update you all regarding Free School Meal Vouchers during the May/June Half Term 2021.

The council is continuing to provide free school meal vouchers to entitled parents during the half term week commencing 31st May 2021

They will provide e-mails to parents around the 21st May.

## Nigel Coles - School Photographer

20th May

Nigel Coles will be in school to take photos of all classes and individual photos for Year 6 Leavers next Thursday.

Please ensure all pupils come into school smart and tidy, in full school uniform, on that day. Should classes be doing PE we would prefer them to be in uniform and we will adapt our PE lessons accordingly.



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### *Attendance*

National figures for attendance lie around 96% and whilst we understand that at times children really are too poorly for school we do encourage children to be as school as much as possible so that they keep learning and do not fall behind.

There are many, many children in school with over 96% attendance and a significant number of children with 100% attendance. Well done those children (and mums and dads ☺)

Class	This Week's Attendance
Little Oaks	86%
Class 1	93%
Class 2	97%
Class 3	96%
Class 4	97%
Class 5	89%
Class 6	94%

### Requests to Take Pupils on Holiday During School Term Time

At St Mary's our aim is to prepare pupils for their future lives and careers. With this in mind, we ask parents to observe the school holidays as prescribed. We do appreciate that things have been tough with much disruption and we are all looking forward to a holiday. However, we are unable to authorise holidays during term-time. Given how much schooling many pupils have missed over the last year, it is more important than ever that any absence is limited to reasons of genuine illness or other circumstances of an exceptional nature. In those cases, a 'request for absence' should be forwarded to the school office.

### Bikeability

Bikeability starts next week for those in Group 1 and 2. Please remember to bring your bikes and helmets on you allotted day and store them in the shelter in the morning.

We are able to store the bikes overnight in the school hall between the sessions.

### Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness week and the theme of the week is Nature. How can spending time in nature help our mental health? As we all know, parenting children can be tough at times, so it's important to look after your own mental health too. You might find the following websites useful to support you and your family:

[www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk) for information about Mental Health awareness week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

for resources to help conversations about mental health and the things in our daily life that can affect it.

### Breakfast Club

I would be interested in my child/children attending Breakfast Club at a cost of £3.50 per child. (please tick)

My child/children would attend ..... sessions per week. Please tick sessions:

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
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Child/children's name(s) .....

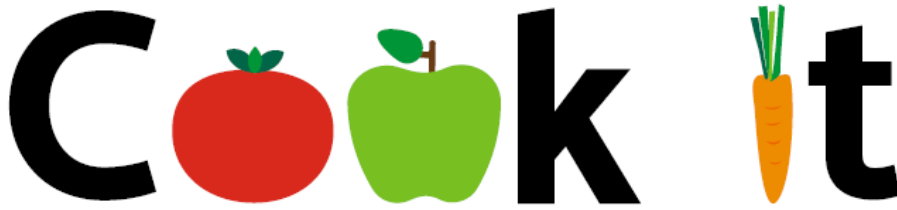
Please add any further comments:

Please return this slip to school before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May or email your response to the school office.



**Community notices:**

*(We bring these notices to your attention without necessarily recommending them.)*



**Five week online course for  
parents and children**

**Join a virtual group cookery session with  
optional cook along to discover how to make  
easy, healthy recipes**

- Free recipe booklet and links to our **NEW** video recipes
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Every family who completes the course receives a **£25 supermarket voucher** to put towards buying ingredients or equipment for recipes

**Call the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more  
Tel; 0300 2470050,  
Email; [BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk](mailto:BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk)**