



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter - Issue 23 - 23/04/2021



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: Darcey for always being kind and polite to staff

Little Oaks: Anna for being very helpful to her friends

Class 1: Willow and Bertie for being of service and generous with their time to help improve the school environment in their holidays

Class 2: Faith for always helping others and giving of her time

Class 3: Evie for being kind, compassionate and helpful. Mrs Webb for being very helpful to Miss Boulter ☺

Class 4: Elsa for being generous with her time: she always stops to help others

Class 5: Esme for always offering to help keep our classroom organised and tidy so it's ready for learning

Class 6: Kaitlyn for always being thoughtful and generous with her time to help around the classroom

Attendance:

Class	Today's Attendance
Little Oaks	98%
Class 1	98%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	99%
Class 4	99%
Class 5	98%
Class 6	94%



Plea from the Nursery - can you help?

The Nursery Team are running low on spare clothing for children in the Nursery. If you have any spare, Nursery sized' jogging bottoms/leggings that you could donate please drop them into the office or hand to the Nursery staff. Thank you.

Smoking

A request from parents: please refrain from smoking, around the children, at drop off and pick up. Some of our community suffer with asthma and other medical conditions and the inhalation of smoke can present difficulties.



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Permissions

With changes to GDPR and the updated systems we are now using in school for communication or learning e.g. Class Dojo we need to ensure that we have parental permissions for ALL children.

Whilst we have always gathered permissions on our data collection form we require a wider range of permissions and ask that parents, as a matter of priority, complete the consent form attached.

We will also send a hard (paper) copy home to ensure that we have replies from ALL parents/carers. Please return your copy to the class teacher via your child, hand it into the school office, or reply via email to the office (office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk) or class teacher directly.

Contact updates

Please could you ensure that any changes to contact information: telephone numbers, contacts or emails etc. are updated with the school office. This is imperative: Should we need to contact parents urgently and details are not be up-to-date, time would be wasted locating the correct information.

PTA 'Green Team'

Our Christian Values this term are generosity and service and over this Easter holiday parents and children have certainly been demonstrating this.

On behalf of the whole school we wish to send our thanks to Sophie, Bertie and Edie, Steve, Leanna, Willow and Fern, Ian, Lucy and Lorena who have worked so hard to improve our school grounds and make our environment even nicer for all. They have trimmed the willow tunnel and pruned the willow shelter, mended the polytunnel, planted 60 hedgerow trees and bushes AND turned the allotment into a productive and beautiful garden with plans for pupils to be involved in growing and harvesting produce.

It was a massive task and all this work would have been difficult to achieve without your combined efforts.

THANK YOU!





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PE Uniform



St Mary's have some exciting news. We have found that children attending school in their PE kit on the days that they have their PE sessions has increased the time that children spend learning and being physically active. Children tell us they prefer it too. So we have revamped our PE uniform for September 2021 to allow this to continue but to ensure that the children look smart and

The uniform is as follows:

- Burgundy school hoody with logo
- Burgundy t-shirt with logo
- Black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms
- Suitable footwear (black daps or trainers)



PE kit can be purchased from <https://gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-marys-c-of-e-primary/>

PE

We are committed to increasing physical activity with children across the school. This term we have arranged for a dance instructor, Libby, to visit St Mary's. Libby has worked in West End and in local shows and brings a wealth of experience to the teaching of dance.

The feedback from the children has been wholly positive; they loved these sessions. Each class will learn a dance routine, which we hope to share with parents via the website, Tapestry or Dojo.

During a break, children in Year 1 enjoyed sharing their 'street dance' moves with Libby and Mrs Roberts.



This week we also welcome the Bath Rugby Foundation in to work with Class 4 on Tackling Health. A reminder to children in Year 6 that swimming starts next week - please remember your kit.





Universal Infant Free School

Meals

Is your child receiving Free School Meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2?

Please register for benefit related free school meals if you receive any of the benefits listed below.

Your registration could attract Pupil Premium for your school of £1,345.

Please contact the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or call 01225 394317 (if you leave a message, we will return your call).

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999