



# St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery

## Newsletter – Issue 30 – 02/07/2021



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**This term's Christian Value is Truthfulness:**

'Tell the truth to each other' Zechariah 8.16

### Message from the head

In this week's assembly we focussed on our school motto:

#### Be the Best you Can Be

We want our children to know who they are and to be happy in themselves. At times far too much energy is spent by young people trying to match up to the expectations of others, to project themselves, often on social media, as someone they're not. It can be exhausting, keeping up appearances. To feel well in their skin (as the French say) and know their own mind is really important. But equally, our children should be forever striving to know their qualities and *build on them*, to be the best they can be. To want to improve is the foundation of all good learning. Not to care, not to be bothered about it, settling for "I'm just being myself" doesn't really cut it in a school... or in life. So, let's do all we can to support and encourage our children to be the best they can be, in their learning, in how they treat other people and in how they present themselves to the world.

### Attendance for this week and the year to date

Class	This Week's Attendance
Little Oaks	93%
Class 1	94%
Class 2	97%
Class 3	98%
Class 4	99%
Class 5	97%
Class 6	98%

### Diary Dates

#### July

2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 KS2 Sports Day  
 8<sup>th</sup> Alice in Wonderland' Year 6 product performances  
 9<sup>th</sup> Reports  
 20<sup>th</sup> Staggered End of Term for pupils

#### September

2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Days 1+2 (staff only)  
 6<sup>th</sup> Return to school for all pupils

### This Week's Achievers

Little Acorns: **Layla** for great determination in her maths work

Little Oaks: **Effie-May** for trying really hard to be cheerful about changing classes although she is feeling anxious about it.

Class 1: **Charlie** for being so polite and thoughtful

Class 2: **Erin** for working really hard on building her resilience and not giving up.

Class 3: **Leia** for always being resilient.

Class 4: **Nikodem** for preserving and challenging himself to complete his bronze, silver and gold times tables badge.

Class 5: **Matthew** for showing commitment to his learning and maintaining a positive attitude during assessments.

Class 6: **Tazmin** for showing resilience in completing assessments.



### Uniform

The website is updated with our uniform requirements. As previously stated we are phasing out the burgundy poloshirt: having two different colours of shirt is not ideal. BUT please do not worry AT ALL if you are super prepared and have bought a burgundy poloshirt for September. We recognise that it takes time to make changes and until a new size is required or a new purchase is made the existing uniform will be fine. This is also the same for Nursery who have changed from a yellow sweatshirt to red.



### Whats App Social Media platform

Many classes have set up 'unofficial' Whatsapp groups for parents and we fully recognise that this way of communicating is important. Social media platforms can be a positive tool, for example, reminding someone of a PE day or clarifying homework, but I know many of you are aware that at times this is not the case. Some parents have contacted the school to inform us that they are unhappy with the negativity generated in some groups by a small minority of individuals. I would suggest that if the groups are upsetting or not of a positive nature, you could perhaps leave the group. The parent Code of Conduct from The Partnership Trust and school is available from the school office and I would remind parents that 'Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about our schools, their staff or any member of their communities, on social media platforms' will not be tolerated.

#### Our expectations of parents and carers (from The code of Conduct for all schools):

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our schools
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
- Treat all members of our schools' communities with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
  - Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern



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**Bath Area Play Project**

Bath Area Play Project have opened their bookings for FREE summer Breakout sessions working with Bath Rugby Foundation, Youth Connect South West and Fareshare South West available if you are a parent with a child in receipt of Free School Meals.

Check out their website at <http://www.bapp.org.uk/our-play-services/haf2021-family-breakout/>

Please share with family & friends... book early to secure the days you are interested in!