



## St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 2 – 17/09/2021



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 Friendship:**

**"Encourage one another and build each other up."**

1 Thessalonians 5:11



September:

30th School Council Elections (candidate speeches in class prior to this date)

October

13th Harvest Worship 9am and 2:30pm (please see below for further details)

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Years 5 + 6 to Kilve Court Outdoor Residential Centre

7<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting in the hall (with coffee and cake) at 6pm

13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Parents evenings

15<sup>th</sup> PTA + Year 5/6 Cake Sale

20<sup>th</sup> PTA Film Night 3.15-5.00pm

22<sup>nd</sup> End of Term 1

### St Mary's Stars

**Little Acorns: Theo and Onie for settling back into Nursery so well**

**Little Oaks: Luca for showing such resilience. Mason for being so much more independent and grown up.**

**Class 1: Eleanor for working so hard and always trying her best**

**Class 2: Charlie for trying so hard to sit sensibly and being ready to learn**

**Class 3: Rudy for always having a positive attitude to learning**

**Class 4: Niamh for always having a positive attitude to helping others**

**Class 5: Farley for always putting 100% into his learning**

**Class 6: Esme-Rose for having a positive attitude to her learning and challenging herself**

**Oakley Allen for being an amazing lunchtime buddy. Mrs Gallimore for gaining her ELSA qualification!**

### PTA

**Please note the first PTA meeting of the year will be held in the school hall on Thursday 7th October at 6pm.**

On joining the school, all parents and carers automatically become members of the PTA and we would warmly welcome everyone at the meeting; we thank you in advance for your support.

Please note the PTA are running two events this term: A Year 5/6 cake sale and Film Night. Next term's events will be centered on the Christmas Market and a Christmas Wreath making event.

### Class 5/6 Bake Sale

Parents and children in Class 5 and Class 6 – please bring your cake donations into school on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> October for the children, staff and PTA to sell after school.



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### Parents Evenings

This year we are holding face-to-face parents evenings on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Sign up boards to book a slot with your child's class teacher will be available in the entrance of school from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September (next week) or should you prefer, please call the school office (01761 434548) or email (office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk) to select a convenient time.

Please ensure that you all book in for a meeting with your child's class teacher.

(N.B. Due to staff training we may have to alter the days of parents meetings for some classes to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>/ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October).

### Come Dine With Us – Free lunch for Little Oaks, Classes 1 and 2!!!

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October we are inviting all children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to try a tasty meal from our new School Dinner provider – Edwards and Ward.

Teachers will be having lunch in the hall with the children too.

On Parent Pay you will notice a change to the advertised menu for this special meal. Please choose should your child prefer a Veggie Burger or jacket. Meals will be available for ALL children so please only send your children into school on 7<sup>th</sup> October with a packed lunch if you are sure they would not enjoy the menu on offer.

Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce  
or  
Veggie Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce (Ve)  
or  
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling  
Garden Peas, Baked Beans  
Dairytea & Biscuits (V)

**Any parents who still have not signed up to Parent Pay can get their activation code form the school office.**

### Class Dojo

Teachers have found Class Dojo a wonderful way to communicate with parents and are keen to keep using the platform to share events, class updates and for any quick messages from home. Should your child be absent from school though, please could parents contact the school office, either through phoning and leaving a message or by email. This will ensure all of the registers are up to date and any meals can be cancelled, if necessary.

The senior leadership team and governors must consider the well-being of staff and ensure they protect their work-life balance so please be mindful that staff are advised not to interact with Dojo outside their working hours (some are able to do this but it is at their discretion). If you have a number of things to discuss with the class teacher, it is always better to book in a time, after school to meet (rather than using Class Dojo).

### Toothbrushes

The importance of dental hygiene cannot be overestimated. We have been fortunate to once again receive a free toothbrush and tooth paste, from Colgate, for every child. Please use this opportunity to talk with your child about the importance of cleaning your teeth at least twice every day and the importance of visiting the dentist, we certainly will be in classes!!!



**Harvest Festival**

**We will be celebrating Harvest on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. This year, to be able to accommodate parents in the hall, we are holding two Harvest Festival Worships.**



9am – Nursery and Years 1, 3, and 5  
2.30 pm – Reception and Years, 2, 4, 6

**Flu Vaccinations Prior Notice**

We have heard from Virgin Care that nurses will be attending school to administer the Nasal Flu Vaccinations on 6th December. We have been informed that the link for parent’s permissions will arrive two weeks prior to this date.

**Community Notices:**

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



Do you know someone who is in work and wants to take the next step in their career? Future Bright offers FREE careers coaching, support and access to training. Future Bright Careers Coaches work with individuals to create and action a plan to help them improve their work and pay.

For more information go to [www.futurebright.org.uk](http://www.futurebright.org.uk) or give us a call 01225 395555

**Film Night**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**3.15 – 5.00pm**

I give permission for my child/children ..... to attend Film Night on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

I have previously paid for film night.

Please find enclosed £2.50.

I give permission for my child /children to walk home / I will be collecting my child /children.

Should you prefer to email the school directly please send responses to [office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk](mailto:office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk) and contain the information above.