



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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The weather has changed a little this week. Please do ensure your child has the right clothes for the weather and that everything is named so we can return it swiftly. The class newsletters, knowledge organisers and homework grids are now on the website for parents. Please do have a look and if you need a paper copy then please let the office know.

Parent Governor letter – We have sent out a parent governor letter. We are looking for a parent who made have some finance experience or marketing of some description. The letter has all the details that you need. If you wish to speak to a governor about the role then please contact the office and we can arrange this.

Reflection – This half term we are thinking about Love as our Christian value. Do have a look at Mrs Smith's clip around Love ([5\) Love is Patient! - YouTube](#))

Kindness shield for September – **Nathan T (Jap)** has been awarded the kindness shield for September. The entry says ‘what a lovely young man you are Nathan! You amaze me with your kind words that you always come out with. You keep yourself to yourself but amaze me with your empathy, compassion and the hugs that you give others. Keep being you as you are just so kind!’



Vine leaves – **Neriah (Ind)** for showing compassion and being so loving and welcoming to a new member of our school. **Martha B (SA)** for wisdom as you asked some mature and insightful questions during our Planetarium visit to extend your thinking. **Katiemay M (SA)** for the kindness that you show to others and your quiet determination to give your best in all that you do. **Aria and Lily (NZ)** for friendship as you go above and beyond each day. **Lily G (SA)** for the creativity that you showed in producing your amazing Solar System shortbread biscuits! **Freddie B (SL)** for resilience as he is growing in confidence in class, putting his hand up to answer questions and joining in more and more in class discussions. Well done Freddie.



Word millionaires already – We have word millionaires already with **Daniel P getting 1,657,804** and **Martha B has 1,024,154**. ‘Huge’ Congratulations to them already

Sensational senses – India and Italy have been using their senses this week to try different foods.



Year 3 have been washing a woolly mammoth! – English has got off to a great start with a talk story in Year 3. How better to learn than to actually wash a woolly mammoth!

Planetarium – Mexico, South Africa and Japan class were joined by the planetarium from Hertsmonceaux on Tuesday. We welcomed the experts who talked to the children about the solar system, constellations, planets and all things linked to Space. What a great way to launch this topic.



Tesco Recycle to Read – We are now registered for the 'Recycle to Read' project. Please take any plastic toys to Tesco and add them to the Recycle bin please. You can then use the app to show you have donated by clicking on the QR code on the front of the recycle box. Thank you so much for your support with this. St Mary's is leading but only by a point so please see if there are any plastic toys you can recycle.



Harvest Fayre – Every year we ask the children to make a scarecrow for the Harvest Fayre – this year is no different. Please see the leaflet below regarding the Harvest Fayre. There are 50 dojos on offer for any child who makes a scarecrow. Please take your scarecrows up to Glebe Field on the morning of the event.



Celebration assemblies – 9am

UK class and Year R in Thailand class will have an assembly in the spring term once they have settled.

Thur 5th Oct – India
Thur 12th Oct – South Africa
Thur 19th Oct – Mexico
Thur 2nd Nov – New Zealand
Thur 9th Nov – USA

Thur 16th Nov – SL
Thur 23rd Nov – Ireland
Thur 30th Nov – Japan
Thur 7th Dec – Italy
Thur 14th Dec – Thailand (Y1 children only)

CHARITY CONCERT: - 'O Duo'

The percussion group O Duo will be performing an evening concert at Champ's Hill on Friday 13th October. The performance is in aid of Education West Africa (EWA) – a charity that St Mary's has supported for many years, due to our link with a school in Kenema. EWA sets up projects in Sierra Leone to practically support children and schools with materials such as uniforms and furniture. Through education, young people can strive to escape poverty and get a job, earn money, live a healthier life, become independent and contribute to their family and the economy of their country. Education is key to changing future generations. Virtuoso prize-winning percussionists, Owen Gunnell and Toby Kearney, have been performing worldwide for nearly two decades, delighting, inspiring and educating audiences of all ages. Doors open at 6:45pm. There is a suggested donation of £20 per ticket, to include wine.

Tickets can be purchased from the Champ's Hill website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-2023-tickets-672141562507?aff=oddtcreator>

Our Year 6 children have been invited to take part in a music workshop led by O Duo on the afternoon of Friday 13th October. Further information will follow in a letter to Year 6 parents.

Children's mental health – it so important to support our young people with how they are feeling.

<https://www.ormiston.org/the-link/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/07/Child-mental-health-PDF.pdf>

How to nurture a child's mental health



Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

Fri 22nd Sept – Harvest Eucharist (gifts to go to FSW – this could include tinned products, dried foods or toiletries)

Sat 23rd Sept – Scarecrows up to the church please in the morning – 50 dojos on offer

WB Mon 25th Sept – Bikeability for Year 6

Tue 26th Sept – Individual School Photos and siblings – full school uniform please

Wed 4th Oct – Meet the Teacher - **3.30pm for EYFS and KS1, 3.45pm for KS2** – Please go to your child's classroom and this is an opportunity to find out about plans for the year ahead and ask any questions that you may have.

Thur 5th Oct – **3.30pm** Sex and relationship meeting for Y6 parents – SA classroom

Wed 18th Oct – **Disco** 5.00pm – 6.00pm for EYFS/KS1

6.15pm – 7.30pm for KS2

(£1.50 entry fee and pennies for the 'bling' and sweets)

Mon 23rd October – **HALF TERM**

Chartwells meal choices – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

2023 /2024
September Cut off Dates
Thur 7/9 for w/c 18/9
Thur 14/9 for w/c 25/9
21/9 for w/c 2/10
28/9 for w/c 19/10



October Cut off Dates
Thur 5/10 for w/c 16/10
Half Term

Achievements

Skye T (Jap)
For her rosettes. She has so much talent with her sheep. Well done.



Olivia A (SA)
Competed in the Atlantis club championships on Sunday. She did four races and got PB's in all four!
Olivia also qualified for county championships in her 50m freestyle.

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Family fireworks

Friday 10th November

Gates open 5.45pm

Tickets in advance

£7 adults - £6 children - £22 family ticket - under 2 free

BBQ, bar, glow toys, coffee van, candyfloss, neon
facepaints and more

All welcome