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Thought for the week

'Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers,
fear God, honour the emperor'

1 Peter 2:17

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Dear Parents/Carers

Birmingham Royal Ballet Year One Dance Project

St Mary's have been extremely fortunate to become involved in this exciting talent spotting project. Members of the Birmingham Royal Ballet are currently coming into school to work with our Year One pupils. The aim of this project is to encourage diversity in ballet and to spot potential dance talent and ability, at an early age. After the sessions, certain children will be invited to attend an audition with the Birmingham Royal Ballet. If successful, they will be provided with free ballet tuition for a year; which may be extended for a further year. The ballet staff have been extremely impressed with the dance and rhythm ability of our children and have already spotted a number of pupils who they will be inviting to auditions in February; even though they have so far only worked with half of our Year One Pupils. Have a lovely weekend

Ava Sturridge-Packer

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Executive Head Teacher



Kind and Thoughtful

One of our anti-bullying strategies

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly teddy bear. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 25 January 2016. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office and swing on her chair.

Suraiyah For supporting other children with their independent phonics activities	Rihanna SJS For being a new caring member of the class. She went to help a child who had slipped in the corridor
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Parking Outside School

Please can parents/carers park with care when dropping and collecting their children outside of school. This week a parent reported that he and his child were narrowly missed by a car mounting the pavement to park. To ensure the safety of all of our children please support us by being vigilant when parking. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Monday 25 January 2016. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire assembly is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

Isah Nursery For making good progress in naming 2D shapes	Whole Class RW For being outstanding ambassadors for St Mary's during our visit to the theatre	Whole Class RB For being outstanding ambassadors for St Mary's during our visit to the theatre
Tamoy 1L For writing a lovely story about Beegu	Latavia 1S For trying hard to improve her writing	Lauren 2C For working hard to learn her number facts and then using them in her Maths work
Zahra 2N For fantastic division and showing an improved attitude to learning	Zoe 3J For writing a lovely diary entry and working hard to extend her writing	Fatima 3/4S For excellent 1st person writing
Luca 4B For making an effort to improve his work in all subjects	Yuseph 5S For consistently pushing himself to advance his understanding of our universe	Ebony 5/6W For excellent Maths work
	Nshae 6B For working hard in English lessons	

Our weekly British Value is :-

Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Weekly certificates

These classes received their certificates in celebration assembly on Monday 18 January 2016.

Lining Up	2C
Spick and Span	1S
Movement Bird	5/6W
Gymnastic Monkey	6B
Attendance	2N
Punctuality	2C & 2N
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear 1S Runner Up 1L

Attendance and Punctuality

Please support us in continuing to improve our attendance and punctuality by encouraging your children to come to school and be on time every day.

Parking in the Rectory Car Park

Can I please remind parents/carers that parking in the rectory car park is not allowed. It is private property therefore should not be used by parents/carers. Thank you for your continued support.

School Closure in Extreme Weather Conditions

In the event of inclement weather conditions, announcements will be made between 6:45am and 9:00am on the following radio stations: Heart FM, Radio WM and BRMB. Parents will also be advised by text message so it is important that we have your current telephone number.

Crossing Warden

Unfortunately there will be no crossing warden on Wellington Road for the next two weeks. Can you please advise your child to cross the road with extra care. Thank you

Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

Term dates

Half Term Holiday	Children break up on Friday 12 February 2016 and return to school on Monday 22 February 2016
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Mobile Phones reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

