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Thought for the week

Compassion

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Commit your way to the Lord; trust him and he will act.

Dear Parents/Carers

Psalm 37:5

This Day in History

21 years ago Mrs Packer took over as Head Teacher of St Mary's, when the school was in special measures. Over the past 21 years Mrs Packer has led the school through many inspections moving it from special measures to satisfactory then to good and finally to Outstanding!

Not only has she grown the school and it's pupils, she has also grown the staff over this time. Many of the school's leaders started their career at St Mary's.

Mrs Packer has achieved many things over her 21 years, so far, as Head Teacher. She has been awarded a CBE by the Queen, worked with the Department for Education to write the teaching standards, become a National leader for Education and secured Teaching School status for the school. To name but a few of her achievements!

A 21st Birthday is traditionally the "key to the door" and during her time at St Mary's over the past 21 years Mrs Packer has unlocked many doors for the school Community.

Parking

Some parents are using our neighbours allotted parking spaces. This is in effect their drive so please support our relationships by refraining from parking in these bays.



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 Tuesday 2 May 2017. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Booker, in her office, and swing on her chair.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 2 May 2017. 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.

Maelyse Nursery For blending 2 and 3 letters to make a word.	Whole Class RW For being great ambassadors for St Mary's at the farm and remembering lots of facts about the animals.	Whole Class RB For being great ambassadors for the school on our school trip.
Dante 1M For working independently to identify Tens and Ones.	Elisha 1SW For working really hard to form independent sentences.	Emilio 2F For working hard to listen and respond to his targets.
Denise 2N For producing an exciting news report in English.	Clarissa 3F For working hard to create a fact file all about Sikhism.	Arnav 3J For an excellent diary entry in History.
Mayan 4C For starting the term with a positive attitude to learning.	Abraham 4S For improving his writing by extending the use of vocabulary and sentence types.	Mahesh 5W For working hard to improve his handwriting.
	Justice 5/6B For working hard with his Maths and spellings.	Ethan 6JB For his growing maturity and his application to work.

**Our
British Values
this week
are ;**

Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Akash 2F

For handing in money he found in the playground.

Jessica 5/6B

For helping a new girl settle in in our class.

Weekly certificates

These classes received their certificates in celebration assembly on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

Spick and Span	2N
Lining Up	5/6B
Movement Bird	1SW
Gymnastic Monkey	3J
Attendance	5/6B 98.5%
Punctuality	3J & 3F 1 late
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear 4C Runner up 2F

Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the spring term was **6JB** for KS2 with 96.7% and **2N** for KS1 with 96.4%. Well done to these classes. They will be having a cinema afternoon in school.

Punctuality

The class with the best punctuality is **3F** with 36 lates! Well done!
Please make a conscious effort to get the children to school on time. Children need to be ready to be lined up in the school playground at 9.55am to be escorted safely into school.

Mobile Phones Safeguarding 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.

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.

Diary Dates

Teacher Training Day—There will be a Teacher Training Day on Monday 5th June 2017

Sports Day- Tuesday 20th June

KS1—morning KS2—afternoon

Parents' Evening— The Summer term Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 3rd July 2017 between 2.30–6.00. Appointment request slips will be sent out nearer the time.

Dance Festival— Thursday 13th July—Friday 14th July

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

Term dates

Have a great weekend!

Term dates	Children break up on Friday 26 May 2017 and return to school on Tuesday 6 June 2017
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