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 Newsletter No 19



Dear Parents/Carers

**St Mary's Academy**

As from today all legal documentation and DFE regulations have been met and Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, has signed the paperwork stating that St Mary's is officially a non sponsored Academy. It is quite some time since we had our parent's consultation. As you can see the process has taken some time. Finally all legalities are complete. Please note sponsored academies are schools that the government manage because they need support to raise their standards and a sponsor is allocated. A non sponsored academy is a good or outstanding school that has high standards and is able to manage their standards in school through the governing body. This is a new and exciting time for us. As you know St Mary's is an OFSTED outstanding school, the Head Teacher is a National Leader of Education and the school is designated as a National Support School, modelling standards for others. I can assure you that high standards will be maintained and we aim for them to be even higher in the future.



**Celebration Assembly**

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in the Celebration Assembly on Monday 4 February 2013. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend and stay for coffee afterwards.

<b>Haseen Sharif Nursery</b> For excellent creative work whilst exploring materials	<b>Suman Nanra RW</b> For fantastic progress with her reading	<b>Tenayah Batchelor RB</b> For working hard to improve her handwriting
<b>Aliza Khan 1C</b> For fantastic progress in her reading	<b>Ethan James 1/2L</b> For settling into his new school well	<b>Molly Ewins 2S</b> For fantastic homework about nocturnal animals
<b>Tania Mahandru 3L</b> For writing and drawing a storyboard of the 'Theseus and the Minotaur' myth	<b>Mackenzie Huggins 3/4B</b> For writing a lovely poem for our talent assembly	<b>Nubia Shayaam-Smith 4J</b> For writing such a fantastic description
<b>Anjuma Begum 5W</b> For making a great model of a Viking Long Boat	<b>Deepika Chumber 5/6B</b> For making an excellent model of a Viking Boat	<b>Ismail Malik 6S</b> For his excellent historical story

### Kind and Thoughtful Person

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly dog. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 4 February 2013. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.

	<b>KS1</b> <b>Rebecca Fu</b> For reading a story to a child who felt poorly	<b>KS2</b> <b>Ethan Stafford-Cookson</b> For always being considerate to others	
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### Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	1C
Spick and Span	1C
Movement Bird	5W
Attendance	5/6B
Dinner Time	Yummy Bear goes to 5/6B Runners up - 6S

### 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.

### Term Dates

Half term holiday	Children break up on <b>Friday 15 February 2013</b> and return to school on <b>Monday 25 February 2013</b>
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Ava Sturridge - Packer*

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