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Newsletter No 9



Dear Parents/Carers

Mrs Sturridge-Packer's visit to 10 Downing Street

I was fortunate to be invited to a special reception evening at Number 10 Downing Street last week. This is due to the fact that I am a judge for the National Teaching Awards and it was by way of a thank you. I had a super time and it was interesting to be with the Prime Minister and see the wonderful interior of Number 10. Another first for St Mary's!!

Visitors from Jamaica

On Friday 4 November 2011 we had the privilege of having 3 delegates from the Jamaican Education Department visit our school. They were really impressed with the singing and dancing in assembly, the behaviour of all the children both in the classroom and in the playground and the excellent work in their books. They enjoyed their visit so much that they didn't want to leave and go on to the next school! We will soon be linking with a school in Jamaica and look forward to corresponding with the children and teachers there. Well done to everyone.

Remembrance Assembly

As usual the children and staff at St Mary's held our Remembrance Assembly this morning at 11:00am. It was a beautiful occasion. Thank you to all the children who came in their Brownie & Cubs uniforms.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in the Celebration Assembly on Monday 14 November 2011. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Tenayah Batchelor Nursery For correct formation and knowing words that begin with the of the letter 'a'	Jia Kauldhar RW For writing some 'I Spy' sentences in literacy.	Davion Batchelor RG For using letters and sounds to write his sentences.
Humza Khan 1H For making a good effort in Mathematics.	Adama Njai 1/2L For settling into St Mary's well and working hard at all times.	Zainab Akhtar 2S For writing a good poem about her Granny in the style of Valerie Bloom.
Muhammed Al-Sahid 3L For always contributing and trying hard in Science	Hudayfah Raza 3/4MW For demonstrating that he is able to use a thermometer correctly.	Javone Forrester 4W For working very carefully to measure angles using a protractor.
Damion Courts 5B For having a positive attitude towards his work and writing a super diary extract.	Reece Campbell 5/6S For working hard to improve his literacy work.	Cree James 6SH For a very positive approach to all of her learning.

Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	RG
Spick and Span	RW
Attendance	4W
Dinner Time	Yummy Bear goes to 5/6S Runners up - 2S

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 14 November 2011. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.



KS1	KS2
Mesha Bernard RW For helping a child who was struggling with their coat	Mallica Reid 5/6S For always showing consideration, thought and kindness towards everyone at St Mary's



Eid & Diwali Assembly

Class 1/2L will be performing a combined Eid & Diwali assembly on Friday 18 November 2011. This will take place in the school hall at 9:10am. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Children In Need - Xantaine Campbell, Chair Person for School Council

In aid of Children In Need next Thursday 17 November 2011, the School Council have proposed a 'Pyjama Day'. If you would like to dress in your pyjamas to raise money for Children In Need please bring in a donation of £1.00. We are hoping that some staff will also join in. Thank you.

Lost Mobile Phone

On Monday evening a mobile phone was lost between the school entrance and the corner of Church Hill Road. If anyone has found it could they please hand it in to the school office. Thank you.

Term Dates

End of Term	Children break up on Thursday 15 December 2011 and return to school on Thursday 5 January 2012
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ava Sturridge-Packer

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