



St. Mary's Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thought for the Week

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
John 8:32

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in the Celebration Assembly on Monday 24 March 2014. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend and stay for coffee afterwards. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until Celebration Assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire celebration assembly is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

Zoey Meade Nursery For using a range of tenses in her speaking	Raven Butcher RW For consistent hard work in all areas	Harleen Kaur RB For working really hard in phonics
Abraham Mondeh 1C For fantastic effort in all areas	Tejah McLean 1/2L For producing a beautiful piece of art work and a poem for display	Elsie Lane 2S For changing words in nursery rhymes to create her own
Adan Rahiem 3B For making good progress in her writing from September	Tia Sinclair 3/4SS For writing a detailed recount of the school day	Mackenzie Huggins 4J For working extremely hard in her science lessons and having such a positive attitude towards her work
Domingo Robinson 5W For working carefully in art to make a picture inspired by flames	Dane Myrie 5/6B For an excellent observational drawing	Aysha Sajid 6S For working hard to improve her writing

Teachers' Strike Action

A significant number of staff at St Mary's belong to the National Union of Teachers (NUT). They have informed me that they are going to take union action by going on strike on Wednesday 26 March 2014. The union has voted for this action to happen across the country. After consultation with the Governors, a decision has been made to close the following classes: RB, 1C, 1/2L, 3B and 6S. Staff do not take this decision lightly and will not be paid for that day. These staff feel pushed to the limit by certain Government decisions and feel that they are protecting an education service fit for purpose for both staff and children. I am sorry for the inconvenience this will cause to families. I do hope that I can count on your support. We have an amazing staff who always go the extra mile for the children and I hope that parents will understand the difficulties of this situation.

School Dinners price increase from Monday 28 April 2014

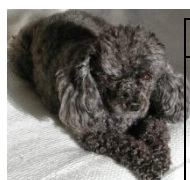
As from Monday 28 April 2014 Birmingham City Council will increase the price of school dinners to £2.05 per day, £10.25 per week. Milk will remain at 14p per day, 70p per week. The correct money should be given to the class teacher on a Monday morning, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class on.

Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	5W
Spick and Span	1/2L
Movement Bird	12/L
Attendance	RB
Dinner Time	Yummy Bear goes to 3B Runners up - 1C

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 24 March 2014. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.



KS1	KS2
Mahmood Elsamani For giving his daffodil to another child who had lost theirs	Adama Njie For checking up on an upset child at the end of the day to make sure they were feeling better



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.

Term Dates

Easter Holiday	Children break up on Friday 11 April 2014 and return on Tuesday 29 April 2014
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ava Sturridge - Packer

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