



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

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Dear Parents/Carers



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Thought for the Week

"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counsellors there is safety."
Proverbs 11:14

Opening of St Mary's C of E Primary & Nursery Academy Teaching School Alliance

As you all know St Mary's C of E Primary & Nursery Academy was designated as a Teaching School in May last year. In order to become a Teaching School the school has to achieve an outstanding grade in all areas as assessed by Ofsted. The school must also have supported other schools to improve their standards. Over the last 12 months we have been developing our infrastructure, creating our teaching hub and developing our programme of support and training. The launch of our Teaching School Alliance took place yesterday. Some of the children performed some dances and the choir sang beautifully. Sue Twells, the Head of School Improvement for Birmingham Local Authority, gave high praise for the children's performances, the school and the Teaching School. It was lovely to see so many people attend who are working with us to make our Teaching School a success. Thank you to all of the staff and children who made the opening such a success.

Keeping Safe

The collective worship and circle-time theme for this week was safety. Please support us by reinforcing safety such as stranger danger and internet safety at home.

Year 6 SAT's

Year 6 will be starting their SAT's on Monday 12 May 2014 and finishing on Friday 16 May 2014. Could parents/carers please make sure that children attend school every day and arrive to school on time. There will be a free breakfast club for Year 6 children from 8:30am till 8:50am. Over the last few years our Year 6 children have brought little good luck mascots to school for SAT's week. Year 6 children may do this if they choose.

May Day Bank Holiday

There will be no school on Monday 5 May 2014 as this is a bank holiday. School will be open as normal on Tuesday 6 May 2014.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in the Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 6 May 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.

A'mai Carty-Holness Nursery For sharing her prior knowledge of space and the planets	Izzjah Ahmed RW For always putting 100% effort into everything he does	Nawa Hamza RB For a super start to the Summer Term
Rio Thomas 1C For making an excellent start to the term	Rishi Dadwal 1/2L For lovely work in Literacy on fact finding about nocturnal animals	Gwen Jones 2S For writing a fantastic non chronological report about St Mary's
Yuseph Mufti 3B For lovely presentation and taking pride in his work	Anthony Reid 3/4SS For making an excellent start to the new term	Ebony Hudson 4J For making an excellent start at St Mary's and working 100% in all areas
Alishba Nisa 5W For trying hard with all her work	Anika Sowan 5/6B For always working to the best of her ability	Ethan Stafford-Cookson 6S For working hard in Maths

Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	1/2L
Spick and Span	4J
Movement Bird	3/4SS & 4J
Gymnastic Monkey	RW
Attendance	RB
Dinner Time	Yummy Bear goes to 2S Runners up - 3B

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 Tuesday 6 May 2014. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.



KS1	KS2
Angelina Kalyana For always being kind and supportive to all adults and her peers	Madhvi Bangay For smiling even when she doesn't feel well and cheering up others



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

Half Term Holiday	Children break up on Friday 23 May 2014 and return on Monday 2 June 2014
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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