

8 November 2013

Newsletter No 9

Dear Parents/Carers



Thoughts for the Week

'God is Love' 1 John 4:16

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'

Philippians 4:13

Eid & Diwali Assembly

Well done to class 5W for a lovely Eid & Diwali assembly yesterday morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents come and support the children. Thank you to Mrs Winters and all her helpers for their hard work.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parents evening yesterday. As usual it was very well attended. Thank you for your continued support.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 26 November 2013. He will be taking individual photographs and family groups. This will only be for children attending St Mary's Primary & Nursery Academy.

Are You Entitled to Free School Meals?

Parents/carers who are in receipt of benefit may be entitled to claim free school meals. You will qualify for free school meals if you or your partner are receiving:

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs that does not exceed £16,190;
- An income-related employment and support allowance (irESA) (this benefit was introduced on 27 October 2008)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.

If you are unsure as to whether you are entitled or not, come and speak to the office staff, bringing evidence of entitlement with you, who will be happy to help you.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in the Celebration Assembly on Monday 11 November 2013. 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.

Weekly Certificates

Laila Ul Haq Nursery For confidently sharing information about Mehndi patterns	Lauren Dooley RW For sequencing the story of Rama & Sita correctly and recognising most 3D shapes	Daniel Christie RB For writing a sentence about Rama & Sita by himself
Abraham Mondeh 1C For super work on time and reading a clock in Maths	Freya-Mae Graham 1/2L For working hard all week on poetry	Theo Skeete 2S For giving 100% effort in all subject areas this week
Emily Simpson 3B For improving her written work and always working hard	Hannah Cooke 3/4SS For consistently working extremely hard in all subject areas	Chance-Sontine Lescott-Anderson 4J For working hard in Mathematics and improving her presentation
Whole Class 5W For working hard in their class assembly	Anika Sowan 5/6B For working hard in Maths	Joshua Capelin 6S For working hard in Literacy lessons

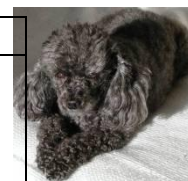
Lining Up	3/4SS
Spick and Span	1C
Movement Bird	3/4SS
Attendance	6S
Dinner Time	Yummy Bear goes to 6S Runners up - 5W

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 11 November 2013. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.



KS1	KS2
Tamoya Beckford For always thinking of others around her and trying to make them smile	Cara Johnston For tying another child's shoe lace without being asked



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

Christmas Holiday	Children break up on Friday 20 December 2013 and return on Tuesday 7 January 2014
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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