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

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Newsletter No 20

Dear Parents/Carers

Thought for the Week

'I call on the LORD in my distress and he answers me'
Psalm 120:1

Parents Association

The first meeting of the Parents Association took place this week. The Parents Association will be writing to tell you about the group and its purpose in the near future.

Coffee Mornings - Mrs Bains

A reminder that coffee mornings are held in the school bungalow every Friday between 9:00am and 10:00am. Please pop in!

Parents Courses

Courses delivered by Metropolitan College leading to a qualification.

Monday & Thursday mornings 9am - 12pm	English Course - Commenced in Oct 2014
Wednesday mornings 9am - 12pm	Maths Course- Commenced in Oct 2014

Please note the above courses are for the full academic year

Family Learning Courses - delivered by Adult Education

Tuesday afternoon 1.00pm - 3pm	Papercraft course - Commenced 20 th Jan 2015 (6 week course)
Wednesday afternoon 1pm - 3pm	Floristry course - Commenced Dec 2014 - will end 13 th Feb 2015

Please note the above short fun & educational family learning courses are delivered by a tutor and involve the parent/carer working with their child.

The next fun & educational family learning course will be a 'Cooking with your child' course. You will be given more details in due course.

Parent Governors Election

After our recent election I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Sharon Dooley has been duly elected to serve as Parent Governor for the next four years. Thank you to all the parents/carers who voted.

Celebration Assembly



The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Monday 9 February 2015. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the service finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire service is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

Saira Nursery For making good progress with her number recognition	Lereisha RW For fantastic work sorting natural and manmade materials and labelling them correctly	Saiya RM For trying really hard in her independent writing in understanding of the world
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Somtochukwu Year 1 For independently writing a super fact file about nocturnal animals	Kairo 1/2C For super progress this half term	Rishi 2L For making a powerpoint about British Values
Zarah 3J For beautifully presenting a bar graph during a Maths lesson	Jessica 3/4S For making excellent progress with her Maths during the past few weeks	Trisha 4B For showing a positive attitude towards improving her work
Emran 5B For an excellent recount	Chloë 5/6SS For consistently producing work to a high standard in all subject areas	Sangeeta 6W For setting a high standard of behaviour and a good attitude for others to follow

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 9 February 2015. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.

	KS1 Ellissia For helping other children with doing up their coats	KS2 Tatenda For always putting others first	
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Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	2L
Spick and Span	1/2C
Movement Bird	4B
Attendance	RM
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear goes to 1/2C Runners up Year 1

School Closure in Extreme Weather Conditions reminder

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.

Mobile Phones reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

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 Holidays	Children break up on Friday 13 February 2015 and return to school on Monday 23 February 2015
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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