



# St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2017

Go shine  
in the  
world!

Dear Parents,

I look forward to seeing many of you at the disco this evening. If you did not manage to gain tickets for this event, there will be future events to join in with.

Thank you in advance for those parents who helped with the set up and running of the event—your help is invaluable!

Best wishes, Mr Webb—Head of School

Would you like to know the best way to help your child understand what they read?



Come along to hear about our new exciting reading lessons called Destination Reader

Come along to our Parents Information Coffee Morning next Friday 20th October to hear about our new way of teaching reading comprehension.

You will not have to do any work or answer questions but we can help answer your questions!

Year 6 parents and children will be holding a cake sale outside of the Year 6 classroom on Friday 20th October after school. They are looking to raise money towards the Year 6 residential trip in the summer term. Do pop along to buy a treat!



Year 3 visited the science museum this week. They took part in a workshop to learn about forces. It was very exciting—as you can see from their reaction!



## Top tips from coffee mornings so far this term...

### Developing independence

1. Don't wait until your child is at secondary school to act!
2. Break tasks down into small steps
3. Target one step at a time
4. Stick to the same routine daily
5. Use praise and rewards



### Supporting your child with reading and writing

1. Your child will learn to read and write more easily with your help.
2. Make a regular time each day to read
3. If your child is getting frustrated, offer to share the reading.
4. If your child is stuck on a word, ask them to sound it out using their phonics.



### How we teach calculations

1. Help your child practise learning their number bonds from memory eg  $6 + 3 = 9$ ,  $9 - 3 = 6$
2. Help your child know their times tables facts from memory eg  $6 \times 3 = 18$ ,  $18 \div 3 = 6$



Please remember that, if you have any queries or questions, do make an appointment to come and speak to a member of staff. We are always very happy to meet you.

Don't let a little worry become a big one!! :-)

I have received and read the St. Mary's Primary School newsletter of 13.10.17

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

If you return this slip to the office your child could win a prize in the prize draw on Friday !

## Important dates for your diary.....



**Friday 13th October—Family Fancy Dress Disco 6-8pm**

**Tuesday 17th October—Governor Visit Day in school**

**Wednesday 18th October 9.00am—Parents working alongside children in Year 3**

**Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October—HALF TERM**

**Tuesday 31st October—Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1, Y2, Y3 and Y4.**

**Friday 3rd November - School Photographs to be taken today**

**Friday 3rd November 3.30—Cake Sale in the hall**

**Monday 6th November—Year 1, Year 4 & Year 5 trip to the National Gallery**

**Tuesday 7th November—Year 2 & Year 3 trip to the National Gallery**

**Wednesday 8th November 9.00am—Parents working alongside children in Year 2**

**Wednesday 6th December—10.00—Nativity performance for Reception and Year 1 parents.**

**Wednesday 6th December—2.30—Nativity performance for Year 2 parents.**

**11th December to 15th December—No clubs this week**

**Friday 15th December—End of Autumn term at 3.30pm**



### Saints of the Week!

Reception—Claire Stewart

Year 1 - Emily Hoti

Year 2 - Edli Matraxhiu

Year 3 - Niyat Yohannes

Year 4 - Daniel Bahrami

Year 5 - Antoine Braithwaite

Year 6 - Evelyn Davitt

## Bicycle safety



We welcome those children who travel to and from school by bike. This as a healthy and environmentally-friendly way to travel and we are happy for children to do this.

Please make sure that children with bikes:

- Wear a safety helmet
- Don't ride on the main roads—these are very busy around school
- Are very careful around pedestrians walking on the pavement
- Have fully working brakes that can stop the bike at short distances

**Happy cycling!**

**Attendance...** Congratulations to **Year 1** for having the **best attendance this week.**

**The attendance in every class should be at least 96%**

**Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are very ill.**

Class	% attendance
Year 1	99.3%
Year 6	97.6%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 2	94.8%
Reception	91.9%

## Our Prayer of the Week...

Dear God,

Thank you for the houses that we have and for the food and water that keeps us healthy.

Thank you for the money that we have so that we can buy clothes.

Amen

Noel—Year 2

