

St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School



'Through God's love, we strive to be the best we can be.'

19 March, 2018

Newsletter No: 12

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a bright week we are expecting a cold and possibly snow showers this weekend. Wrap up warm!

I would like to thank you all for your understanding when we shut the school due to snow. Unfortunately we have some members of the staff team that live on the outskirts or outside of London. We never know whether these staff members will make it into school (due to transport issues) and therefore ensuring we have enough staff to keep the school open safely, including providing lunch, covering breaks etc. is extremely challenging.

If there is an emergency or we have extreme weather, we will endeavour to update you on the school website and when possible by text or email as soon as we can. Updates will then be given as needed.

St Mary's have suffered quite a few IT technical issues this term, which the HLT and IBM are looking into. Because of this, the Year 2 assembly had to be cancelled at short notice yesterday (Thursday). We are sorry for the inconvenience caused, however Year 2 have lots to show you and songs to sing and without the capacity to do that the children would have been disappointed. We will be rescheduling the Year 2 assembly to the summer term, watch this space for the new date.

With obesity and health issues on the rise globally, St Mary's is committed to being a healthy school by promoting and providing a balanced diet and opportunities for physical movement. With this in mind we will be reviewing our food policy (see the school website for a copy) which covers expectations for packed lunches and birthday cakes. If you would like to come to find out more, please come along to the meeting on Tuesday 17th April at 3pm.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Mrs O'Brien

Dates for your diary

- Year 1 Assembly 22nd March – 2.50pm
- Tuesday 27th March – 9.30am, Easter Church Service
- Parent evening: Nursery – Year 5 parents evening Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th March
- Year 6 parents evening Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th March
- School food policy review – meeting for parents Tuesday 17th April at 3pm.

Nursery/Reception & Year 1 sign-up sheets can be found outside of their classroom
Year 2 – Year 6 sign-up sheets will be in the foyer.

- School finishes on Thursday 29th March 2018 at 1.30pm for the Easter Break. Children should return to school on Tuesday 17th April 2018



Nursery waiting list open

Do you have a child that will be 3 years old before the
1st September 2018?

Do you know someone that has a child that will be 3 years old before the
1st September 2018?

If the answer is yes, please ensure you get an application form from the admin office and complete it as soon as possible. The schools Nursery admission criteria can be found on the school website or if you have any questions, please see the office staff.

Spanish star of the week



YEAR 4

TAISA

Sports person of the week



YEAR 4

IKENNA

Musician of the week



YEAR 1

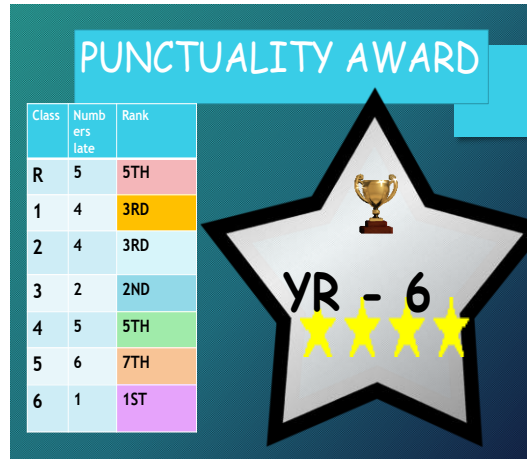
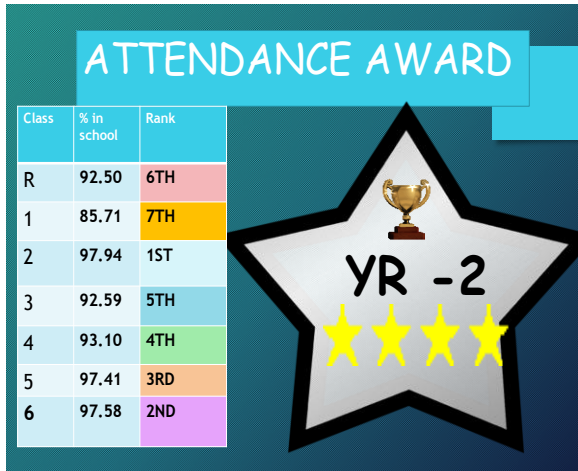
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Attendance and Punctuality

Does your child's class have the best attendance or punctuality?

How can you help your child's class win these awards?

LATENESS & NON ATTENDANCE = LOST LEARNING



Let's celebrate!

Congratulations to all the children that have received the star of the week award at our celebration assembly this week.

Children receive these by 'living out' one or more of our school values.

Hope Courage Love Respect Truth

Nursery	AMIYAH
Reception	DUKE
Year 1	JONATHAN
Year 2	LOTTIE
Year 3	ABIGAIL
Year 4	IKENNA
Year 5	CAOIMHE
Year 6	CHIAKA



A prayer for the week

On Wednesday we heard of the death of Professor Stephen Hawking, a great scientist and astrophysicist.

As an academic Stephen researched black holes and space time theories and wrote many papers and taught others about science. He also had a disease called ALS that for most is life limiting, however Stephen lived until 76 years of age and achieved great things. He was a great inspiration.

This week I have not chosen a prayer, but a quote from this great man for us to reflect upon.

“Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don’t just give up.”



Breakfast club

Breakfast will stop being served at 8.30am, please make sure your child arrives before this time if they require breakfast.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter



World Book Day (on a different day!)

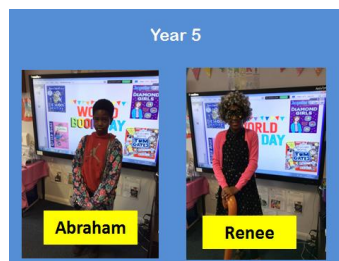
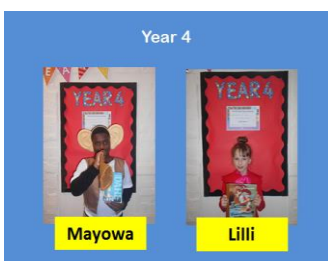
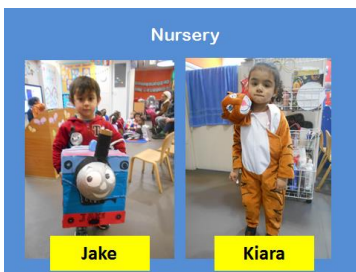
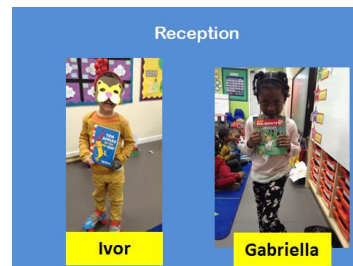
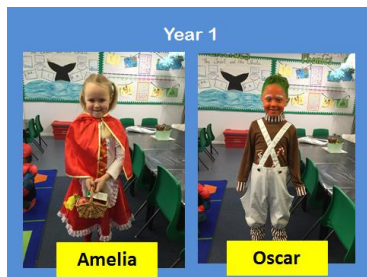
Although we rescheduled our World Book Day celebration, we still had a great time. Classes from years 1 to 6 visited Stoke Newington Bookshop to purchase some books! Each class walked down to our local book shop and were greeted very warmly by the staff. We explored the vast range of books available and used our World Book Day tokens to purchase specially-published books in exchange for the tokens. This was a really enjoyable and successful trip.



Year 4 at Stoke Newington Book shop.



We were excited and pleased to see so many amazing costumes last Friday, when we finally got to dress up and share our favourite characters and books. Congratulations to the following children who won a book token for their costumes.

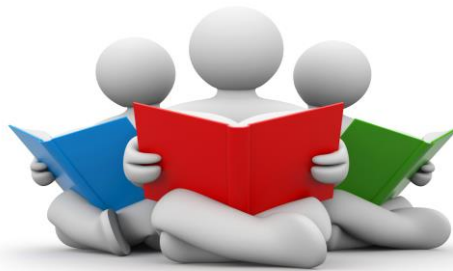


Volunteers Needed

Are you able to support our Reception class with their reading in the mornings 9.00 – 9.30am

If you are interested please let the office know.

Thank you



PTFA News

Cake sale

Date	House team
Friday 23 rd March	Green
Friday 20 th April	Red
Friday 18 th May	Blue
Friday 15 th June	Yellow
Friday 13 th July	Green



How should we spend money raised?

The PTFA have talked to children and staff about how they would like to spend money raised to what to improve their learning and playtimes in school.

Ideas included:

- New football and Hockey goals for the playground.
- More laptops for their learning in computing and all areas of the curriculum.
- Additional outdoor benches / tables for break time games and activities.
- Subscription to 'First News' newspaper for the children to read.

We would like to know your thoughts and ideas.

If you would like to put any other suggestions forward or have any objections, please put them in writing to the school office by Wednesday 21st March.

Community News

We are very lucky to have an artist volunteer to work with St Mary's during the Summer term. She will be designing and creating mosaics with the children that will replace the seven outdoor display boards that are on the back of the Nursery wall on Barn St. In preparation for this work we are looking for red, blue, yellow and green crockery that can be used on the mosaic. If you have any chipped, old, odd or just unwanted plates, bowls, cups or tiles in these colours please can you bring them to school and give them to the office staff.

