



# July 21st 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

## *SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD*

From Mrs Bennett

What a busy term!

I have had so many reasons to be proud of our pupils over the last month or so! Across a variety of different events... 2 residential trips, Sports Days, the Year 6 (Peter Pan) show, various sports competitions and the Diversity Arts Exhibition, to name but a few, St Mary's pupils have been outstanding!

The Peter Pan performance was a particular highlight - it really showed how far some of our pupils have come during their time at St Mary's School. Every school leader wants excellent academic results and I'm no exception but, when all is said and done, if we all look back on our school days, it's the performances, trips and Sports Days that we remember the most. We have a lot of musical, artistic and sporting talent in our school and it's one of our visions to allow it to shine as much as we can. I know that many of you agree with this - thanks very much to those of you that have been in touch to say how much you have enjoyed school events this term.

As always at this time of year, we have some welcome greetings to give and some sad farewells to make. Firstly the welcomes: We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Gooding, who will take up the role in January. Mrs Gooding is currently working at Padbury School as an Assistant Head and is very much looking forward to joining us. She will be working at St Mary's for one day a week in the Autumn Term. Miss McEwan will also be joining us and she will be teaching in Reception, she is excited to be joining the Early Years team. A warm welcome to both new members of staff - all of us at St Mary's look forward to working with you.

On the flip side of the coin, I have quite a few people to say farewell to: Firstly, several members of our teaching support staff are leaving us this year... Mrs Welland who has been leading the Nursery for the past 7 years is moving on to a new role in another school - we would like to thank her for all

that she has done for our Nursery and wish her well in her new role! Mrs Mander, our Reception teacher is also moving on to teach in Year 1 at another school. Mrs Mander has been at St Mary's School for the past 5 years and has been leading on diversity. We wish her the best of luck!. Finally, Mrs Hope, our Finance Manager who has been here for an extremely long time (11 years in fact) is also moving on. Mrs Hope ensures that the school runs smoothly and that everybody gets paid on time! She has been a huge support to a large number of staff and will be sorely missed.

I would like to finish by thanking everyone who works at St Mary's for your commitment, energy and dedication throughout another long and busy academic year - I feel very lucky to be supported by such a strong team, a team who go so much above and beyond the call of duty - giving up countless evenings and weekends along the way to provide rich and memorable experiences for our pupils. You don't have to do it and I can't expect it of you ...but you do it anyway!

To our fantastic year 6 pupils leaving us for pastures new: I'd like to say to you directly...thank you. You have been a wonderful year group, hardworking, fun and most importantly, very supportive of each other. You teachers have enjoyed teaching you and we will miss you; but having said that, you are ready to move on from primary school! You are embarking on an exciting new chapter in your lives, filled with endless possibilities. Embrace the challenges, celebrate the successes, and never stop learning. The future is yours to shape, and I have no doubt that each and every one of you has the potential to make a positive difference in the world. Congratulations St Mary's leavers and my very best wishes for all your future endeavours.

Best wishes and good luck to any other pupils who are moving on from St Mary's to a new school too, the same sentiment goes to any parents or carers whose time associated with our school has come to an end too.

I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable break. Fingers crossed for lovely weather! To those of you returning in September, I look forward to seeing you then!

## [ODBST Newsletter](#)

Please see attached the ODBST Summer 2023 Newsletter.

## [Star of the Week](#)



Each week a child, who has exemplified our Christian Values (Love, Hope, Respect, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth) from every class, is chosen to receive the Star of the Week Award.

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Millie T, Lily B, Ivy M, Jenson S, Zoya A, Teri G, Farida S, Charlie M, Dexter B, Lottie D, Ava B, Freya B.

## Learning Power Awards



We use Learning Powers to develop our 'Language for Learning' in school and this enables us to engage all pupils in a dialogue using a common language to support and develop our understanding of how we learn.

It is our intention that the children use the language for learning to explain ways in which they achieved or approached tasks and how they can move on to the next chapter in their learning.

These learning powers are; have a go, don't give up, concentrate, be curious, keep improving, ask questions and cooperate.

Congratulations to the children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Jack P, Benedict H, Jaxon H, Harrison B, Ria S, Charlie T, Louisa D, Lyla D, Cage E, Ben T-W, Mikhail H, Euan H.

## Top Scientist Award



Congratulations to the following children who have received a Top Scientist Award: Sammy R, Finley D, Chloe B, Quinn D, Christian E, Josh T, Harry L, Sophie B, James F, Nathan A, Isabelle H, Cameron F.

## Good Learning Board



Well done to the children who have their work displayed on the Good Learning Board: Scarlett F, Seyon J, Yumzaa I, Inaya H, Arwen T B, Ella J, Ted R, Ella D, Jada T, Ellie U-T, Jonathan K, Evangelia T.

## House Cup

Lee have won the most points for their sporting endeavours throughout the year.

Here are the results for each house:

Lee 469

Cook 441

Rothschild 434

Hampden 396

## House Points



Congratulations to Rothschild who have earned the most house points this half term.

Rothschild will have a Mufti Day on the 8th September - wear red with pride!

The total house points are available on the home page of the school website.

## Stroke Association Charity Event

As part of Reception Class's Sports Day, the children took on the challenge of doing non stop star jumps for 90 seconds. Family and friends sponsored the children and raised an amazing £656. This money will be used to help the many people, both young and old, who need support to live independently after a having a stroke. A huge thank you to all those you sponsored the Reception children.

Mrs Mander

Reception Teacher and Diversity Lead

## Holiday club



**Holiday Club 2023 at**  
**The Church on Fairford Leys**

**22nd - 24th August 10:00-12:00**

Stay and play sessions for 5-11 year olds and their carers.

**stories**

**experiments**

Suggested donation £2 per family per session

**snacks** **and much more**

Made with PosterMyWall.com

The poster features a light blue background with water droplets at the top. It includes illustrations of Noah's Ark with animals, a scientist with a test tube, and a plate of cookies and a glass of juice. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

Please see details regarding a Holiday Club running from 22nd to 24th August at The Church on Fairford Leys.

## PTA September Celebration



The PTA have arranged a family celebration for September.



The PTA would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported and helped us this year. We have been able to put on lots of events which would not have been possible without you all. We have lots of ideas for next year and hope you will be able to support us again. Our AGM is on Tuesday 26th September and we would like to invite all parents and carers to the meeting who would like to be involved on the PTA.

If you are having a sort out of uniform over the holiday, please think of the PTA, as we are always being asked for jumpers and cardigans. These can be handed into the office in September. Please also think of the PTA when you are looking for labels for uniform - we have codes for various companies that give money back to the school.

We would also like to say a massive 'thank you' to three members of our PTA who have volunteered for a very long time and provided much needed help and support over the years. Thank you to Deanna Cole, Leigh Holmes-Brown and Rob Beesley.

We hope you all have an amazing summer and good luck to all the Year 6 children moving up to secondary school.

**Dates for your Diary:**

9th September - September Celebration

26th September - AGM

13th October - School Disco (all year groups)

2nd December - Christmas Fair

## Name Labels

With the cost of school uniform, it is important to keep as much from being misplaced as possible! Therefore the PTA have links with the following labelling companies that provide us with commissions from each sale.

- MyNameTags.com<sup>1</sup> - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.
- <https://www.stikins.co.uk><sup>2</sup> - School code 20765
  - <https://stamptastic.co.uk><sup>3</sup> - School Code HP197WF

## Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising.co.uk is a quick and easy way to raise money for the school whilst doing your online shopping. All you need to do is register as a member of our school on [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk), then go through them to your normal shopping sites. This then earns the school money and does not cost you a penny more!

Contact us:

[stmarys.pta@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarys.pta@hotmail.com)

<https://><sup>4</sup>

[www.facebook.com/groups/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/)<sup>5</sup>

[stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share)<sup>6</sup>

## Isla's Race for Life



Please support Isla, 4D, in her Race for Life which is taking place on Sunday 23rd July.

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<sup>1</sup><https://mynametags.com/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

<sup>3</sup><https://stamptastic.co.uk/>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share>

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Cancer is happening right now, which is why Isla is taking part in a Race for Life 5k to raise money and save lives. 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, so please sponsor her now: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/islas-race-for-life-7568>

## School Website



Please remember to check the school website<sup>7</sup> for the school calendar and other useful information.

## Safeguarding & E-safety



### Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bennett, or the Deputies, Miss Rolfe or Miss Ilyas via the School Office on 01296 482094 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays, visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

### E-safety

Unsure about what apps or games your child is accessing? Need some advice on how to support your child online? Visit the NSPCC Net-aware website by clicking here<sup>8</sup> to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here<sup>9</sup>.

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<sup>7</sup><https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

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<sup>8</sup><https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>