



March 10th 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a change in the weather this week! I thought it was meant to be getting warmer!

This week Year 1, to support the pupils learning in their topic 'people who help us', had a special visit from the police and ambulance service. The children really enjoyed meeting them as well as asking lots and lots of questions.

This week Miss Flower has been busy with the football team with a game against Buckingham Park which, despite playing well, we unfortunately lost 6-1. On Thursday, the team played against Thomas Hickman School with a final score of 2-2.

Due to the weather forecast for this weekend, the cross country event which was due to be held at Ascott House on Saturday, has been postponed. We will be in touch as soon as we know when the event will take place.

Please can I also remind those of you that have no other option but drive to school, to drive and park considerately. The road immediately outside the school should be kept clear at all times, especially at drop off and pick up times, to ensure the safety of pedestrians. Can I ask that you remind any friends and family members that may collect your child/children that they should park responsibly in the Co-Op car park or surrounding roads and walk the rest of the way.

I hope you have a nice weekend whatever you have planned with your family and friends.

Take care and stay safe

David

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: Liliana B, Harry E, Alyssia E, Oscar H, Harry C, Jessica W, Casey W, Sienna R, James F, Roxie W, Harper R, Oliver S.

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: Charlie C, Xenia C, Finn P, Ralph L, Isabelle K, Ella J, Karthik M, Zack H, Jaden C, Rhaya D, Sai K, Adil U-H.

Volunteer Helpers



If any parents are interested in volunteering with reading at St Mary's, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Bennett via the school office for more information.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal



As you will be aware, a series of devastating earthquakes have hit southern Turkey and north-west Syria killing over 44,000 people and injuring many more. The first deadly earthquake struck while people were inside their homes, asleep in their beds, with no warning signs. More than 54,000 buildings, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or damaged. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions. DEC charities (Disasters Emergency Committee) and their local partners are among the first responders providing urgent aid. The DEC brings together 15 leading UK charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas.

Following the search and rescue operation, immediate priorities are access to healthcare, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heating in safe spaces, blankets, warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water.

If you feel that you could help the people affected by the crisis by making a donation, if you haven't already, this will help the DEC appeal. Your money will help the DEC charities and their local partners to scale up their response and reach more people.

DEHTTPS://DONATION.DEC.ORG.UK/TURKEY-SYRIA-EARTHQUAKE-APPEAL¹

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

¹<https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>



Name Labels

With the amount of lost property in school growing on a daily basis in mind (how can they lose so much!), the PTA have links with the following companies that provide us with commissions from each sale. These are also useful for Year 4 and Year 6 parents thinking about preparing for the residential trips.

- MyNameTags.com² - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.
- <https://www.stikins.co.uk>³ - School code 20765
- <https://stamptastic.co.uk>⁴ - 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, then go through them to your normal shopping sites. This then earns the school money and does not cost you a penny more!

Dates for your diary:

²<https://mynametags.com/>

³<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

⁴<https://stamptastic.co.uk/>

17th March - Someone Special Shop (Mothers' Day)

16th June - Someone Special Shop (Fathers' Day)

24th June - Summer Fayre

7th July - Leavers Disco (Year 6 only)

Contact us:

stmarys.pta@hotmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share>

PTA Someone Special Secret Gift Shop Friday 17 March 2023

The PTA are to hold a 'Someone Special' Secret Gift Shop at school on Friday 17th March, where children will have the opportunity to independently choose a gift for their 'Someone Special' for Mother's Day (Mum, Grandma, Auntie, etc)

The deadline for ordering is Friday 10th March so, if you have not ordered yet and would like your child to participate, please **complete the form and make payment on MyChildAtSchool app by the end of the day.**

Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept late orders due to having to purchase enough gifts in advance. This includes taking money on the day.

If you are having difficulty accessing the MyChildAtSchool form or payment, please contact the PTA or school office before the deadline.

Easter Holiday Swimming Courses



Swimming Crash Courses

Progress your Childs Swimming by booking onto one of our Easter School Holidays Crash Courses.

Cost – £33.60

3 rd – 6 th April 2023	Stage	Stage
10:00am	Stage 1 – Jeanetta	Stage 5 – Hannah
10:30am	Stage 2 – Jeanetta	Stage 4 – Hannah
11:00am	Stage 4 & stage 5 Breaststroke & Butterfly clinic	Stage 3 – Hannah
11:30am		Stage 6 - Hannah

11 th – 14 th April 2023	Stage	Stage
10:00am	Stage 1 – Emily	Stage 4 – Millie
10:30am	Stage 2 - Emily	Stage 5 - Millie
11:00am	Stage 3 - Emily	Stage 2 7+ - Millie
11:30am	Stage 6 - Emily	Stage 1 - Millie

Crash courses are a great way to accelerate your child's progression.

Book now by calling

01296 488555



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Please see attached details regarding Aqua Vale swimming lesson crash courses that are being run in the Easter holidays.

School Website



Please remember to check the school website⁵ 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, Mr Liddle, 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 here⁶ to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here⁷.

⁵<https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

⁶<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

⁷<https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>