



February 24th 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the community back to school after the spring half term break. I do hope that you all managed to relax and enjoy some of the week with family and friends.

On Monday evening, the PTA held a meeting to discuss upcoming events which wouldn't be able to run if it wasn't for the support from the parents. I know that the committee are always looking out

for helpers with the events and if you can spare any time to help, please do get in contact with them. The staff and children would also like to say a massive thank you to the PTA who have given each class a whopping £250 to spend on resources. Staff have already planned how to use the money and we will update you on how it has been spent in due course.

The school came alive with the buzz of parents on Wednesday afternoon as we held a 'Book Look'. It was lovely to see so many children take pride in sharing their learning with their parents as well as parents being able to see the progress that their child has made over the course of the academic year. Next week we will be holding parents'/carers' evenings when teachers will share your child's attainment and progress as well as steps that they need to make to further their learning journey.

You will have seen from your emails that, next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day. We are very much looking forward to celebrating reading and remembering how important it is, not only for pleasure, but supporting learning across all areas.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend 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: Scarlett F, Ahmad H, Bailey R, Pablo P L, Noah W, Thomas B, Farida S, Abbie F-N, Emmie G, Ava G, Sophia S, Ethan M.

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 following children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Kayla F, William H, Olivia B, Terry D, Megan M, Isla S, Liliana G, Ben M, Jada T, Jada C, Sam B, Soraya T.

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.

PTA School Discos, Reception to Y6



The PTA school discos for Reception to Year 6 are on Friday 3rd March. Tickets can be purchased via the MCAS app (please click on products). Please make payment and complete the online form by the end of the day on 28th February.

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/>

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.

⁶<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

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