



February 3rd 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't know about you, but this week has seemed to have flown by!

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 4 when they went for their weekly swimming lesson. The adults that usually go with them always say how amazingly behaved they are, and I can, wholeheartedly, confirm this. I can honestly say, I have never been swimming with a more

focused and well-behaved group of children. I was so impressed at how well they listened to their instructors as well as their conduct travelling to and from the swimming pool. Well done Year 4!

Next week is, as announced in last week's newsletter, is Children's Mental Health Week. During the week the children will be participating in lots of activities around the theme of 'Let's Connect'. As we all know when we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. The week culminates in Dress to Express day on Friday 10th February where children can come into school wearing clothing to express themselves. They could wear their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they're feeling, it can be as simple or elaborate as they like!

I hope that you have a good weekend, whatever you have planned with your family and friends.

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: Sophie Y, Eli P, Catalina A, Ava-Rose M, Immy C, Isabella W, Harry L, Ellie W, Nathan A, Brook ML, Alfie P, Hollie D

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: Millie T, Mia M, Leo FA, Layla L, CJ BA, Anthea, Isadora, Ella D, Nina, Jasper N, Tom V , Euan H

PTA News



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.com¹ - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.

¹<https://mynametags.com/>

- <https://www.stikins.co.uk>² - School code 20765
- <https://stamptastic.co.uk>³ - 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:

3rd March - Disco for all year groups

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>

School Website



Please remember to check the school website⁴ for the school Calendar and other useful information.

²<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

³<https://stamptastic.co.uk/>

⁴<https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

Safeguarding & E-safety



If you have a concern about a child please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bennett, or the Deputies, Mr Liddle, Miss Rolfe or Mrs 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 here⁵ to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here⁶.

⁵<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

⁶<https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>