

St Mary's C of E Junior School

Newsletter



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Sporting Successes!

Yesterday, our **Year 6 Athletics team** took part in a district event at Knights Templar School. They were magnificent and should feel really proud of their achievements and their conduct during the event. Our girls came 4th and our boys came 2nd, resulting in an area final place next month. Well done to all of them; what an achievement!



Last Thursday, our girls football team played St Francis and won 7-0 and 7-3! Well done to the 19 girls who took part and proudly represented our school.

Behaviour Policy

Our revised Behaviour Policy is now on our school website. Please take time to read through this as we have made some changes to the rewards and sanctions sections.

During the last few weeks, we have been trialling the use of a 'Pupil Support Room'. This replaces what used to be 'Detention' and is intended to be a much more positive way to reinforce behaviour and our School Code of Conduct, in addition to providing support for those children that struggle with friendship issues during lunchtimes.

It has proved to be successful so far and the children have reported that they feel happier coming in to talk to a teacher at lunchtime to discuss any issues that they may have. The parents of any children that have been in the PSR should receive a Dojo message to inform them of this. Please see the Behaviour Policy for more information with regards to this.

Friendship Week 19th - 23rd

February

After half term, our Building Learning Powers theme will be '**Relationships**'. With this in mind, we are planning to have a week in school that focuses on how we treat each other, friendship issues, bullying and building positive relationships.



Playground equipment update!

I'm pleased to announce that the unsafe parts of the playground equipment outside the mobile classroom will be replaced during February half term. Our children will then be able to enjoy using this as we move into spring. I'd like to thank you all for donations made during our fundraising events - we did it!



Sport Relief 2018 **16th -23rd March**



Mr Hagland will be organising several events during this week for both parents and children. On Friday 23rd March, children are invited to come to school dressed in something sporty for the price of £1 towards the charity (**no football tops please**). The children will be taking part in lots of activities, including a sponsored mile run. On this day, there will also be the opportunity for dads to show their football expertise during our dad's game and the possibility of a football/netball game for any mums that are interested! More details of these events will follow after half term.

Birdwatch Monday 29th March

Some of our children will be joining Mrs Boyle in our environmental classroom for this year's birdwatch. The data they collect will contribute to the RSPB's national data collection. If your child has been chosen to take part, please ensure that they have a nice warm coat, hat and possibly gloves.



World Book Day 1st March 2018

Our School Council have requested that on **Thursday 1st March**, children should have the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We think this is a great idea! Please don't spend lots of money on costumes, it's always fun for the children to help make them at home.

There'll be lots of reading activities planned on this day and the children can bring in their favourite book from home to share with their class. We may even have a famous author paying us a visit - watch this space!



Diary dates

Friday 2nd February 2018 - PTA Quiz Night **Is now cancelled** due to lack of interest.
Monday 5th February 2018 - Netball v St. Francis (details to follow)
Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6th February 2018 - Class and team photographs
Tuesday 6th February 2018 - Hudnall Park Meeting @ 6.00pm for Yr4 Parents/Carers
Thursday 8th February - Non Uniform day to raise money for IT equipment in school (see below)
Friday 9th February 2018 - Yr6 Singing Festival @ KTS
Friday 9th February 2018 - Break up for Half Term at 3.20pm
Monday 19th February 2018 - Children back in school at 8.50am
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd - Friendship Week
Thursday 1st March - World Book Day
Wednesday 14/15/16 March 2018 - Yr4 to Hudnall Park (formerly Cuffley Camp)
Thursday 29th March 2018 - Break up for Easter @ 1.30pm
Monday 16th April 2018 - Children back in school at 8.50am
Monday 7th May 2018 - Bank Holiday
Friday 25th May 2018 - Break up for Half Term at 3.20pm
Monday 4th June 2018 - Children back in school at 8.50am
Monday 4th to 8th June 2018 - Yr6 to PGL Liddington (formerly Staylitttle)
Monday 18th June 2018 - Inset Day
Friday 20th July 2018 - Break up for summer holidays at 1.30pm

SLIME CRAZE!

Staff have noticed that the latest craze has indeed come to St Mary's. Please do not send your children in with any slime - this is not allowed on school premises. Thank you.

Pen licences. I've had the pleasure of handing out a total of 14 pen licences during the last 2 weeks. Well done; your presentation is really improving! Some other children are so close - keep putting in the effort and you will get there!

Safer Internet Day



Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day is being celebrated around the world on Tuesday 6th February 2018. The theme is **Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you.** We will be spending time in classes learning about **E-safety** and keeping ourselves safe on line. Mr White will be leading this event.

Due to class photographs being taken on this day, we will be holding a **non-uniform day** to help raise money for a new Interactive Whiteboard in school on **Thursday 8th February** (if you could bring in £1 or whatever you would like to contribute, that would be wonderful). Our School Council will also be running a cake sale, so if you could bake cakes and bring them in on the 9th, that would be amazing - more details to follow!