Welcome to our final newsletter of the autumn term. We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and hope that you have a very happy new year. Thank you for all of your continued support over the last few months with all of the recent changes. We look forward to an even better 2019 with you alongside us!

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship, we have been thinking about respect. We thought about the different people in our community who we respect. We spoke about why we showed respect to cleaners, teachers, firefighters, police officers and many more important people around us. We also thought about advent and the true meaning behind Christmas as we begin the final countdown to the festive season.
School Year Sept 2018—August 2019

End of Term—Monday 24th December—Friday 4th January 2019

Friday 4th January 2019—Training Day

7th January 2019—1st Day of term

Friday 8th February—Valentines/Glow Disco -

15th February 2019—Last Day of term

18th February 2019 to 22nd February 2019—Half term

25th February 2019—1st Day of term

5th April 2019—Last Day of term

8th April to 22nd April 2019—Half term

23rd April 2019—1st Day of term

Friday 29th March—Chocolate Bingo

6th May 2019 (All school off) - Bank holiday

Friday 17th May—Disco

24th May 2019—Last day of term

27th to 31st May 2019—Half term

3rd June 2019—1st Day of term

Friday 12th July—Summer Music Event ‘St Mary’s Fest’ -

19th July 2019—Last day of term

22nd July 2019—Training day

23rd July 2019—1st Day of summer Holiday
PTFA PANTO
A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime. All of the children (and adults!) had a fantastic afternoon and it is always a highlight of the Christmas term.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for all of their continued hard work over the busy festive period!

The next PTFA meeting will be on Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} January 2019 at 7.30pm, all welcome.

UPCOMING DATES:
- Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} January – PTFA Meeting 7.30pm
- Thursday 31\textsuperscript{st} January – Book and Games/Puzzle Swap Sale
- Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} February—Valentines/Glow Disco
- Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} March—Chocolate Bingo
BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

Congratulations must go to the children who were picked as great role models for the school. These are:

Harry Brassington  Lola-May Vandyk  Harley Dicks
Mia Pilcher  Sam McNab  Keera Gray
Alfie Coles  Sean Wooding  Stanley Barnett
Matthew  Evie Cheney  Jessica Scott
Ben Harriss  Sienna Oliver  Joseph Morgan-Vickers
Phebe Kilbourn-Wagg  Isabel Edwards
Jacob Owen  Jayden Gotts

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Well done to all the children below who were nominated by their class teachers to receive Achievement Awards. Please encourage your children to keep up the good work.

Shay Sharpe  Sam Sharman  Ruby Johns  Elisa Coleman
Harlow Franklin  Joe Nicell-Foster

ATTENDANCE AWARD

This week we had some high attendance scores. This week’s winners of the attendance award was Justice class. The winning class this week had a total attendance figure or 99.3%. Well done!
This year, we have introduced the all new reading raffle. Each time your child reads, they will be given a raffle ticket. These raffle tickets will then be mixed with the other classes in the year group and one winner from each year group will be chosen in achievement worship on Fridays. Well done to this week’s winners!

Year 1 — Kayden Cole & Eleanor Donlevy
Year 2— Zoe Simmonds & Violet Draper
Year 3— Finley Woodlands & Mya Rhone
Year 4—Nnenna Madichie & Elle Clarke
Year 5—Ellie Laughton & Elsa Nicell-Foster
Year 6—Asha Sureskumar & Max Igo

And a special mention to Mackenzie Taylor who did the reading raffle draw again after picking himself!

LUNCHTIME BEHAVIOUR—Outside
This week, the lunchtime trophy was given to the class who had been demonstrating exemplary behaviour during lunchtime out on the playground. The winning class gets to keep the lunchtime trophy for a fortnight and have a lunchtime filled with exciting treats. The winning class this week was...Forgiveness class! Well done!

LUNCHTIME BEHAVIOUR—Inside
This week, the new certificates were awarded to the children who had been demonstrating exemplary behaviour during lunchtime in the dinner hall. From excellent listening skills to helping their younger peers, these children really are fantastic role models. Well done!

Ashley Percival      Darcie Cardy      Henry Smith      Willow Coles
Bethany Stenson      Oliver Leak       Nicodem Choroba   Zion Thompson
Meadow Bannard-Howes
**EFYS Christmas Performance**

This week, the EYFS children came together to perform their version of ‘We’re Going on a Baby Hunt’. Through the story, we met angels, shepherds, kings and animals who all joined in with the hunt for baby Jesus. The children sang beautifully and looked lovely in their outfits.

Well done!

**KS1 Christmas Performance**

We also had the chance to see the KS1 performance this week. The story was from the point of view of the shepherds and sheep and their vital role in the Christmas story. We heard about the tough life of the younger shepherds and lambs and how their time came. The children were fantastic actors and actresses and remembered their words beautifully. Super work!
PTFA Pantomime

We were once again lucky enough to get to see a fantastic pantomime paid for by the PTFA. This year’s pantomime was Jack and the Beanstalk. The children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime and we are hugely grateful to the PTFA for making this happen.

“My favourite part was when they got married at the end.” - Year 1

“I liked it when they all fell over!” - Year 2

KS2 Service

This year, we were grateful to be able to attend the church to watch the KS2 service. This year it was quite the performance, from kings and stars to some very beautiful dances. It is also safe to say there wasn't a dry eye in the house following the beautiful performance of Love Shone Down by all of Key Stage 2. Well done to all of the children and adults who put on a fantastic service.
Christmas Party Day

This week, we had a whole day dedicated to celebrating Christmas with the children. Each class brought in food to eat with their friends. There was a huge selection to choose from: from cakes and crisps to sausage rolls and sandwiches. It certainly was a feast!

Each class also had the chance to play some Christmas party games in the hall. From musical statues to pass the parcel and of course a good old fashioned boogie! It is safe to say that the children (and the adults) thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to it being a new St. Mary’s tradition.
Christmas Jumper Day

In aid of Save the Children, everyone came to school dressed in their festive knits. Together we helped to raise an impressive £. Thank you to everyone who wore their festive jumpers, t-shirts, leggings, earrings, the lot and donated to a fantastic cause! A special well done to Mr Maddams who wore a Christmas jumper every day this week.

Christmas Lunch

It was that time of year to have our Christmas lunch with the children this year. There was a Christmas roast dinner with all the trimmings and a delicious mince pie for dessert. It is always a lovely occasion for the teachers and children to come together to celebrate the festive season. Thank you to the lunch team who made this possible!