Welcome to our first newsletter of the Summer term. We hope you had a fantastic Easter break and had a chance to enjoy the warmer weather. As the summer terms are often very busy, please be sure to check the dates page so you don’t miss out on anything. Also, be sure to check the class pages on the website to see what we get up to!

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship, we have been thinking about our new value of hope. We talked about what hope was and then we discussed hopes that we share. We thought about hopes that we have for the school and hopes that we would like to fulfil as individuals. What are your hopes for the week ahead?
School Year Sept 2018—August 2019

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

W.c. 13th May 2019—Year 6 SATs week

17th May 2019—PTFA Disco (KS1 @ 5.30pm—6.30pm and KS2 @ 6.45pm—8pm

23rd May 2019—Homework in

24th May 2019—Last Day of Term

27th May to 31st May 2019 - Half Term

3rd June 2019—1st Day of Term

3rd June 2019—Year 3 swimming starts

4th June 2019—Year 5 maths day

4th June 2019—Gymnastics competition

5th June—Walk in Wednesday

5th June—EYFS information evening

7th June—Homework out

W.c. 10th June—Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

14th June—Father’s Day Breakfast

21st June—St. Mary’s Got Talent

23rd July 2019—1st Day of Summer Holiday
DATES IN MORE DETAIL

DISCO TIME
The PTFA will once again be holding a school disco on 17th May. Entrance fee on the night is £2. We look forward to seeing you there.
EYFS and KS1—5.30pm—6.30pm
KS2—6.45pm—8pm

FATHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS
To celebrate Father’s Day we invite role models and their children in to our thank you breakfast on Friday 14th June at 8am—8.45am. A continental breakfast will be served and you will have a chance to plant a seed with your child to take home to nurture and water.

SPORTS DAY
Sports day will be held on the dates and times below.
Tuesday 16th July 9am—Years 3 and 4
1pm—Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 17th July 9am—Years 1 and 2
1pm—EYFS
The children will be practising for this in their PE lessons. The races will be based on agility, balance, co-ordination and the children can choose 2 races out of these areas. There will also be the popular toddler and parents races also, so get practising!

ST. MARY’S FESTIVAL
On the 12th July, we will be holding our St. Mary’s Fest. This will be held on the school field from 3.20pm—9pm. There will be stalls, entertainment, a BBQ and lots of fun.
We are looking for donations for the tombola stall and the festival dress up areas. If you have anything you can donate, please bring to the school office. Children are invited to wear festival/summer clothes during the day of the 12th July so they are ready for the festivities.
If you would like a stall at the festival, please contact stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk for more info. Stalls will be £10. If you know of any local groups who may want to perform, let a member of the PTFA know.

ST. MARY’S GOT TALENT
Over the last term, some children have been participating in St. Mary’s Got Talent. It began with an audition. The children who got through then went on to perform to their year groups. The year group then voted for their top 2 acts to go straight through to the final. Those left then battled it out for the remaining places by performing to the whole school. The final will be held on Friday 21st June at 7pm. Tickets will be available after half term. We hope you can come and join us for the final to rival Britain’s Got Talent.

PARENT FORUM
Our next Parent Forum will be Monday 17th June. We would like to have some new members to discuss school matters and help make the school even stronger.
MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS
Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Mother’s Day celebrations. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. A big thank you must also go to the PTFA for supplying tea, coffee and the beautiful gifts for parents, to Kelly Cooke and Cathy McKenna (2 of our wonderful lunch team) for the table decorations and finally to our amazing dads who served the tea and coffee.

CHOCOLATE BINGO
Another huge thank you goes to our fabulous PTFA who organised the very popular chocolate bingo night. Great fun was had by all and we raised a whopping £703. We are so grateful for all the time and dedication the PTFA give to raise funds for our school.

EASTER EGGS
We hope your children enjoyed the Easter eggs last term. We are so grateful to Michael at One Stop for donating these and to the PTFA for organising these.
What is Kik Messenger?

The National Crime Agency and CEOP has been made aware of reports suggesting that unsolicited or suggestive images have been shared via the Kik Messenger app and as a result has produced a guide for parents, explaining what the app is and how best to keep your children safe if they use it. This can be accessed here:

https://parentinfo.org/article/a-parents-guide-to-kik-messenger

The minimum age for accessing this app according to Kik is 13 but with parental permission. However, iTunes and Google Play rate this app as adult 17+. Kik is an instant messaging app. It lets users create their own username and message others without having a mobile number to register. For younger children without a mobile phone they can access the app on their mobile device such as a tablet through Wi-Fi. It allows 1-1 chats but also has facility to access large public chat groups. Kik Messenger has an inbuilt browser so that users can search for new apps and chat rooms.

To make a CEOP report follow this link: https://www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/

Remember to be safe when online.
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Welcome back for the summer term. This term sees the start of a new chapter for SEND at St Mary’s. There have been lots of changes at the school over the past 9 months and in light of these, we have decided to include a dedicated section on each newsletter to provide information and support for parents of children who have additional needs. Some children are formally registered with SEND but many others have additional needs which create barriers which, as parents, sometimes we need support to help them overcome. This then helps their wellbeing and their learning.

An SEND re-launch meeting was held on Thursday 25th April (and Friday 26th April), where parents of children with identified needs were invited to attend. Thank you to those who were able to attend – I hope you found this useful. The following changes were explained:

The Pastoral Team was introduced: myself, Melanie Barron (SENDCo), Karen Jackson (Family Support Worker) and Emma Campbell (Learning Mentor).

All children on the SEND register now have Personal Support Plans (ISP), which clearly show the additional support that is in place for the child: these will be reviewed 3 times a year, starting with the first reviews later this month. Parents should now also have a copy of this from your child’s class teacher.

Regular information and ‘signposting’ on the school newsletter. Please let me know what you would like adding to this section. I have lots of ideas of what I plan to include over the next few issues, but I would really like this to be of value to as many people as possible, so let me know!

Coffee morning ‘drop ins’ every fortnight, where parents can learn more about supporting their child. These will provide opportunities to talk about challenges in a less formal environment, with people who have a shared understanding of some of the barriers the children face. Our first coffee morning will be on Thursday 23rd May at 8.45 – 9.45 in the Rainbow Room. We will be talking about Speech and Language after this was raised at the parents SEND re-launch meetings.

To get us started with information, I have been recommended to a resource by an Educational Psychologist, called Keys to Happier Living. It is a programme specially designed for primary schools. There are 10 basic ‘Keys’ which are looked referred to as GREAT DREAM. With so much reference to everyone’s wellbeing these days, I feel this is something that could be of benefit to all of us. Have a look at www.actionforhappiness.org and let me know what you think.

Together, we can make a difference!

Mel Barron
Inclusion and Pastoral Leader
VALUES AWARDS
This term, we have launched the Values Award. These awards will be given to children who are chosen for showing our school values and for being great role models for the school. Congratulations to...

- Harlow Franklin
- George Simmonds
- Zoe Simmonds
- Emily Tailby
- Eva Hale
- Daisy-Jai Amos
- Archie Brassington
- Aaliyah Masoud
- Neeve Cadore-Cabu

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.

- Alfie Enfield
- Sophie Hearn
- Rosie Baynes

ATTENDANCE AWARD
This week we had some high attendance scores. However, this week’s winning class beat everyone with 98.9% and was Honesty. Well done!

EASTER SCHOOL
During the Easter holidays, Year 6 pupils were invited to attend Easter school, run by some of the teachers at St. Mary’s. The children participated in art, maths, literacy and sport activities over the two weeks. The children came in with a fantastic attitude and were ready to learn. We were immensely proud of the maturity and the perseverance that the children showed. We want to say a huge thank you to the dedicated members of staff at St. Mary’s who gave up their time to run this and of course to the children for their fantastic behaviour throughout. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!
**READING RAFFLE**

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**—Amber-Mae Roberts  
**Year 2**—Chas Tomkins and Riley Granger  
**Year 4**—Eve Salter and Phebe Kilbourn-Wagg  
**Year 5**—Isobelle Edwards and Ted Coles  
**Year 6**—Libby Kilbourn and George Simmonds

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**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!

**Gemma Cox**  
**Harlow Franklin**

and congratulations to the following children who won the lucky dip prize at the end of last term

**Kaiton Capes**  
**Bradley Westerby**

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At St. Mary’s we promote healthy lunches and packed lunches. If you are struggling for inspiration, head over to [https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/10-healthy-lunch-ideas-kids](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/10-healthy-lunch-ideas-kids) for some delicious, healthy ideas.