

## June Newsletter

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### **Collective Worship**

The value for this term is 'Justice.' The children talked about justice being when a person gets what they deserve – wither good or bad.

We looked at the bible story of the Unjust Judge and discussed fairness through different scenarios.

We then looked at the statue of the Goddess Themis who stands on top of the Old Bailey in London. The children were taught the significance of what she holds in her hands and how it links to justice.



### **Homework**

The homework set for children is closely linked to their learning in school. We specifically structure it to be open ended so that children can present their homework in a variety of ways that best suits their learning style, as well as their creative side.

The children who have completed their homework will receive a certificate of recognition as well as they joy of sharing their homework with friends. The winning class is also awarded a special treat.

This term, it was based on our theme of castles. The children will get to share their homework with each other at school. Here's how each class scored.

CLASS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN
Hope	21/21	100%
Kindness	27/27	100%
Forgiveness	23/25	92%
Respect	20/23	87%
Acceptance	18/25	72%
Trust	19/29	66%
Perseverance	15/30	50%
Honesty	17/29	50%

### **Parent Forum**

The next meeting of the parent forum will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9:00am. We welcome any parents who would like to come and join us and help the school go from strength to strength. If you would like to find out more, please talk to Mrs. Reynolds.

### **Jubilee celebrations**

The children had a truly wonderful time at our whole school Jubilee Picnic. It was truly heart-warming to see all the children mixing after 2 years of being kept apart by bubbles. After their picnic, they ate the sweet treats that they had bought in from home before a whole school celebration. Each year group performed a song or dance from a decade over the last 70 years and learnt some new facts about the Queen and how the world has changed during the Queen’s reign.



### **PTFA News**

Father’s Day Breakfast – Thank you to everyone that paid and attended the breakfast. It was lovely to see children showing dads, brothers, grandparents and other special people around their school, and spending time together.

Disco – The children loved dancing and playing outside, and ice poles and lollies! Thanks to all that came

How to contact us...

Come to the next meeting, or email [stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk) , or speak to any of the team to get involved. Next meeting will be in September.

Upcoming events

Jubilee Festival - 2nd July – Bring family, friends, neighbours! Bring a chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with us.



### **Sport at St. Mary's**

#### ***PE Kit***

Please ensure pupils have their full PE kit in school every day, this includes plimsolls/trainers, blue shorts and joggers/leggings, white t-shirt and a sky blue or black PE jumper.

With the hotter weather approaching, please also ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and sunscreen (to be self-administered).

PE lessons will take place outside throughout the year, therefore PE jumpers and trainers/plimsolls are always required.

Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back.

Please note fitness tracker watches can only be worn if they are covered by a sweat band to avoid injury to others.

PE is a valued part of our pupil's education, we thank you for your support in ensuring they are suitably prepared for their physical education.

### ***Healthy School Ethos***

We have continued to utilise the field at lunchtimes and pupils have expressed their appreciation of the added space, and the re-introduction of football matches and sports play.

Year 6 leaders had expressed their pride at being provided the opportunity to lead activities, they are doing a fantastic job!

### ***Sports Day***

Sport day dates have now been released and we look forward to welcoming Parents/Guardians to support their children while they showcase their fantastic sporting abilities.

Sports day will take a circuit approach where children will complete a variety of skill stations, before finishing on traditional track races. (Please see the 'dates for your diary' section.)

### ***Daily Mile***

All classes have continued to take part in the daily mile initiative each week. This initiative encourages pupils to be active for 15 minutes to contribute to the daily recommendation of 60 active minutes per day.

### ***School Sports Competitions***

We have thoroughly enjoyed attending all our inter school competitions this year, so far we have attended 23 competitions, taking a total of 28 teams and 192 pupils.

Since our last newsletter we have also competed in Swimming, Tennis, Tri Golf, Cricket, Dance festival and Netball competitions, and are through to more county finals.

Year 5/6 Tennis- Finished 2nd place and qualified for county finals

Year 3/4 Tri Golf- Finished 2nd place and qualified for county finals

Year 3/4 Tennis- Finished 7th

Year 5/6 Swimming- Finished 7th overall (Winning the front crawl leg kick relay, and Muhammad who won the individual leg kick relay race)

Year 5/6 Girls Cricket- Finished joint 7th

Year 5/6 Netball- Finished 11th

Dance Festival- Non-competitive but I know we presented a fantastic routine.

Well done to all our pupils who proudly represent St Marys at these events, demonstrating not just your sporting abilities but also displaying your school values and showcasing what a fantastic school we are!

We look forward to attending more competitions this term, including:

Year 3/4 Athletics

Year 5/6 Athletics

PDET Going for gold sports day

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Final

KS2 Archery Final

Year 5/6 Tennis Final

Year 3/4 Tri Golf Final

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our attendance at a few sports competitions this term due to insufficient numbers.

In order to avoid cancelling future events, and to allow more opportunities for all pupils, please ensure you check Parent mail for invitations for your child to attend an event, and follow the links to confirm their authorization to attend.

### ***Sports Clubs***

We are pleased to offer several extra-curricular sports clubs again this term.

These clubs are great to allow children to be active, socialise and advance their PE education by inputting their skills into sport specific scenarios.

There are still spaces available on most clubs, please book via Parent Pay.

Netball – Mondays – 3.20-4.20pm – Years 3-6 FREE

Football - Mondays - 3.20-4.20pm - Years R - 2 - £3 per session

Gymnastics – Tuesdays – 8.00-8.45am – Years R-2 - £3 per session

Dodgeball – Tuesdays – 3.20-4.20pm – Years 3-6 - £3 per session

Archery – Wednesday – 8.00-8.45am – Years R-6 - £3 per session

Mini Sports – Wednesdays – 3.20-4.20pm – Years EYFS-2 - £3 per session

Football - Wednesdays - 3.20-4.20pm - Years 3-6 - £3 per session

Gymnastics – Thursdays – 8.00-8.45am – Years 3-6 - £3 per session

Cricket – Thursdays – 3.20-4.20pm – Years 2-6 - £3 per session

Dance – Fridays – 8.00-8.45am – Years R- 6 FREE

If your child is enjoying their club and you wish to find a community club to progress to, please contact Mrs Patrick for advice on club links.

### ***Holiday Sports Clubs***

We will be working with PR Sports Coaching again this half term to provide sports clubs:

Please look out for details on parent mail.

### ***Dance festival***

23 children took part in a dance festival last Tuesday. They told a story of a new child who had no friends, all the children ignored her but one person. The story shows how that one lone voice stood up to the bullies and they all became friends. They danced to 'You will be found' from the musical Dear Evan Hansen. There wasn't a dry eye in the house once they had finished. We are so very proud of them!



## **Important dates for your diary**

### **4/7/22**

- Southfields school transition day
- 3/4 sports morning (9:30am) – parents welcome to attend
- 1/2 sports afternoon (1:30pm)– parents welcome to attend

### **6/7/22**

- 5/6 sports morning (9:30am) – parents welcome to attend
- EYFS sports afternoon (1:30pm) – parents welcome to attend

### **8/7/22**

- Reports to parents
- New class letters to parents

### **11/7/22**

- Transfer day
- Meet the teacher straight after school

### **13/7/22**

- Year 6 leaver's service practise at the church 1:30pm

### **14/7/22**

- Year 6 leaver's service to the whole school 1:30pm
- Year 6 leaver's event at flip out 4:30pm

### **15/7/22**

- Year 3/4 on a school trip to Ashmolean Museum



- Year 6 leaver's service to parents 9:30am – parents welcome at the church
- Year 5 PDET sports competition – invite only

19/7/22

- Last day of term

## SEND

We are an Inclusive school, so everyone is always welcome to read, attend or access anything listed in this section of the newsletter.

### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Thank you to those of you who joined us for our review meetings last term. We had excellent engagement and held meetings with over 90% of our families. We hope you found these meetings helpful in understanding the progress your child is making and the further support that will be put in place.



Following these review meetings, you will receive a copy of your child's reviewed plan, as well as a copy of their new plan on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. These new targets and interventions will run through until October 2022, to support your child with the transition to their next year group. If you have any questions about your child's new plan, I will be holding a drop in session for you to attend on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10am**. This will be in person in school, or alternatively I can give you a phone call, so please return the feedback slip attached with your child's plan to confirm your attendance.



### How to Support Your Child at Home

This year, we have worked hard as a school on supporting the oral language development of our children. Encouraging communication with children can at times be challenging. Here are some helpful tips below, to support your child with their oral language development.

1. **Use visual aids to support understanding.** Using pictures alongside language supports the recalling and retention of new material. Pictures and symbols can be a great way to prepare children for changes and help with structure and routine.
2. **Speech and Language Therapy can be anywhere, not just at school.** Communication is the foundation

to all of our day to day interactions. When communication is not clear, it can be frustrating for everybody involved. It is important to use these moments as teaching points and model the communication to your child.

**3. Learning through play.** Playtime can not only stimulate conversation, but it gives your child an opportunity to see language modelled by another child. When playing with your child, encourage them to make noises for the objects they are using or create a conversation about what your child is doing.

**4. Patience is a virtue!** Although it may be difficult at times, patience can be crucial. No child is the same and some children may pick things up faster than others.

### SEND Support for Families

As well as providing support for our children at St. Mary's with SEND, there are also services available to support the parents, carers and families around those children with SEND.

### Pen Green

What help is available from Pen Green?

**Children's Centre** – offering universal health services AND early help and targeted support. **Nursery School** – incorporating three nursery school spaces. **Early Years Provision** – including The Baby and Toddler Nest, Couthie (Children aged 9 months – 2 years), the Nook (creche). **Research Base** – Offering professional development to early years practitioners, primary teachers and school leaders up to Masters Level.

**Teaching School** – aiming to raise standards through collaborative alliances.

**More information about these services can be found at -**

<https://www.pengreen.org/parent-and-child-support/family-support/>

**Together, we can make a difference!**

Abbie Price

Inclusion Lead

the cube DISABILITY **SEN Holiday Camps**  
An inclusive holiday camp for children aged 5-16  
with a disability and their siblings.  
**2022 TERM DATES**  
**Northampton**      **Kettering**  
1st - 5th August      15th - 19th August  
8th - 12th August  
22nd - 26th August  
**Time: 10am - 3pm**  
**DANCE & SPORTS**  
**ACTIVITIES!**  
**£45 per day**  
Lunch will be provided for all children. Please just  
notify us of any dietary requirements when booking.  
To book your child's space or enquire further,  
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