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Newsletter

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Attendance Update

Whole school attendance: 94.4%

Date:	Class with best attendance:	Percentage:	Class with lowest attendance:	Percentage:
3 rd Sept – 23 rd Oct	Year 4	96.7 %	Year R	92.1 %

Golden Citizens

The new school year saw the start of our 'Golden Rules' here at St. Mary's and what a start it has been! This new honour has been awarded to pupils who have been excellent role models in learning behaviour and in following our Golden Rules. The citizens are presented with a Headteacher's certificate during our Friday 'Celebration Assembly' each week and enjoy special privileges in class. Congratulations to all our children who have been awarded the Golden Citizen award this half term. We are so proud of you!

Attendance is key

At St. Mary's we are committed to raising levels of attendance. Underpinning this commitment is a belief that only if children attend school regularly and punctually will they be able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. We kindly ask that parents work with us to ensure children are in school daily and on time ready for learning at 8:55am. Thank you for your continued support.

Golden Time!

Well done to YEAR 4 who are this half term's winners of the 'Least Golden Time Losses' award! The whole class have been working really hard to ensure that they are living by our Golden rules and using the 6P's of Teaching and Learning every day. We hope you enjoy your chosen reward Year 4!

Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you to all those who have contributed towards our Harvest Festival collection this year. Once again, the St. Mary's family have shared an enormous amount of food with those in need. As Fr. Ciaran reminded us at our Harvest Mass, for as long as we can, may we continue to share what we have with those in need.

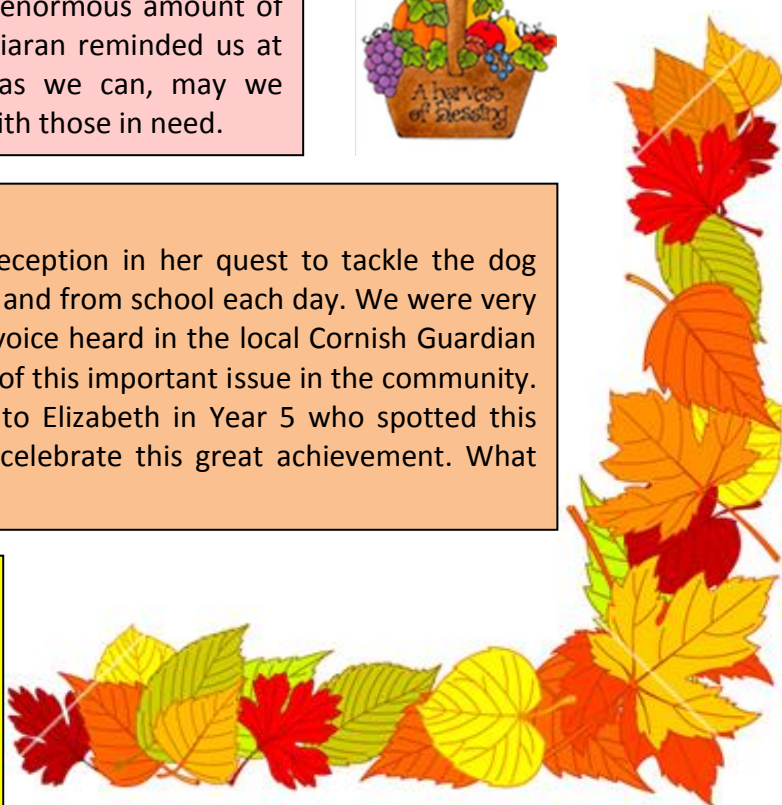


Taking it to the Press!

Well done to Lexi Chapman in Reception in her quest to tackle the dog mess that she faces on her way to and from school each day. We were very proud to find that Lexi made her voice heard in the local Cornish Guardian last week as she raised the profile of this important issue in the community. Great work Lexi! Thank you also to Elizabeth in Year 5 who spotted this newspaper article; helping us to celebrate this great achievement. What wonderful citizens we have!

Polite reminder:

We are unable to allow dogs on the school premises. This includes drop off and pick up times. Many thanks for your support in this matter.



Read, Write Inc. update

Thank you to all those who came to the Read, Write, Inc. parent meetings held earlier this term. Staff and children have fully embraced this new way of teaching and learning and we have found the impact to have been incredibly positive. Having carried out assessments of all children on the programme this week I can confidently say it is a huge success and we are seeing children making great progress. Please continue to play your important part by helping your child at home with their sounds and using Fred Talk when reading.

Mrs R Jones, Read, Write, Inc. Leader.

Lost Property

One of our Year 4 boys has lost a grey hoodie with red writing (size: small man). Please look out for it at home in case it has gone home with your child by accident and return to the school office if you happen to come across it. Many thanks.

Children's Mass

Fr. Ciaran has invited our children and families to be part of a children's Mass at church on a Sunday morning once half termly. The first of these will be a children's Advent Mass on Sunday 29th November at 10:30am. We hope to celebrate Mass with as many families as possible.

Scholastic!

The Scholastic book fair raised £187.20 commission which will be used to purchase more books for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

Mornings

Today we had our final morning Wake and Shake of the term! Thank you to all our Year 6 Wake and Shake leaders who have woken our minds and bodies ready for learning each morning. This will make a return in the summer term. In the meantime all children will take part in our afternoon wake and shake as part of our commitment to keeping our children fit and healthy. From Monday 2nd November, all children will be asked to lead straight in to their classrooms in the morning, ready for registration at 8:55am. All teaching and learning will begin promptly at 9:00am.

Parent Governor Vacancies

There are currently two Parent Governor vacancies on our Governing Body. If you are interested or would like further information, please see Lesa Potts in the School Office. Thank you

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held Tues 10th, Wed 11th and Thurs 12th November. Appointment sign-up sheets will be available inside your child's classroom at the end of each day from Monday 2nd November (1st day back after ½ term). If you do not pick your child up from school, please contact the school office to request an appointment. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We look forward to discussing your child's progress on one of the above dates.

School Council

We have 12 new School Council representatives this year. They are:

Year 1	Reef Jefferies Laura Treleaven
Year 2	James Sandford Gracie Bowles
Year 3	Sophie Stanford Filip Goncalves
Year 4	Harvey Frape Emma Whitehouse
Year 5	Toby Andrews Sofie McColl
Year 6	Maci Jefferies Harvey Washer

Congratulations to all those who were elected!

Dates for your diary:

Parents' Evenings – Tue 10th, Wed 11th, Thurs 12th Nov.

Children's Advent Mass – Sun 29th Nov at 10.30am in Church

FOS Christmas Fayre – Fri 4th Dec, 5pm in School Hall

KS1 Christmas Performances – Tue 8th & Wed 9th Dec at 2pm, in the School Hall

KS2 Christmas Performances – Thurs 10th Dec at 6pm in Church

End of Autumn Term - Fri 18th Dec, 2pm finish

Start of Spring term - Weds 6th January 2016

Special Headteacher's Mention

Well done to Dexter Welch who has dazzled the school each day this week with his awesome dance moves at Wake & Shake and lunchtimes!