



'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'

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## COMPASSION COMMUNITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

It was so special seeing parents and children working together at the end of Friday to draw/write what St Mary's means to them on a wooden tile. I have been astounded by the creativity across our community and I know you will be amazed when you see the finished product. Karen and Alice, our two visiting artists, hope to install the final piece shortly after the holiday in term 6. The tiles will form a bee hive (connected to our learning code 'bes') on the wall above the seating area in reception. The inspiration for this installation comes from the artist David Shillinghaw.

More and more visitors to our school are writing to me or approaching me to say how impressed they are by our children's kindness. As you know, we have all been working hard to notice and celebrate random acts of kindness and compassion is one of our key values. The children at St Mary's really do make us all feel proud!

Term 5 has been a short but incredibly productive term which included year 6 sitting their Standardised Assessment Tests. Every child approached these with such calm and positivity and as the Trust Director of School Improvement commented, 'year 6 worked with such diligence.'

With warmest wishes for a relaxing holiday next week.

Sophie Westerwijk

### Dates for your diary:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – End of Term 5

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – **START OF TERM 6**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Priory Bikeability starts

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Leavers Day @ Wells Cathedral

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Y2 Singing Festival

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Summer Disco

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Trip to the SS Great Britain – Windmill & Sheepway

### Worship Group

Pupil voice is very important to us at St Mary's so we have set up a worship group whose job it is to help monitor worship across the school, support in collective worship and further develop relationships with our church community. We had our first meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and here is an account of what happened:

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Worship group have had a meeting and were talking about more lessons in the church. All of worship group think that we should have some assemblies in the church and learning about the church. We met 3 people who work for the church in our first meeting. We met them and introduced ourselves to them and they introduced themselves to us.

Their names were Jo, Anne and Rita. They told us their favourite values. We also said that we could explore new places in the church and that we could go to the church in lessons as well as just for the harvest festival and the Easter service. Our values are compassion, community, curiosity and courage.

### Parent Representatives

I would like to thank our parent reps for giving up their time to meet with me last week. I hope they join me in saying it was a positive first meeting which covered a number of important areas of school life. I will be talking to staff this week about some of the key areas that were raised in our meeting. I look forward to working with parents again in term 6.



### OUR SCHOOL VALUE IN TERM 5: COMMUNITY

*Have you seen an example of community in action at St Mary's? Please come and share this in our visitor's book in reception. We would love to read your observations and thoughts.*

### After School Clubs

#### Monday

Rounders

#### Tuesday

Cricket

#### Wednesday

Gym

#### Thursday

Football

#### Friday

Multi Sports

**Emergency Contact No**  
*(during club hours only)*  
**07598 037991**

### Celebration Assembly

We all agree that our weekly celebration assembly is a highlight of the week and the children love sharing their achievements and progress. In order to ensure we give adequate time to each child we would like to make the following changes from term 6:

In the last week of each term children will be invited to celebrate any achievements from learning outside of school – e.g. medals, trophies, certificates, letters etc. These can be brought into school and placed in the gold box in reception. There will not be any other awards in this one assembly.

We will continue to celebrate Head Teacher awards and birthdays in exactly the same way every other week.

Our School Council and Heads of Houses will be discussing how we currently celebrate frequent reading at St Mary's through our Reading Roll of Honour and Library Loyalty Card and see if they can come up with any other suggestions to promote reading for pleasure.

If you have any suggestions how we can promote and celebrate reading at St Mary's then please come and talk to us.