

# St Mary's Community Primary School

## Newsletter 14 September 2018



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We have completed our first full week and we have welcomed another two new children. Ella joined us in Year 4 on Monday and Lewis joined us in Year 5 on Tuesday. We are sure you will all join us in making them feel at home.

**Author visit:** On Tuesday, we were very lucky to be joined by the author James Campbell. James spent his time with us talking to the children about his writing and giving them all some incredible inspiration. The hall was filled with the sound of laughter for the duration of the morning, and we are sure that his visit will inject a renewed interest in reading and writing for all the children.



**Sing Up Club:** Our KS2 choir is desperately in need of more voices! The choir meet every Tuesday after school until 4pm in the Year 3 classroom. Last year, we took them to the Big Sing at the Norfolk Showground, and this year we hope to do the same. In addition to the Big Sing, we will be taking the choir to sing at two local residential care homes at Christmas, we will perform for families at a Christmas Carol Concert and we are hoping to get involved in an event singing at Norwich Cathedral in November. In order for these events to be successful, we really do need a larger choir. If your child would like to join, please contact the school office so they can be added to the list.

**House Captains:** This week we have held elections for our new House Captains and Vice Captains. Congratulations to the following Year 6 children who will represent their houses this year:-

<u>House</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>
Maple	Luke	Connie
Rowan	Jack J	BB
Oak	Sophie PC	Scott
Willow	Keira	Poppi

We will be announcing our new school council members on Monday.

**Jeans for Genes Day:** Next Friday, 21 September, we will be participating in Jeans for Genes Day. The children can wear jeans (with their usual school shirts and sweatshirts/cardigans), in exchange for bringing in £1 to donate towards the Jeans for Genes charity. We will hold a special assembly next week to explain to the children exactly where this money goes.

**Data Collection sheets:** At the beginning of next week, we will be sending home data collection sheets for each child. This is a summary of the information we hold on record for your child. Please can we ask you to check and return this paperwork to school as quickly as possible, so that we can ensure all the information we have is correct and up to date.

**Year 6 transfer to High School:** To help parents, we have listed the open evening/day dates for some of the local high schools in the Dates for your Diary section. If you require any further information, please contact the high schools directly.

Best wishes

Jessica Balado and all the staff at St Mary's

Letters sent home this week:

- Y6 - letter from Litcham School
- Y6 - SATS homework books
- Youngest - Harvest festival letter
- Reception - Tapestry letter

Proud to belong

## STAR, DIAMOND AND ANGEL OF THE WEEK

	<b>STAR:</b> Great progress 	<b>DIAMOND:</b> Great effort 	<b>ANGEL:</b> Excellent behaviour 	<b>WRITER</b> 
<b>Year 1</b>	Daniel	Toby	Poppy	Isaac
<b>Year 2</b>	Callum	Tyler	Holly	Lexi
<b>Year 3</b>	Molly K	Evie	Elijah	Jack
<b>Year 4</b>	Jake	Sophie	Riley	Ella
<b>Year 5</b>	Sophie	Poppy	Oliver	Lewis
<b>Year 6</b>	Luke	Etholle	Tilly	Leo

### Reminders from the Office

- If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by 9.30am giving full details of why your child is absent.
- JD Coaching - If your child is attending Dodgeball and Nerf combat, please ensure the form and payment is returned on Monday.

### Dates for your diary (new items are in bold and italics)

Friday 21 September	Jeans for Genes day - pay £1 and wear jeans (details to follow)
<b>Monday 25 September</b>	<b>Reception Tapestry meeting for parents 9am</b>
<b>Monday 25 September</b>	<b>Litcham meeting for parents at St. Mary's 6pm</b>
Wednesday 26 September	Individual school photos
Monday 1 October	Harvest donations to be brought in to school
Tuesday 2 October	Harvest donations to be brought in to school
Wednesday 3 October	Harvest festival
<b>Wednesday 3 October</b>	<b>Litcham Open Evening for Year 6</b>
Thursday 4 October	Year 6 and parent volunteers to deliver Harvest gifts
Thursday 4 October	PTA AGM 7pm
<b>Thursday 4 October</b>	<b>Northgate Open Evening for Year 6</b>
Monday 8 October	Walk/bike to school week (details to follow)
Tuesday 9 October	Reception 2019 prospective children visit
<b>Thursday 11 October</b>	<b>Neatherd Open Evening for Year 6</b>
<b>Thursday 11 October</b>	<b>Reepham Open Evening for Year 6</b>
Friday 12 October	Beetley Pre-school Quiz in the school hall
<b>Monday 15 October</b>	<b>Reepham Open Day for Year 6 (by appointment only)</b>
Wednesday 17 October	Last day of half term

Thursday 18 October - Friday 26 October HALF TERM

Monday 29 October	School reopens
Tuesday 6 November	Reception 2019 prospective children visit
Monday 3 December	Flu immunisations (letters to be sent home nearer the time)
Tuesday 18 December	Last day of term

Wednesday 19 December - Wednesday 2 January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Thursday 3 January School reopens