

Newsletter



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The terms' seem to be flying past since my arrival which is both exciting and frightening at the same time! As a staff we are working really hard to ensure your children continue to receive great learning opportunities in order for them to make progress and achieve. Thank you for your continued support with this by; **reading everyday, coming to school everyday and on time.**

I thoroughly enjoyed the '**certificate assemblies**' this week for Key Stage 1 and 2. Lots of children being rewarded for collecting our diamond reward tokens for keeping our diamond rules.

I have heard lots of talk from **year 2 and 3** about their trips last week to the Lookout and Oxford's Natural History Museum. These trips are a great way to motivate children into being more curious in their learning.

Another highlight for me this week was the **homework exhibition** on Wednesday after school. Lots of high quality work displayed which would have been created by children and parent's working together—just brilliant!

Other news linked to our **school improvement** journey—I have met with the new Head of Education for Reading Borough Council, Paul Wagstaff, this week and he was impressed with the focus shown by the school to improve the quality of education for all children here. We also had a visit from Mrs Marion Standing, our ex interim Head and Diocese link, and she commented positively on the changes to the school environment and the calm focus of children in their classrooms.

Our focus for this week and next will be the **assessments** that children have completed in each year group. We meet with each teacher individually to understand how we can enable children to learn faster and learn more so that they have the best opportunities later in life.

Finally, I have to mention **Year 6**, both children and staff are working like absolute Trojans' to ensure they are ready for their SATs,. Keep it up Year 6, you will be rewarded!

Candida Hutchinson

Easter Raffle

Don't forget to buy your Easter raffle ticket, for a chance to win a Easter Egg

Tickets are on sale at break time

50p each

All money raised will help to buy new playground equipment.

Easter Service



We shall be holding our school Easter service on Tuesday 20th March at All Saints Church. The whole school will walk up to the church, leaving school one year group at a time from about 1pm onwards. The service will begin at 1.45pm, and we shall walk back to school afterwards, arriving in time for the normal 3.05pm end to the school day. If you are able to walk to church with us please complete the slip on the separate letter that was sent home and return to your child's teacher. It would be lovely to see lots of parents at church so even if you are not able to walk, please come and join us.

Sport Relief

Please look out for a separate letter giving details of Sport Relief event.

Nursery

Thursday 22nd March - Nursery break up for Easter Holidays

Friday 23rd March - **NO** AM or PM Nursery (this is due to the Nursery staff doing home visits for new nursery starters.

Tuesday 10th April - Nursery return

Clubs

Clubs have now finished. There are no clubs this week. Please look out for new Club letters next term.

Easter Holidays

Break up – Friday 23rd March 2018

Inset Day—Monday 9th April 2018 (no pupils to attend)

Return to school – Tuesday 10th April 2018



Year 2 Trip to Oxford Natural History Museum

On Thursday the 8th Year 2 visited the Oxford Natural History Museum to support their understanding of history and science. They had a fantastic time looking at the fossils, skeletons, mini-beasts and various other engaging exhibits. Marcel from Dog Class said "My favourite part was looking at the model of a severed hand, it was brutal!" Tyeisha from Cat Class stated "I really liked that we could touch the fossils and not just look at them" The Year 2 teachers would also like to say how proud they are of the children's behaviour and attitude to learning. The school even received an email stating how amazing they were. Well done kids!!!



SMAS - PTA

Parents please join the Facebook group, 'SMAS PTA' or email pta@st-maryallsaints.reading.sch.uk to hear more about what's going on. Lots of help is needed to make events happen, everyone is friendly so please come and join us.

Parents please can you bring into school any old fabric - duvet/cushion covers etc for one of the parents who has offered to make up-cycled crafts to sell at the summer fair to raise money for the school. Fabric to be brought into the main school entrance on Thursday 12th & Friday 13th April.



PTA—next event

Coffee Morning

Thursday 19th April at 9am

All welcome in the school hall



Year 6 - SAT's Week—14th –17th May

A reminder that Year 6 SAT week runs from Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May 2018. Please avoid booking any medical appointments during this week.

Breakfast Club

Every morning from 8:00am to 8:40am, only £3.50 per session. Book and pay using your ParentPay account.

Reading Borough Council—Early Years Survey

Help us shape the provision of childcare in Reading.

Parents and carers are being urged to take part in a survey about the levels of childcare provision in Reading.

The annual survey is carried out to find out what users of **childcare for children aged up to 14 years, and up to 18 years for children with special needs**, think about the kind of care available in the borough. Childcare can take many forms from **childminders, nurseries and pre-schools to after-school and holiday clubs.**

The results of the survey will help the council shape future childcare provision in the town. This survey is being conducted as part of our statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006/2016 to report on the childcare sufficiency in Reading.

Everyone completing the short questionnaire will be given the chance to enter a free prize draw to win £100 of vouchers for The Oracle Reading.

The online survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K7STQ82>

Survey ends 30th April 2018