



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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AWARDS

These children were presented with awards at assemblies this week. Very well done to them.

Headteacher Certificates

These are presented to the children who have progressed in one area this half term or who have tried really hard. The following children received Headteacher Certificates:

Class A	Hettie, Zackary
Class B	Grace, Jan
Class C	Annabel, Leonardo
Class D	Omali, Teddy
Class E	Lois, Jack
Class F	Jasmine, Billy
Class G	Amelia, Adi
Class H	Maggie, George
Class I	Nicole, Harrison
Class J	Sofia, Jeffery
Class K	Molly, Jayden M
Class L	Mairead, Shaquile
Class M	Ann Marie, Archie
Class N	Gabriella, Dragos

Merit Awards

The following children received Merit Awards this half term for good work and generally trying their best:

Class A	Darcey, Max
Class B	Beatrice, Fletcher
Class C	Florence, Thomas
Class D	Ania, Leoc
Class E	Gabriela, Oskar
Class F	Maya, Freddie
Class G	Gabia, Michael
Class H	Shannon, Liam
Class I	Olivia, Matteo
Class J	Anna, Charles
Class K	Rose, Clara
Class L	Evie, Harry
Class M	Kitty, Donald
Class N	Rachel, Jacob

PSHE Awards

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) is a fundamental part of the curriculum. The following children have shown a good attitude towards others and in class generally:

Class A	Michal	Class F	Eva	Class K	Louie
Class B	Bethany	Class G	Assisi	Class L	Ashira
Class C	Mya	Class H	Paisley	Class M	Finlay
Class D	Arianna	Class I	Evie	Class N	Sam
Class E	Daniel	Class J	Evelyn		

Cyber Safety Star

Well done to the following children who received this award on national E-Safety Day. They showed great knowledge with online safety.

Class A	Darcey	Class F	Maya	Class K	Olivia B
Class B	Dolly	Class G	Julia	Class L	Ella
Class C	Isla	Class H	Layla	Class M	Sherley
Class D	Nell	Class I	Nicole	Class N	Stanley
Class E	Oliver	Class J	Samuella		



Y2 Victorian Day Assembly

Many thanks to Mrs Hansen and Mrs Bone for organising the Victorian Day assembly. I hope you enjoyed hearing about the children's experience that day. The children did very well.



RE - Lent Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday (14th February) marks the beginning of Lent. When the children return to school after the Half Term break they will notice the focal areas with a purple cloth. Lent is a new beginning so we will be encouraging the children to reflect on their actions, asking themselves how they can become better Christians. Catholics are asked to observe a day of fast on Ash Wednesday. This means abstaining from meat and just eating 2 meals. Please take note of the Mass times in your church for that day so you can receive the ashes.

Look out for Miss Gawor's letter with details about the Missio boxes. Children will receive these boxes to fill with spare pocket money during Lent, which will then go towards the charity Mission Together. There is one box per family and children are asked to bring them back to school after the Easter holiday. This charity helps the aid of overseas missions.



Nature Area

Mrs White has updated the Nature Area section on the website. The Infant children, along with the gardening club, have been up to lots of exciting activities this term. Please take a look. Maybe during the holiday the children can help with the gardening at home!



Class Assemblies

Please take note of the following Class Assembly dates:

YR	Wednesday 21 st March	2.45pm
Y1	Wednesday 7 th March	2.45pm
Y3	Wednesday 20 th June	2.45pm
Y4	Wednesday 23 rd May	Crowning of Our Lady (Fr John to confirm time)
Y5	Tuesday 27 th March	2.45pm
Y6	Thursday 8 th February	7pm

All assemblies will take place in the Gym Hall, apart from the Crowning of Our Lady. Parents and other family members are all welcome to attend.



E-Safety

Miss Dineen ran a very successful E-Safety Day on Tuesday. This is a nationwide event in schools to alert children of the power of cyber space, both positively and negatively. The importance of these days is to keep children safe. There is information on our website for parents and lots of information on line or in the press about keeping computers child friendly.

GENERAL NEWS



Giving Medicines

When children need to have medicine during the school day, parents are welcome to come and give it to them. Please try to avoid break time and lunch time as it is difficult for the Office Staff to find the children. When the children are in class it just takes a minute to run and get them. Many thanks for your support.

Parents' Evening Slips

Wednesday 14th / Thursday 15th March

Please fill in a Parents' Evening slip if you have **RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY**. Every child will get a slot and Mrs Jefferys will do her best to accommodate those parents that have requested a specific time. I hope most people can make the necessary childcare arrangements for younger children. Y5 and Y6 children are invited to join their parents to hear what the teachers have to say. It prepares them well for secondary school.

The teachers would like to encourage parents to look at their child's exercise books as they will be on show. These will be left out in the classrooms so make sure you go there first before meeting the teacher.



Dinner Money

The total for the next half term will be £58. Please pay promptly.

It is very important to inform the Main Office if your child wishes to change their lunch patterns, both Infants and Juniors. The kitchen staff always have to know exact numbers.



Birthday Cakes

On many occasions, I have requested that parents do not bring lavish treats/cakes to share with their child's class on their birthday. We are very happy to give a small plain cake but nothing more. Some parents monitor their children's intake of sugar very closely and do not want them to have big gooey treats. If we feel cakes are too sugary, you will be asked to take them home again. Please respect their views and thank you for your co-operation.



Miss Hogan would like to thank everyone for their support for WOW (Walking on Wednesdays). Today, every child will have been given details about the WOW competition, which every child can enter, and the aim is to design the next WOW badge. The theme is the seasons (Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter) so be creative! The closing date for the competition is Friday 23rd February, so a nice activity to do during half term.



Uniform

Please support the school by sending your children to school wearing the correct uniform. The school colour is navy blue so all scarves/hats/gloves should be this colour. Parents should ensure that their children are wearing the correct colour when they leave for school in the morning. Black and other coloured items should be left at home.

PA Events

Friday 9th March - Mother's Day Gifts

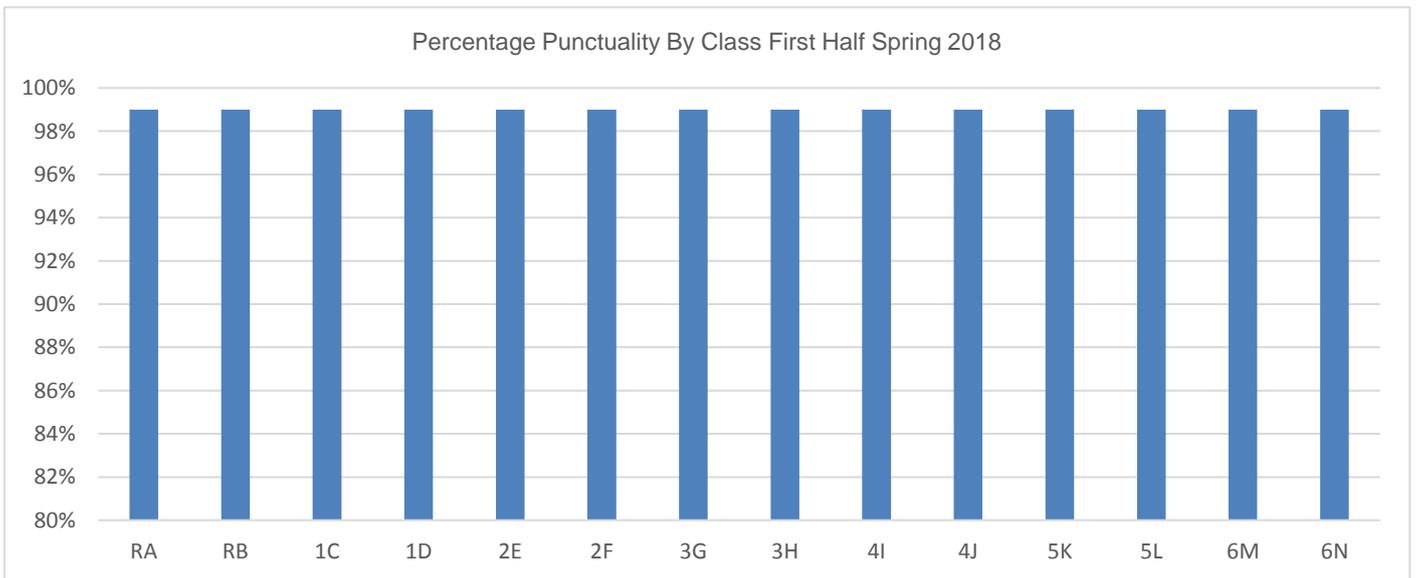
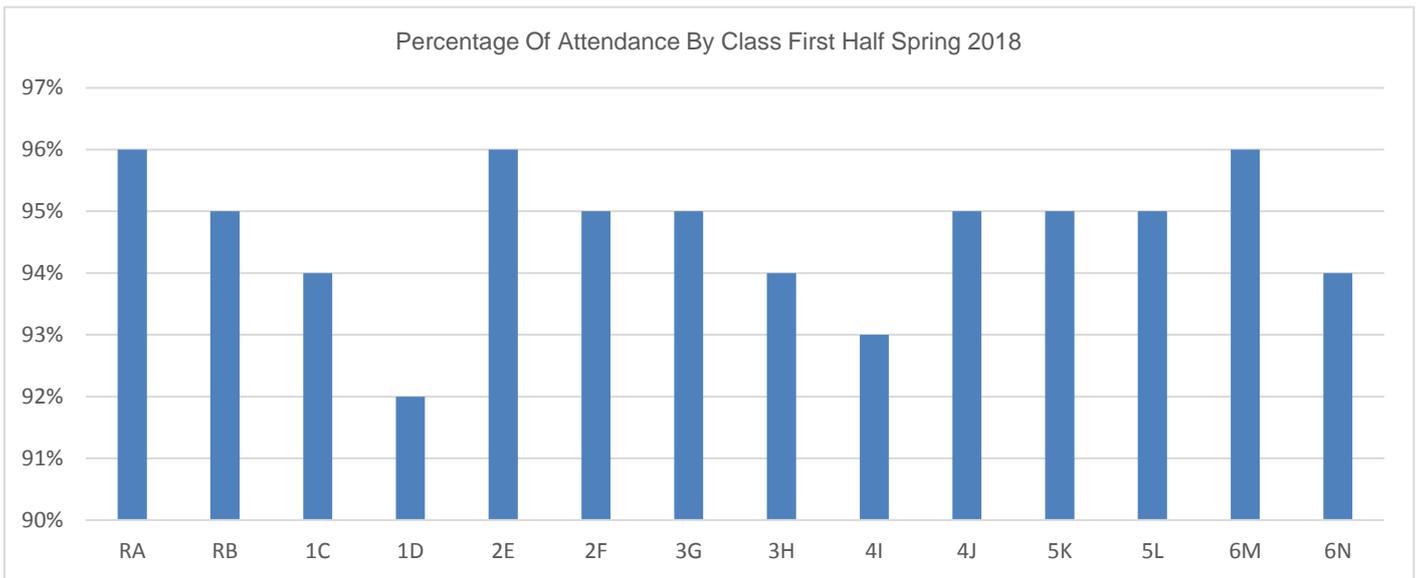
The PA will be selling Mother's Day gifts on Friday 9th March, both at lunchtime and after school. More details will follow.

Friday 16th March – Event for St Patrick's Day

Look out for the tickets which will be on sale after half term. The PA are looking forward to this new event and expect a packed hall. A live band will perform and you will be treated to an Irish dancing display. There will be a licenced bar and nibbles on the tables to keep everyone happy. There will also be a raffle with great prizes. Posters with more information will be displayed around the school so take a look.

Volunteers will also be required so if you can spare a little time please make the PA aware.

ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY



As you can see, Class D and Class I children need to do better. Their attendance has not been good since the beginning of term.

The school will be closed tomorrow as it is a Staff Training Day. Next week is Half Term so have a very enjoyable holiday.

Children should return on Monday 19th February at 8.55am

With kind regards

M A Jackson
Headteacher