



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## AWARDS

These children were presented with awards before the Christmas break. Very well done to them.

### *Headteacher Certificates*

These are presented to the children for making good progress in one area or for trying really hard. The following children have made a great start to their school year by receiving Headteacher Certificates.

<b>Class A</b>	Harriet, Kealan
<b>Class B</b>	Mary Eva, Rafe
<b>Class C</b>	Chizzy, Miles
<b>Class D</b>	Rosie, Dante
<b>Class E</b>	Daisy, Antonio
<b>Class F</b>	Olivia, Cruz
<b>Class G</b>	Albie, Monica
<b>Class H</b>	Owen, Olivia T
<b>Class I</b>	Charlie, Lena
<b>Class J</b>	Eoin, Mona
<b>Class K</b>	Finlay, Isla
<b>Class L</b>	Patrick, Kiara
<b>Class M</b>	Oscar, Megan
<b>Class N</b>	Ronald, Paeony

### *Merit Awards*

Prizes are awarded each half term (2 children per class) for good work generally. The following children received Merit Awards.

<b>Class A</b>	Isla, Barney
<b>Class B</b>	Dolly, Alice
<b>Class C</b>	Ava, Barney
<b>Class D</b>	Lilah, Augustine
<b>Class E</b>	Isla, Ethan
<b>Class F</b>	Ciara F, Ciara R
<b>Class G</b>	Leo, Molly
<b>Class H</b>	Marcus, Lucila
<b>Class I</b>	Max, Grace
<b>Class J</b>	Oskar, Caitlin
<b>Class K</b>	Finlay K, Ruby
<b>Class L</b>	Max, Rebecca
<b>Class M</b>	Joseph, Layla
<b>Class N</b>	Thomas, Olivia

### *PSHE Awards*

PSHE stands for Personal, Social and Health Education. It is a fundamental part of the curriculum. These half termly awards are very special. Many older Juniors actually vote for the child who shows great friendship, compassion and good manners generally. Children receiving this award will be entered into our Golden Award Book which can be seen outside my office.

<b>Class A</b>	Evan	<b>Class H</b>	Toby
<b>Class B</b>	Jenaro	<b>Class I</b>	Elleanor
<b>Class C</b>	Nancy	<b>Class J</b>	Joseph
<b>Class D</b>	Ivonna	<b>Class K</b>	Ben
<b>Class E</b>	Lois	<b>Class L</b>	Paolo
<b>Class F</b>	Betsy	<b>Class M</b>	Clara
<b>Class G</b>	Verity	<b>Class N</b>	Roseanna



## *Y6 Residential Trip to Wrotham*

Y6 children are very excited about their trip to Wrotham next week. The coach is expected to leave St Mary's at 10.00am. Although Y6 children may arrive after the usual time of 8.55am, everyone should be on site by 9.30am (in the Gym Hall) so last minute checks can take place. However, younger siblings must be at school by 8.55am. Provision is in place for any Y6 child arriving at the normal time of 8.55am. Please refer to the letters regarding the trip but if you have any queries, Miss Collins and Mr Sims will be happy to answer them. Daily updates will be emailed to parents by Mrs Jefferys, keeping everyone informed. Parents generally appreciate the daily news.

The children are expected to return by approx. 2.30pm on Friday. Although Y6 children may leave with their parents as soon as the teachers have checked the luggage has all arrived back safely, please do not disturb the other classes. Younger siblings will be expected to carry on until 3.15pm. Unless you have made arrangements, it may be better to wait until 3.15pm and collect your Y6 child with their younger siblings. Please be aware that Mrs Evans (SENCO) will be accompanying the group so will not be available to meet other year group parents until the week beginning 22nd January.



## *Y6 Trip*

Y6 enjoyed a trip to London last week to visit the Houses of Parliament. They had a wonderful day and the guide commented on how well behaved the children were. Well done. I always enjoy hearing these comments.



## *Walking Bus*

Mrs Whitewood and Miss Hogan are organising the next walking bus on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Every child is welcome to take part. The first bus stop on route will be outside Christchurch at 8.25am and the second on the corner of Eltham High Street and Westmount Road at 8.35am. If your child wants to take part please fill in a permission slip, situated outside the Main Office, so that Mrs Whitewood and Miss Hogan can judge the number involved.



## *Nursery Improvements*

The Nursery staff and children are very happy with their latest improvements; artificial grass in the play area and canopy sails hung between the trees providing shade. Their playground looks very jolly indeed! Many thanks to the PA for funding these improvements and to all the parents who attend, and give very generously, at the PA events.

## *Nursery Consultation*

Thank you to those parents who set aside time to complete our Consultation. The Governors will make their decision later in the term and you will be notified if there are to be any changes to the times offered.



## *Reading with your Child*

More parents are asked to listen to their children read. Every week the teachers look out for parent signatures, checking that the children are being heard at home. Ideally, Junior children should read every night and read to a parent at least once a week. This should be increased if the child is struggling. Infant children should read to a parent every evening. This increases their confidence and expands their vocabulary. Teachers expect to see all of this recorded in the child's Contact Book so please support the school. The teachers notice a big difference when the reading is done at home.

## *Website*

Our website is updated regularly by Mrs Martin and Mr Sims. Take a look at the photos on the Latest News section or under the Year Group Home pages.



## *Free School Meals Letter*

Many thanks to all the parents who have filled in the Free School Meals form. Mrs Jefferys has been asked some questions regarding the eligibility of receiving Free School meals so she will try and get some answers and get back to those who have enquired.



## *PA Event*

St Patrick's Night – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Put this ticket only event in your diary for a great celebration! There will be lots of lively music and Irish Dancers will entertain. More details will follow from the PA so look out for them.

## *Message from Charlton House*

We're very pleased to announce that we will be taking part in the London Children's Book Swap again this February at Charlton House. If you've never been before, it's a lovely event all about the love of stories and reading. Children are invited to bring along a book that they no longer want and swap it for a different one. More details will follow in the next few weeks but in the meantime, we are collecting books to get us started. Can you help? If you have any children's books that you no longer want we'd be incredibly grateful if you could donate them to Charlton House.

If you'd like any other information, please get in touch with Kayleigh Edun ([kayleigh@rght.org.uk](mailto:kayleigh@rght.org.uk))

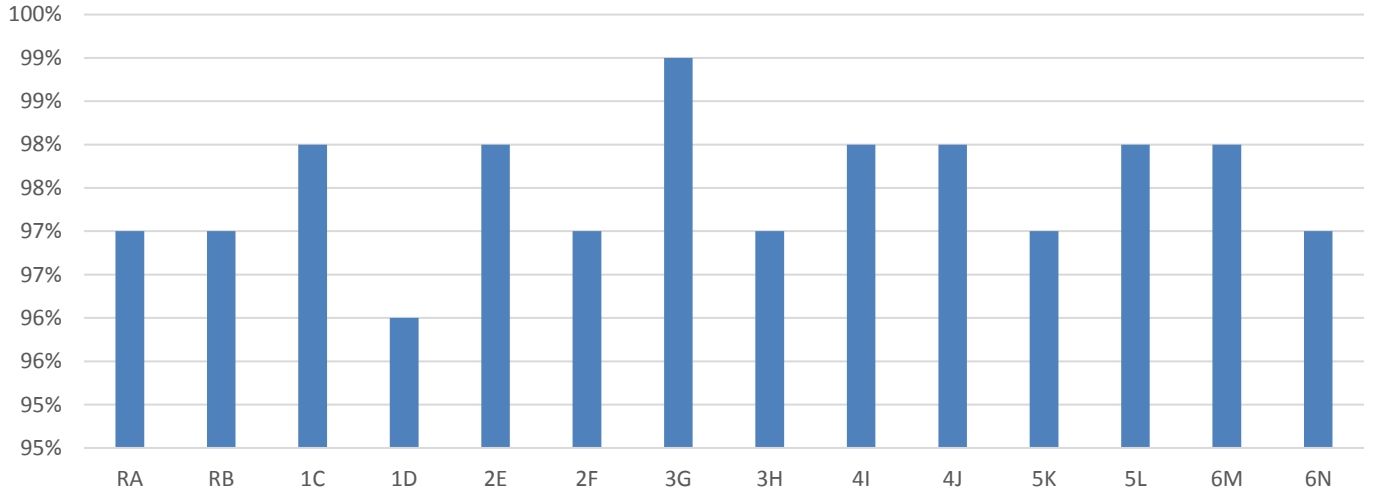
Mrs Jefferys will find out where exactly the books can be dropped off and give you the information.

## Holiday Dates

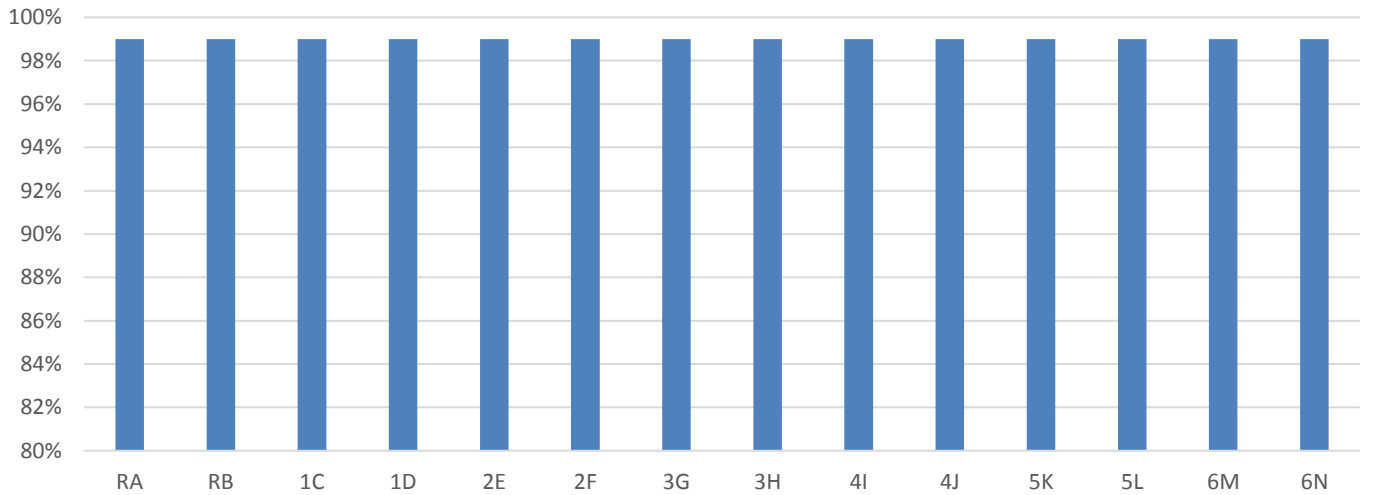
The updated holiday list for 2018/2019 is attached. Please note the Inset Days which have been added.

### ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

Percentage Of Attendance By Class Autumn 2017



Percentage Punctuality By Class Autumn 2017



With kind regards

M A Jackson  
Headteacher