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END OF TERM AWARDS



Headteacher Certificates

The children who receive the Headteacher Certificate make good progress in one area or they try really hard. The following children have been awarded the certificate for this half term:

Class A	Oliver, Gabriella
Class B	Tecla, Jenaro
Class C	Leon, Alice
Class D	Vittoria, Seline
Class E	Jack L, Oskar
Class F	Eoin, Grace
Class G	Daniel, Annabel
Class H	Rocco, Ava
Class I	Theo, Noelia
Class J	Liam, Gaia
Class K	Jayden C, Ella-May
Class L	Alfie, Evie
Class M	Samuel, Kitty
Class N	Oliver, Gabriella



Merit Awards

Prizes are awarded each half term to two children per class for producing good work throughout the half term. The following children received Merit Awards this half term:

Class A	Oscar, Betty
Class B	Noah, Jasmina
Class C	Oliver, Alice
Class D	Carlo, Nell
Class E	Kieran, Amber
Class F	Oscar, Summer
Class G	George, Verity
Class H	Cian, Olivia
Class I	Gideon, Niamh
Class J	Wole, Sherrielou
Class K	Oliver, Ella
Class L	James, Mairead
Class M	Finley, Elisabeth
Class N	Thomas, Isabella



PSHE Awards

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) certificates are awarded to children who have been good role models lately. Many of the Junior classes actually vote for the children which makes it a very meaningful award.

Class A	Giulia	Class H	Joshua
Class B	Paddy	Class I	Poppy
Class C	Ruby	Class J	Evelyn
Class D	Isaac	Class K	Oliver
Class E	Anais	Class L	Noel
Class F	Ciara	Class M	Marcus
Class G	Albie	Class N	Chloe

CURRICULUM NEWS



The children will have taken home a Wednesday Word Easter Booklet so please spend some time reading it with your children. Reading these booklets together helps the children to understand and prepare for the wonderful season of Easter. There are also puzzles for the children to complete to make it fun.

Please return the Missio Lenten Boxes when you return after the Easter holidays.

Mass Times at Christchurch (29th March - 1st April)



Thursday 29th March – MAUNDY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

8pm. This Mass includes the Procession of the Oils and the Washing of the Feet. The Blessed Sacrament will be at the Altar of Repose until midnight so please use this opportunity for silent prayer. First Holy Communicants are encouraged to attend with their parents. Some of the children will be taking part in the washing of the feet and will need to sit at the front. Teachers and assistants will be with them.

Friday 30th March – GOOD FRIDAY.

10am - Stations of the Cross

12 Noon - Children's Good Friday Liturgy

3pm – Solemn Liturgy, including the Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. There will be a Novena after this service, at approx. 5pm

Saturday 31st March – HOLY SATURDAY

10am – Blessing of Food.

11am - Novena

11am-11.50am – Reconciliation

9pm – Easter Vigil Mass.

Sunday 1st April – EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am – Children's Mass

11am- Novena

11.30am – Sung Mass



Y5 Assembly

Well done to the Y5 children for showing their parents all they know about Ancient Greece at their assembly on Tuesday. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

They also put on a great show at their samba concert on Wednesday. It was so well attended and I hope everyone felt as uplifted as I did. It was great to see so much support from parents and other family members. Thank you to Michael Thomas for teaching samba to the children.



Music Lessons

Please note that violin, flute and clarinet lessons will resume on Monday 23rd April. Payment for lessons for the full term is £65 and must be paid at the beginning of the term. Cheques should be made payable to the tutor.



Liturgical Dance

Y3 put on a splendid Liturgical Dance display on Tuesday for their families. I hope you enjoyed seeing them. Many thanks to the Liturgical Dance teacher and the Y3 teachers, Mrs Turpin and Ms Greene.

After the Easter holiday, it will be the turn of Y1 children to undertake Liturgical Dance every Tuesday morning.

GENERAL NEWS



Travel News - Golden Lock

After the Easter holiday, Miss Hogan, along with the Junior Travel Ambassadors, will randomly choose a scooter/bicycle from the Bike Shelter and fix a Golden Lock to it. This lock will not hinder the use of the scooter or bike in any way but the owner of the selected scooter/bike will receive a small prize. The idea behind this is to encourage children to come to school using their scooters or bikes instead of using the car.



Parking around the School

Following on from the last message about encouraging your child to walk/scooter/bike to school, the parking around the school continues to be a concern. Residents get very irate when cars are parked in front of their driveways, stopping them from entering or leaving their houses. They are often spoken to abusively and subsequently phone the school in an angry frame of mind.

The police visited the school recently to say that they are keeping an eye on this school as complaints about parking have increased. I realise everyone is busy but as most of the pupils in this school live in the local area and should be able to walk to school, parking should not be a problem. It takes less time in the long run to walk and although children may moan to start with, they soon get used to it as it becomes part of their school day.

Try to leave the car at home for two or three days per week to start with and possibly extend to five days. Alternatively, park your car away from the school and walk the remaining distance.

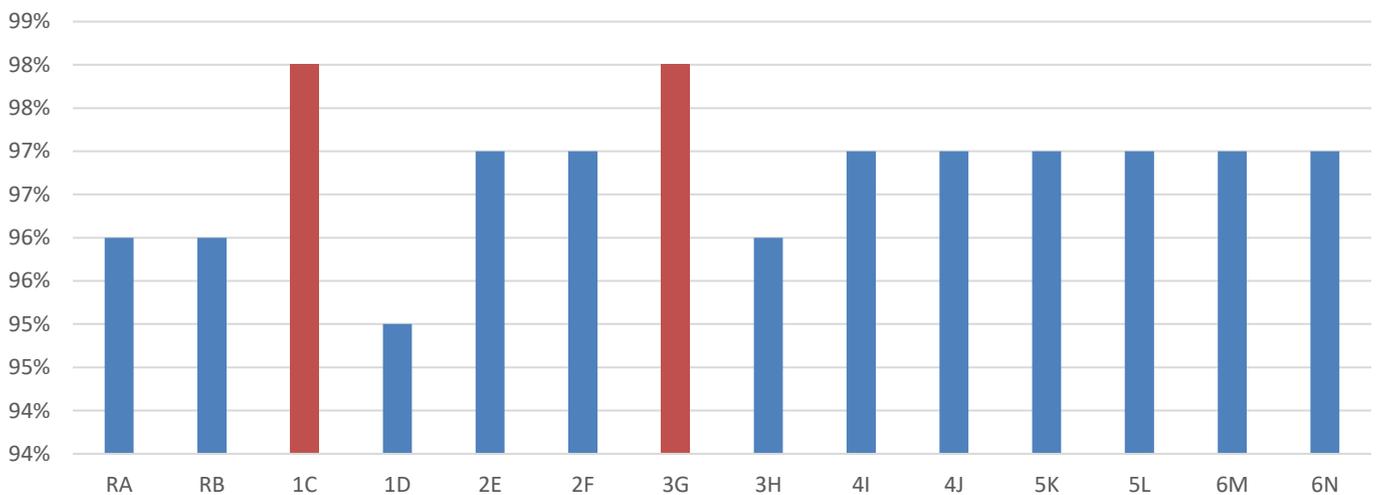


School Dinners

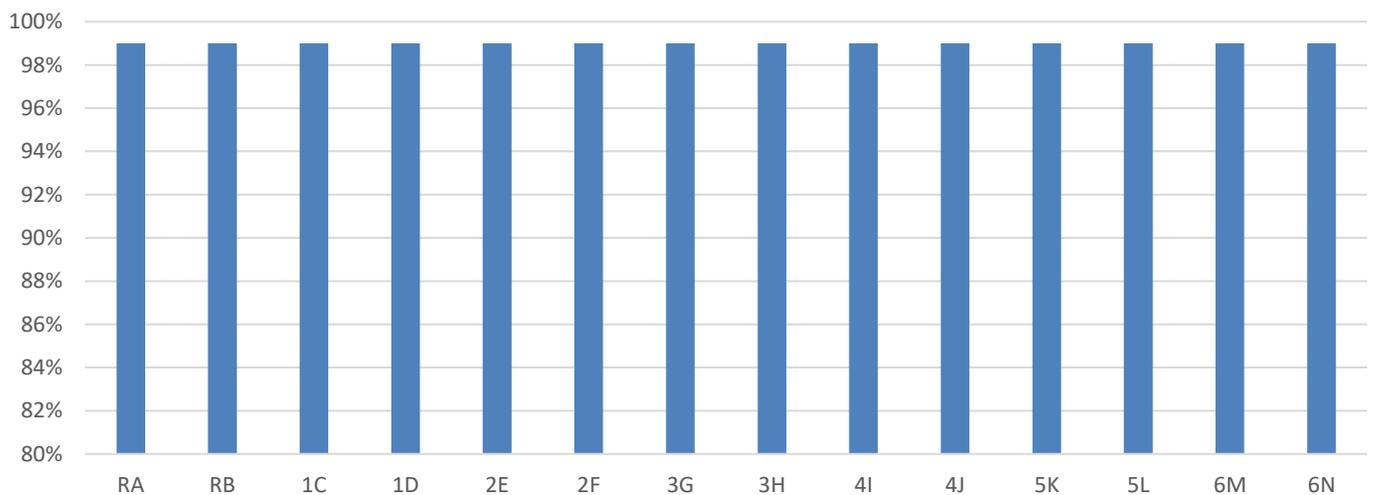
Please take a look at the new menu which every child took home in their bookbag this week. It will come into effect after the Easter holidays.

ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

Percentage Of Attendance By Class Second Half Spring 2018



Percentage Punctuality By Class Second Half Spring 2018



As you can see, Classes C and G have the best attendance. Well done to Miss Phipps, Mrs Harkin and Mrs Turpin, along with their children who should be congratulated.

Children in Class D needs to improve!

PA Information

Easter Egg Hunt - I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter bunny worked very hard today! There were shrieks of delight from the children! It was a lot of fun and a lovely way to start the holiday. Many thanks to Mrs Kingdon and the PA volunteers for hiding the eggs. They did a great job and to the PA for organising the event. It takes a lot of time and effort but worth it all in the end.

Deadline for entries to the School Magazine is Friday **20th April**. Please refer to the email with more details so encourage your children to put something together over the Easter holiday. It is a fun thing to do and children love to see their work appearing in the annual magazine. You can email the work directly to the PA on stmarysmagazine@googlemail.com or drop it to the Main Office if you would prefer. The magazine will go on sale at the Summer Fayre on Saturday 16th June.

Also, please enquire if you would like to place an ad in the magazine. There is space available and the advertising rates are very competitive.

The ever popular Quiz Night is scheduled for Saturday 28th April so put the date in your diary if you fancy a challenge! It is always a very popular evening so if you can get a team together make sure that you get your tickets early. Teams can have up to eight people so if you haven't got eight you may join up with another team on the night. It is all good fun!

Tickets are £5 each and the PA are selling the tickets now. Please phone Emma Rowley on 07731 815333 or email stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com for ticket details.

Message from Mr Paul Drake - Chair of the Governors

It has been another busy term for the school with lots of exciting and interesting activities taking place and it's also very pleasing to see the wonderful displays around the school.

There has been a rapid growth in the number of table tennis tables in the playground; we are delighted that the pupils have taken to this great activity as enthusiastically as they have done.

Governors are grateful to Miss Jackson and the whole staff for coming together during the recent bad weather and keeping the school open for the benefit of the pupils. It wasn't easy as maintaining a safe and warm environment is of paramount importance but the team rose to the challenge admirably. As we celebrate Easter we hope that the winter days are behind us and the summer uniform can make a welcome appearance.

Our recruitment campaign for a new Headteacher for September continues after the holiday and I will update you all once we have some news to share.

It only remains for me on behalf of the Governing Body, to thank you for your support of our school and wish you and your families a wonderful Easter and a well-deserved break.

If you would like to make contact then please leave a message at the school office or email me via governors@stmarys-catholic-primary.org

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE

Today is the final day of this term (Thursday 29th March). Children will be expected to return on Tuesday 17th April in summer uniform. If you have any queries regarding the uniform please do not hesitate to ask. Enjoy your break and we will look forward to seeing you all full of the joys of Spring!

Please include this "Prayer for Refugees" in your prayers this Easter season.

Dear Lord, as the snowdrops and daffodils start to bloom we welcome the first signs of Spring and the hope for better things. We pray that the poor, the homeless and the refugees may share in this hope and in the realisation of their dreams. We pray for the peace needed for their long term resettlement.

With kind regards and God Bless

M A Jackson
Headteacher