



St Mary's CE Primary Academy

Newsletter 28

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class News

Orchard Class began their musicianship programme this week with their first Ukulele session which was much enjoyed by everyone! The children will have 10 sessions over the summer and we hope to share a small performance with families later in the term. Children have been asked to take their instruments home each week so that they can practice, then bring them back to school on Monday mornings so that they can be quarantined before being tuned ready for Wednesday's lessons. Please remind your child to bring their ukulele in each Monday morning.



Orchard Class have recently been introduced to an online reading programme, myLexia. Your child's personalised programme can be accessed via a link on their Google Classroom. The children should be familiar with their login details, which were used in class this week. If you need a reminder, please email the office. Please ask your child to use myLexia at home alongside their regular reading routine.

STOP PRESS: Orchard Class Request – if you have a torch or a globe at home, please could children in Orchard Class bring them in to school on Tuesday morning to assist with their Science topic. Thank you!

Pippin class have been observing their plants. As you can see, lots of the plants have grown and they have documented week 2 in our bean plant diaries. We have also been exploring wild flowers and went on a wild flower hunt, creating tally charts to show the most and least common. Year 1 have been focusing on multiplication and division and have been focusing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They have really aimed high this week and their attitudes towards maths has been fantastic. A particular well done to them.



Reception's focus book has been "Aliens love underpants!" this week. For one of their writing tasks this week they had to write a warning letter to the Aliens, to stop them from taking the underpants! They all used their phonics knowledge to sound out the words they wanted to write.

After School Club

After School Club have had a great week of activities, including an online drawing tutorial, making giant Mikado sticks at cooking club and some wildlife photography! There are currently still spaces available if you would like to book your child in - please contact the office.

Pre-School Provision

We are delighted to announce that with the support of the Acorn MAT, we will be re-opening our Pre-School provision in September. This is an exciting opportunity to expand our provision and grow our school. We will soon send out by email an online Google Form so that we can gauge interest in Early Years provision and tailor it to meet the needs of local families. If you know anyone who may be looking for a pre-school for their child, please encourage them to contact the office so that we can send them this form. Our goal is to enhance the opportunities we can provide for our children and we would like to thank you for your support - further details will be announced as soon as we can confirm them.

Uniform

We would like to remind parents about our uniform rules, including hair accessories, which should be small and in school colours, and socks/tights, which should be navy, black, grey or white. Please see the school website for a reminder of our uniform list. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in their correct uniform.

Golden Apples

Congratulations to Rosie, Norah, Roman and Cameron who were all awarded Golden Apples this week.



Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend! We look forward to seeing everybody back on **Tues 4th May**.

Miss Smith

Head of School