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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 1st March 2024, WEEK 2

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Always thinking about ways to get our news out there to keep you fully up to date with school life, we have looked at some research. Studies show that the best time to send out alerts is on a Sunday around 5pm - apparently at this time parents have a bit of breathing space - do you? We are going to give it a go; so, our newsletters from next week will come to you on Sundays at 5pm rather than Fridays after school when you are likely to be at your busiest preparing for the weekend. Let us know what you think.

We are looking forward to Quiz and Curry this evening and our staff teams are hoping to retain the trophy won in November - come on team St Mary's! Keep an eye on X and Instagram to find out if we were successful!

Racism Assemblies

This week the children attended special assemblies on racism. Of course, we were careful to make sure the content was age-appropriate. The infant site heard about Elmer the elephant who just wanted to be like everyone else, but learned the other elephants love him because he is different. Middle site and Junior site children heard about the law - the Equality Act and the protected characteristics, they were taught about melanin and what they must do to give racism the **RED CARD**.

Please have conversations at home about racism, the more the children are educated about it the less likely they are to make mistakes. Here is a link to some helpful advice for parents:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>

Weekly attendance: w/c 26th February 2024

Well done to Reception for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - for the highest attendance and to Year 5 for the least lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	4	98.64%
Year 1	14	95.08%
Year 2	5	97.54%
Year 3	3	97.66%
Year 4	3	98.52%
Year 5	2	97.06%
Year 6	9	95.33%
Whole School	40	97.14%

OTHER NEWS

World Book Day - a reminder

The children (and adults) are invited to dress up as a book character for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March; we encourage you to use what you already have at home to customise an outfit rather than having to buy something new. Children are also encouraged to bring in their favourite book or story to share with their peers in class.

Year 2 and 3

There will be no Celebration Assembly on the Middle Site on Thursday 7th March because of a special World Book Day assembly with governors on the same morning.

Red Nose Day/Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March we encourage everyone to wear something red and learn a joke - it's all about doing something funny for money!

Here is the link to our Just giving page.
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-st-marys-church-of-england-primary-school-c8b031e2-600d-47e7-ba70->

FINALLY

Marking two years of war in Ukraine

Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. We ask for you to be with all – especially children who are suffering through war. Lord for those who are anxious and fearful. For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives. And for those who have lost loved ones. Lord hear our prayers.

Yours sincerely



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