



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd November 2018

This week, we have been...

Thinking about our well-being. As it has been well-being week, the children have been learning about the importance of looking after their physical and mental health. Classes have taken part in a range of activities, including online safety, mindfulness, anti-bullying and circle time. We will be continuing to have this as a focus for the rest of the term.

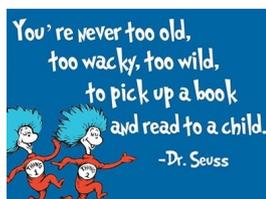
Friends of St Mary's

Although it seems almost a distant memory now, the Monster Ball was great fun and we are really grateful to all the people who helped to organise it, and who came along and supported it. The Friends raised **£148** for the school, which is fantastic - thank you very much!



Reading workshop with Mr Knight

Apologies that we had to postpone Thursday's reading workshop with Mr Knight. He will be running it on this Thursday (29th November) for parents of KS2 children at 9:00.



Celebrating our community

One of the things that makes St Mary's so special is the fact that we have families who come from all over the world! To celebrate this, we are making a display in the hall. From Monday, please come and put a dot on the map to show which country you are from. If you have any interesting facts about your country, please let me know and I will put

them on the display and in the newsletter. Thank you.

Message from Mrs Leith

We have the opportunity to run a course called 'Best start for Boys'. It is a 5 week course for parents of boys, and looks at both myths and facts about boy children. It seeks to create a greater understanding of their specific needs. The course aims to support parents in developing strategies for engaging boys in ways that suit each individual. Please let Mrs Leith know if you would be interested, and which day/time would be best for you.

Attendance Champions

Our school attendance target is 96% and we need everyone's help to help us reach it! Each week, we celebrate the class who have the best attendance.

This week, Y5 are attendance champions with 97.08% —well done!



F1 85%; F2 96%; Y1 93%; Y2 87%; Y3 92%; Y4 96%; Y6 96%

Golden Clock award

We also launched a new award in assembly today - the Golden Clock award for punctuality! The most punctual class each week will be able to use the Golden clock, and the class with the best punctuality over the term will have a special breakfast. The first winners of the Golden Clock are **F2** - well done!

Assemblies

Friday 30th November - Year 5

Friday 7th December - Year 4

Dates of Christmas performances and events are on the school website.

Have a lovely weekend - wrap up warm!

Libby Granite, Head of School