



St Mary's Newsletter



January 2019



Welcome back and Happy New Year

All the staff would like to wish you and your families a happy, healthy New Year. We would also like to thank you for your generosity and kind gifts at Christmas. The staff's annual collection for Cafod (rather than exchanging Christmas cards) raised over £100!

We raised enough to purchase...

*2x Happy Queen Bees
Chirpy Chickens
Wonderful worms
and a Goat that gives!*



In the event of snow closure, a decision will be made by 7.15am and you will be contacted by text message very soon after that time. Please ensure all mobile numbers are up-to-date with the office.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the Christmas Jumper Day collection for Save the Children, we raised £157



...Make the World Better With a Sweater...www.savethechildren.org.uk





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Outdoor Nativity

Thank you to all who attended the Nativity. Special thanks for organising this amazing event go to...

Absolute Media	- Jon foster
Acute Ambulance	- Kieren Gibson
Noah the Donkey	- Elaine (Lovely View Farm)
Eric the Ram	- The Griffin Family

My thanks to all the amazing staff who began planning this time last year!



Spending of the "Sugar Tax" Grant



We are delighted to share pictures of our newly refurbished kitchen. Courtesy of applying for a grant from the Government's "Sugar Tax".



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Friends of St Mary's - News

100 CLUB - You need to be in it to win it!

100 CLUB – Join now to help raise funds for the school and have the chance to win a cash prize.

The result of the December 2018 draw is as follows:

Drawn by Julia Pearce & Louise Cook

			Prize
1st prize	97	No winner*	£37.04
2nd prize	43	No winner*	£22.22
3rd prize	18	No winner*	£14.81

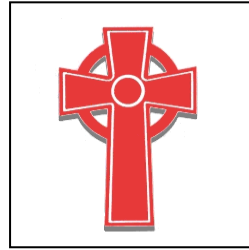
* Winnings rolled-over to January draw

We have a double rollover – our January prize fund is £98.07!

If you would like to join the 100 club and be in with a chance to win, pick up an application form from the school office.



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By Annabelle, Minna, Sophia and Kirsten Year 6!

Welcome to the first edition of the,



St. Mary's Crow!

We were very lucky last year with all our privileges. So many exciting things have been going on around the school!

A little while ago we got brilliantly designed wildlife themed library, that is great for stretching our imaginations to the limits. It is an educational place for us all to share in each others company.

With the money that the whole school has raised we have bought some lovely animals that all the children and adults are very fond of! The chickens love the fresh grass picked from around the coop and lay delicious eggs that are used for cookery lessons! There are also the Guinea pigs that always want a cuddle!

The teachers have also worked really hard to bring joy to all the pupils of the school, with our amazing wildlife garden at the bottom of the field. A sensory path has been built under the canopy of summer greenery as you walk under it. Some of our artwork has been transferred to the trees from inside the building which gives this magical place a pleasant, unique feel!

Another exciting event that marks an amazing milestone for our school, is the outdoor nativity. This was an event that took quite some planning and organisation that all the children and their families really enjoyed. Many of the children entered the Noah the donkey art competition raising money for the incredible Noah the donkey coming in for his brilliant rehearsals. The drone was a big hit and it even reached the local radio station, 3 Counties, where Mrs. Reid was interviewed live shortly before the event!

As you already know, we have had a great start to the year, and we wish you and your families all the best for 2019!





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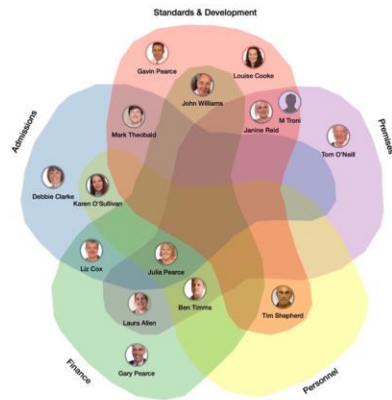


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NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

What do the governors actually do?

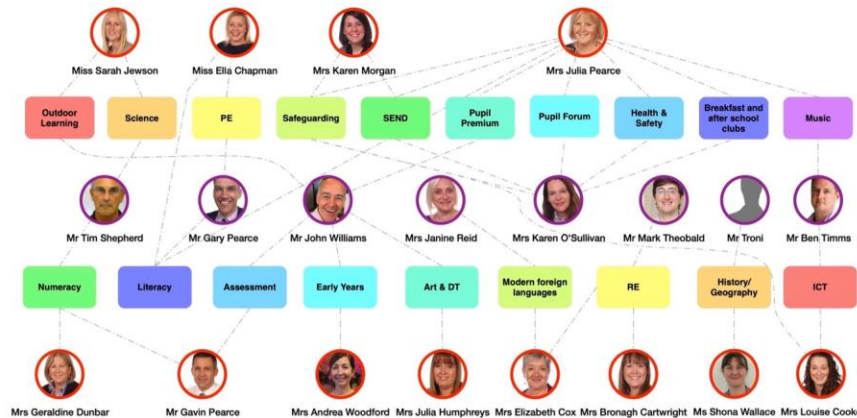
We meet six times a year all together as a full governing body, where Mrs Pearce reports on what's happening in the school, we review results, make strategic plans, and share topics from the various subcommittees.



Each member of the governing body is on at least one subcommittee who meet at least once a term. Each subcommittee deals with a specific aspect of how the school operates: finance; personnel; standards and development; admissions; and premises.

The school provides updates and reports to each committee, for example: financial reports for the finance committee; assessment data for the standards and development committee; and facilities audits and reports for the premises committee, amongst other things.

Every governor also takes on one or more subject areas as a "link" role which involves coming into school to learn more about how it is taught, meeting with the teacher who coordinates that particular subject across the school and talking about any development plans and what resources might be needed. The idea being to give the governing body a broad overview of the teaching in the school and visibility of specific needs as they arise.



To learn more about who the governors are, what they do, and how to get in touch: please visit <https://www.stmarysroyston.co.uk/our-school/governors>



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DATES

Mon 21st Jan

Y6 Pantomime, parents welcome
Performance, 1.30pm.

Fri 25th Jan

Holocaust Assembly, parents welcome.
Please note this is not suitable for pre-
school children, 2.30pm

Thurs 31st Jan & Fri 1st Feb

Y3 Burwell House Trip

Fri 1st Feb

Cake Sale Y5

WB 4th Feb

ESafety week

Weds 13th Feb

Parents Evening, 6-8pm

Thurs 14th Feb

Parents Evening, 3.30 – 5.30pm

Fri 15th Feb

Country Dancing Day (Children only)

End of half term, 3.15pm

Half Term 18th to 22nd February

Mon 25th Feb

School re-opens at 8.50am