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Autumn Term 2019 Term 2 Week 4

Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Parent,

If you have any particular problems or questions please feel free to email me (head@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk), catch me on the playground or call to make an appointment to see me.

Liam Jordan (Head Teacher)

Activity Clubs finished this week. Information regarding bookings for Activity Clubs starting in January, as well as Breakfast Club and After School Club, will be emailed to parents next week.

FOSM Christmas Fundraising & Events – Christmas season 2019

Raffle tickets: Please return any outstanding tickets by Monday.

Bring a bottle for non-school uniform day Tuesday 3rd December.
 Please leave bottle donations on the table underneath the shelter.

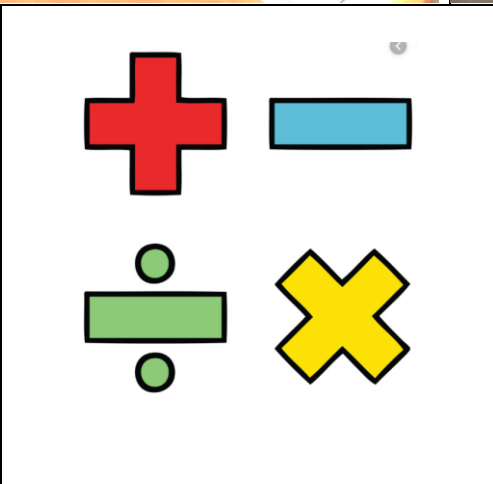
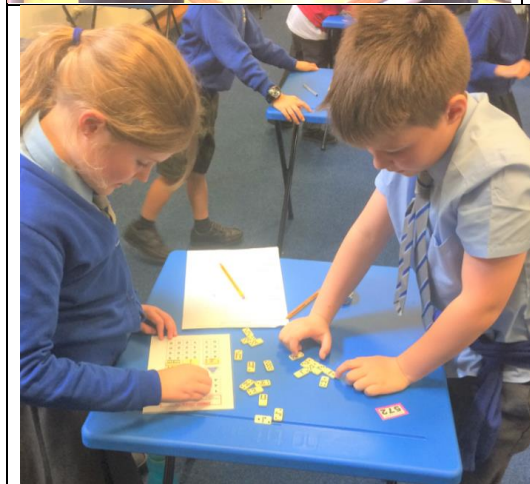
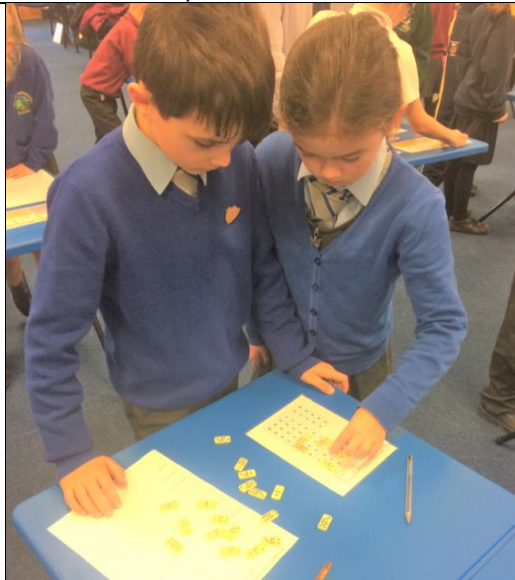
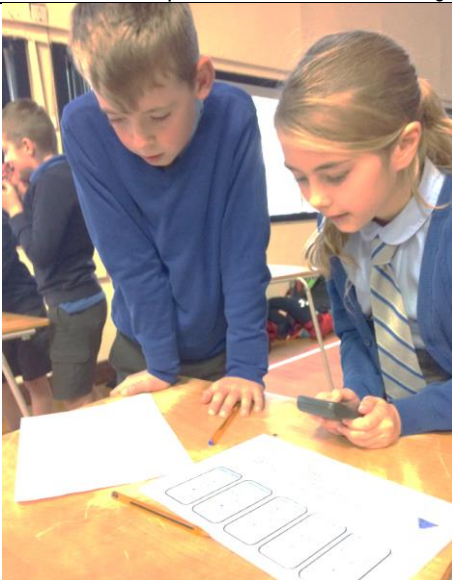
The **Christmas Fayre** takes place on Friday 6th Dec from 4.30-6.30pm



Maths Competitions

Each year schools from across Gloucestershire participate in a series of maths challenge events. The challenges take the form of timed puzzles and problems that the children tackle in pairs. The competition is fierce as some of the sharpest young maths minds in the county pit their wits against each other. This year the events were open to Years 4, 5 & 6 and we were able to enter two pairs per event. The children performed really well and finished well up the leaderboards in every single event. It wasn't all hard work though as each event ended with tea and cakes!

Well done to all the children who represented St Mary's so brilliantly (Emeka, Aahil, Martim & Jairus Y6; Bill, Joshua, Charlie & Aimee Y5 and Jimmy, Danna, Emilia & Harry Y4). Special thanks to Mrs Cullimore who accompanied all the teams and organised them brilliantly.



Governing Body Vacancies

- The Governing Body are seeking nominations for parent governors to serve from January 2020 (typically for a four-year term). If you wish to nominate a parent to stand for election, or nominate yourself, please email clerk@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday 2nd December 2019. If you would like more information, or have any questions, please email me on head@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk
- The current Clerk to Governors (Siobhan Padfield) will be stepping down from her role in the near future. We would like to thank Siobhan for her valuable contribution and endeavor during her time in post. We are now seeking to recruit a new Clerk (to commence the role in January 2020). If you would like more details about the post, please visit the school website or email the school office.

Be a School Governor



NOTIFYING SCHOOL OF PUPIL ABSENCE: If your child is absent for any reason please TEXT school by 09:15 on a daily basis to 0778 620 8450. Information required: Pupil Name & Year Group plus reason for absence / type of illness. NB The text system is for reporting absence only - for general messages / enquiries please ring or email admin@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

House Points

Ruby 1254		Sapphire 1245		Amber 1300		Emerald 1421	
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
1 st Grace	1 st Harry	1 st Emmanuel	1 st Szymon	1 st Oliver	1 st Lily E	1 st Allegra	
2 nd Emily	2 nd Annabelle	2 nd Grace	2 nd Francesca	2 nd Sylvie	2 nd Aimee	2 nd Dylan	
3 rd Annabelle	3 rd Ugo	3 rd Orlaith	3 rd Kuba	3 rd Chipo	3 rd Rafael	3 rd Jennyfer	

A Team Football

It was a thoroughly wet and miserable afternoon; as the light faded and the rain persisted, the likelihood of a free-flowing match was remote. The match was reduced to 10 minutes per half, due to the late arrival of the away team, and we started very slowly. King's opened up a 2 goal lead but thanks to Roman's clinical strike (from his first touch of the ball having come off the bench) the arrears were reduced to one by half-time. Unfortunately, the second half was just as hard work as the first, we huffed and puffed but created few chances and, when King's added a third, we knew that it was not going to be our day.

Final score St Mary's 1:3 King's Manager's MOTM: Allegra Players' MOTM: Roman



This week's recipients of our **GROWTH MINDSET Awards** for each class are:

- Reception - Freddie & Amelia**
Year 1 - Isaac & Alexis **Year 2 - Amelia & Brooklyn**
Year 3 - Alex & Roko **Year 4 - Amelia & Chipo**
Year 5 - Rafael & Olivia **Year 6 - Martim & Quentino**



Stars of the Week

- Reception Lloyd Clubley - for his lovely writing of a party list.
Y1 Paisley Hannaford - for working hard to make a moving vehicle.
Y2 Orlaith Gardiner - for her great letter written as a WWI soldier.
Y3 Francesca Tomasino - for working so hard in maths using division and not giving up.
Y4 Harry Lyons - for his fantastic informative poster about how to look after your teeth.
Y5 Erin Wallace - for being a supportive and encouraging talk partner.
Y6 Allegra Fortey - for being a super helpful member of Year 6.



Term 2: Monday 4 th November – Friday 20 th December 2019	
Mon 25 th – Friday 29 th November	-Last week of after-school clubs for the Autumn Term
Friday 6 th December	-FOSM Christmas Fayre*
Tuesday 10 th December	-10:00 Infant Nativity*
Wednesday 11 th December	-14:00 Infant Nativity *
Wednesday 18 th December	- School Christmas dinner day & Christmas Jumper day. -Autumn Term Pupil Assessment reports sent home to parents.
Thursday 19 th December	-Junior Nativity Performances*: GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL 13:45 (-14:45) & 16:00 (-17:00). This event is free but tickets will be issued to parents / families for admission.
Friday 20 th December	-09:15 Christmas service (Our Lady's Church) * -Final day of term. School closes 15:15.
Christmas Holidays: Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January. Pupils return on Monday 6 th January.	
*Parents are welcome to attend these events	

Forest School WEEKLY Timetable

Sessions run as normal for the next two weeks.
There are no Forest School Sessions in the final week of term (Thursday 19th & Friday 20th December).

	Thursdays	Fridays
AM (9:15-10:30)	Year 4	Reception
AM (10:45-11:50)	Year 3	Year 1
PM (13:05-14:10)	Year 2	Year 5
PM (14:10-15:05)	Year 6	Project Group

OFSTED Parent View <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Parent View is the online medium by which parents can record their views about a school. OFSTED have recently updated the online questionnaire and it is important that the views of St Mary's parents are logged on the site (as the outcomes are not only used as part of an inspection but reviewed by the school governors). We would be really grateful if you could find a few minutes to visit the Parent view site (<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>) and submit a questionnaire – the process is anonymous and the information gathered helps inform school priorities and planning.



Reminder – The School day starts at 08.50am: The School gates are opened at 08.40am. The front gate is closed at 08.55 and the rear gate at 09.00. NB Late arrivals must be signed in at the office by an adult. Thank you.