

Week 2 26th January 2024

Value-Perseverance



This week during Collective Worship we looked at James Tissot's painting and reflected on Joseph, Mary and Jesus' escape to Egypt. Mary and Joseph had to persevere in their quest to escape from King Herod to keep Jesus safe.

Attendance

Just a reminder about the Government's attendance campaign "**Moments matter, attendance counts**".

In order for our pupils to achieve their very best it is important that their attendance is good. Every lesson really does count for your child and catching up on lost time from school can be really difficult. Good attendance is linked to increased achievement, positive relationships with other children, and improved learning behaviours.

We are seeing an increase in children who are late, please ensure that your child arrives on time. Pupils arriving after 8.55am will be classed as late and must report to the school office to be signed in by parents or carers



Minutes Late	Number of Days of Lost Learning Over the Year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance.

This week some of our children have been fantastic role models for St Mary's school!

On Monday, our wonderful choir took part in 'Young Voices' at the Resorts World arena in Birmingham. It was an amazing experience with 6500 children singing together.

On Friday, our Year 6 '6' aside Football team played very well against some really strong teams.

Well done everyone!

Measles

As you may have read in the press, there is currently an outbreak of Measles. Vaccination UK have asked to send this message to parents. Please also look out for the MMR Leaflet.

'There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands.

Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have first been given at the age of 1 years-old, and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months.

If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact Vaccination UK on 01384 431712 to make an appointment. This will be at an alternative venue and NOT at the school.

We are able to administer the MMR to any adult who requires either dose, please check the NHS app, to see if you are eligible, prior to calling.'

Diary Dates

We have lots of exciting events taking place this term.

- National story telling week 29th January- 4th February 2024 – Special activities are planned across school, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Kingswinford Library. Letter to follow with further information.
- Internet safety day 1st February 2024
- Child' mental health week 5th February 2024
- Chinese New Year 9th February 2024
- World Book Day 7th March 2024
- Red Nose Day 15th March 2024
- Pioneer Centre Year 4 residential 4th-6th March 2024

As we think about our value of Perseverance join us as we pray,

Dear God,

Sometimes it's hard to keep going,

Thank you that when I am feeling weak, tired and feel like giving up,

I can always depend on you,

Help me to persevere in good times and more difficult times.

Amen