

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As our very long first half term comes to an end (8 weeks!) I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful experiences the children have enjoyed so far. Year 6 had a fabulous day in Cosford learning about what life in Britain was like during the war. Year 1 have been to the library and Year 3 have taken part in 'Experience Harvest' at the church. Finishing on a high, everyone has been amazing today in our house football festival. Trying their best in all matches and supporting their friends and team mates to do the same.

The second half of our Autumn term is set to be just as exciting with the introduction of Forest School, football and multi-skills after school clubs. Years 3 and 5 will also be having Forest School as part of their school day on a Thursday, which we are then hoping to roll out to different year groups each half term. In addition, Years 4 and 2 will be visiting the Black Country Museum and the choir will be busy preparing for Young Voices.

It has been great to have the opportunity to welcome parents into school for class open evenings and parent's evening and we hope that you have found these useful opportunities to find out more about your child's learning. Communication with families remains a priority for us and we can't wait to welcome you to celebrate Christmas with us towards the end of the term.

Mrs Wainwright

### ATTENDANCE



**Well done to Years 1 & 4 who have been our best attenders this month!**

The government states that 'good school attendance' is that over 96%. In October so far, both years 1 and 4 have achieved this with Year 2 not far behind them. We would love to see all of our classes hit 96% by Christmas!

If your child is not in school, for any reason it is important that you inform us of the reason for their absence as soon as possible. If we do not know where children are, school will need to carry out home visits to check your children are safe and well.

### WORSHIP

Our worship this month has focused on teamwork and how we can build each other up and support each other to achieve. We have reflected on how being passionate about certain things can sometimes cause us to get angry- just as Jesus did in the temple- and what we can do when we are angry to help us to regain calm. The children have learnt all about the food bank and how generosity is important across many religions. At Harvest we think about generosity of the spirit and how all small good deeds can add up quickly to make big changes to the world.

### DIARY DATES

- 4.11.24- Children return to school**
- 10.11.24- Remembrance service at St Mary's church, House Captains to lay wreath.**
- 14.11.24- Diwali Dance Workshop- PE kits**
- 25.11.24- INSET SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 2.12.24- PTA funded in school Pantomime**
- 4.12.24- Years 2&4 BCLM visit**
- 13.12.24- Christmas Fayre 6pm-8pm**
- 17.12.24- EYFS Christmas Event with parents**
- 18.12.24- KS1 Nativity**
- 19.12.24- KS2 Carol Service St Mary's 1:30PM**

### CONTACTING SCHOOL

**If you would like to request an appointment with the SENDCO (Ms Palmer) or another member of SLT or for general enquiries, please contact the school office:**

**Phone Number:** 01384818295

**Email:** [info@st-mary-ki.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-mary-ki.dudley.sch.uk)

**You can also use Class Dojo Messaging to contact SLT and your child's teacher.**

### SAFEGUARDING

At St Mary's we appreciate that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details shared opposite. Our Safeguarding and child protection policy can be found on our school website.



# HOUSE CAPTAINS SCHOOL UPDATE



**FIRE** by Jenson and Brooke

When talking to us about their lessons children told us how they enjoyed learning and liked their class teachers. Year 4 told us they particularly enjoy English and Geography. Other children talked about how they love to listen to stories.



**WATER** by Annie and Eden

At St Mary's we always have fun competitions which pupils say that they enjoy. They like that the competitions are a good opportunity to exercise and it's something that every child can take part in.



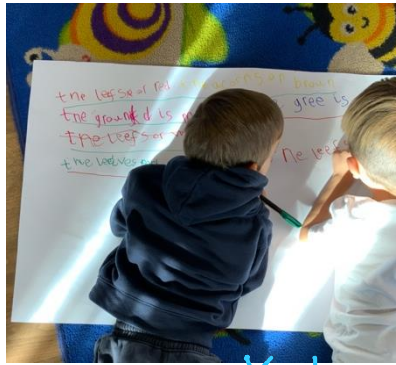
**EARTH** by Gracie and Annabel

We have been talking to children about what they like about lunch times. Children have told us that they like sitting next to their friends when they are eating. Children enjoy going outside, playing football and being with their friends. They mentioned that they like the play equipment and the school lunches!



**AIR** by Ava and Iris

We have talked to the children about the visits they have recently been on. Year 3 love swimming and are all starting to improve. Year 6 enjoyed cosford and Year 1 had a great time at the library.



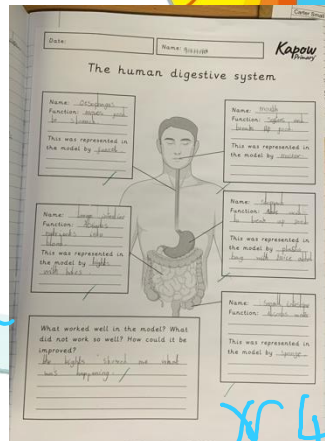
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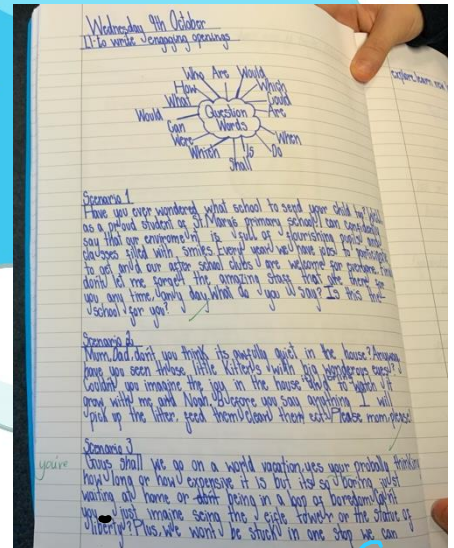
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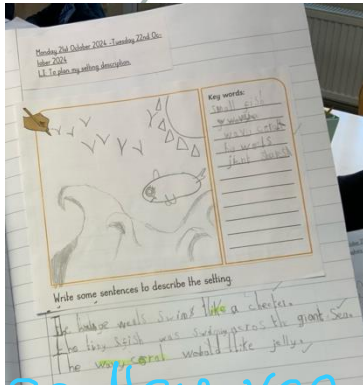
Reception



yr 4



Annie yr6



Bradley yr2

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