

Dear Parent/ Carer,

And just like that, the first month of the school year is over! Our children have all made a fantastic start to the Autumn term and are getting stuck in to lots of exciting new learning.

Outside of the classroom children are enjoying their social times together during lunch and break. A lot of children have shown an interest in football and we have ensured that each class has its own space to organise a game if they so choose. In response to the school wide interest in this sport we have decided that our first house festival will be a football tournament. Watch this space for more information as we get closer to the end of term.

Improving communications has been a focus for us this half term and I would like to thank everyone that has attended our class open evenings so far, we hope that you have found them useful. I am also really pleased to see that most of our families are now connected to Class Dojo as this is already proving to be an effective channel of communication between parents and staff. In addition, we have updated our website to include key dates and policies.

If you do feel there is anything further I could do to improve communications between home and school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Wainwright

ATTENDANCE



Well done to Years 4 & 5 who have been our best attenders this month!

Please ensure you have read our up-to-date attendance policy on the website as there have been some important changes made nationally to expectations around school attendance.

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 helping children to understand our new behaviour policy. We have spent time thinking about how our choices can effect those around us and how if we make good choices and live out our Christian values then those around us are likely to do this too. We have also thought about our new school houses and what it means to be part of a team. In phase worship the children have considered the changing season and how beautiful the world looks during Autumn time. They have talked about feeling safe at school and have recapped the procedures that are in place here to keep them safe and what to do if they are worried about something.

DIARY DATES

30.9.24-INSET

1.10.24- Year 3 Open Evening

3.10.24- Superhero Multi- SPECIAL MENU

3.10.24- Year 2 Open Evening

8.10.24- Year 1 Open Evening

10.10.24- Rec Open Evening

17.10.24- Year 6 RAF Cosford Visit

23.10.24- Harvest Festival

22&23.10.24- Parents' Evening

25.10.24- Football Tournament BREAK UP

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

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





SAFEGUARDING

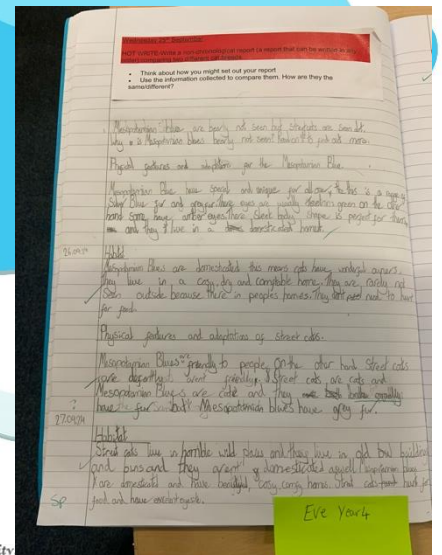
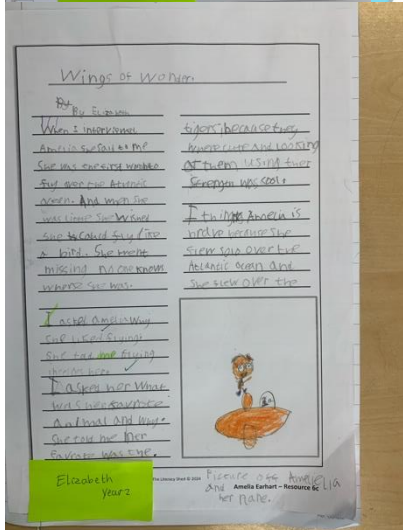
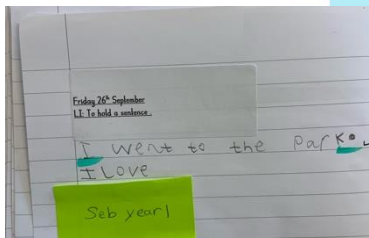
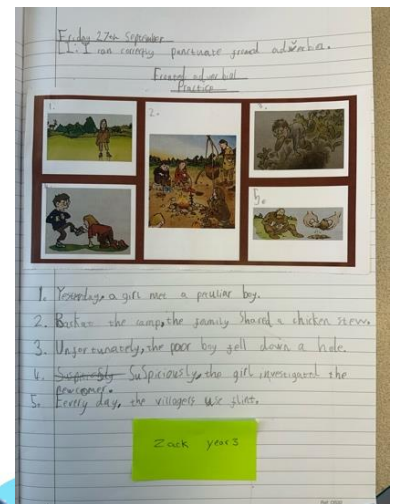
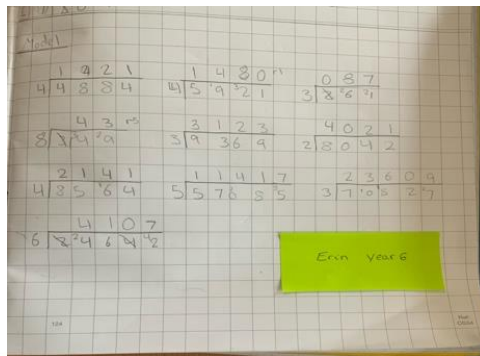
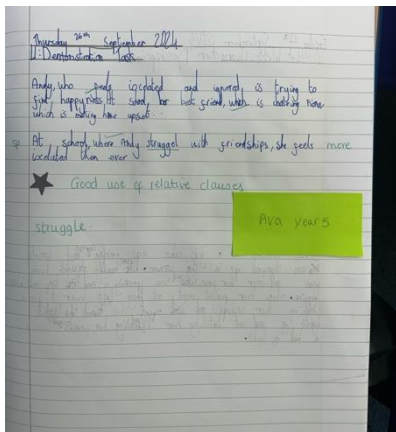
At St Mary's we appreciate that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

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

 <p>FIRE by Jenson and Brooke</p>	<p>We have asked children around the playground what they like about Maths. They told us that they enjoy problem solving in their heads. They like to practice their times tables and complete calculations.</p>
 <p>WATER by Annie and Eden</p>	<p>We have asked some children what they like about our worship. They said that they like learning about values and that they like to learn about stories from the Bible. Our pupils also like doing a prayer every worship to God.</p>
 <p>EARTH by Gracie and Annabel</p>	<p>We have been asking children around the school about teaching. Year 2 have told us that they have enjoyed being taught about Amelia Earheart. Year 4 commented that they like how funny their teachers are and Year 6 think that their teacher is respectful and just the right amount of fun! Reception love Dough Disco with their teachers.</p>
 <p>AIR by Ava and Iris</p>	<p>We have visited Years 1 and 2 and asked them what they like about Art. Year 2 have enjoyed collecting natural resources to make into pictures. Year 1 have been using the areas of provision in their classroom to draw. Year 4 have enjoyed drawing animals.</p>



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"We get to go on lots of trips. Year 6 have had two already. We went around Kingswinford handing out leaflets."

"We love learning about World War Two and we are looking forward to going to RAF Cosford."

"We all get to learn how to play the violin. We have a lesson every week."

"We have clearer rules now and we have been thinking about them more. School feels safer."

How is the new term going for you?
Feedback from Year 6, Year 3 and Year 2 representatives.

"Playtimes are really good because we can use more equipment to play with our friends."

"Our vision is really clear and it encourages us. We have actions that help us to remember."

"There are some lunch clubs, like cheerleading and choir. More after school clubs like in other schools would be really good. Maybe like gymnastics or sports clubs."

"Assemblies and worship have been really good since the start of term. There is a lot more thinking about our values and what they mean and it is really fun and interactive."

St. Mary's CofE Primary School
Pupil Voice
19.9.24

"I like learning all the different subjects, like Art, History, PSHE and all that."

"All the teachers and our new headteacher all really care about us."

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