

OCTOBER WINS:

- All of the children played amazingly well in the House Football Festival. Well done to our winners Air who showed excellent sportsmanship throughout.
- Thank you for all of your donations to the foodbank. They will make a big difference.
- Parents' Evening was really well attended and is a fabulous opportunity for us to work with families to support their child.



NOVEMBER GOALS:

- For work to finish on the roof! Things are going really well and I will keep you posted on the progress.
- To begin work on a new 'Home learning Policy' that considers the views of all stakeholders (children, parents and teachers) as to what impactful home learning tasks look like. I will be sending out a parent survey next half term to gather your views.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for all your continued efforts to work with the school on promoting good attendance for all children.

This week I have read an article which discusses attendance and asks schools to consider that children who feel emotionally safe, understood and valued attend more consistently because they want to.

It proposes that we should not ask 'how can we raise attendance?' but should instead consider 'how can we make attendance worth it?'

At St Mary's we prioritise our relationships with children and their families and want school to be a fulfilling, exciting, happy experience. We would strongly encourage you to talk to your child's class teacher if your child does not feel happy at school, they know your child well and will be able to support them further.

WORSHIP

Throughout October we have had some exciting worship sessions to introduce our new school committees. This year we will have three new committees: Healthy Lifestyles, Charity and Environment. Each committee will be run by a group of staff and children who are passionate about driving initiatives throughout school that help to make a difference in their focus area. We would encourage children to get involved and apply for a role on the committee that interests them. This will be a fabulous opportunity to work as a community, putting character into action.

DIARY DATES

- 4.11.25- Children return to school**
- 21.11.25- Children in Need Mufti Day**
- 2.12.25- Pantomime Visit (1pm-5:45pm) R-6**
- 11.12.25- Acorns and Blossoms Nativity 10am/2pm**
- 12.12.25- Xmas Fayre 6-8pm**
- 16.12.25- EYFS Xmas workshop am**
- 18.12.25- Carol Service St Mary's Church 2pm**
- 19.12.25- 2pm finish- break up for Christmas (5.1.26 return to school)**

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If you would like to request an appointment with the SENDCO (Miss Grant) 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.

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