

# St Mary's Community Primary School

## Newsletter 5 October 2018



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**Harvest Festival:** Thank you for your generosity with the donations for Harvest Festival. We managed to deliver 22 boxes to residents in Beetley, Gressenhall, North Elmham and Longham, as well as giving a larger donation to our two local residential homes; Woodstock in Gressenhall and East Bilney Care Home. As usual, the gifts were very gratefully received. Thank you also to all the parents who helped pack the harvest boxes and the parents and children that delivered them on Thursday. We really wouldn't be able to do so much to celebrate Harvest Festival without your help.

**Tag Rugby:** On Thursday, ten Year 6 children travelled to Crusaders Rugby Club in Hethersett to take part in a tag rugby event, with 22 other Norfolk primary schools. Harvey, who won the 'Respect Award', said, "I thought it was really fun. We thought we weren't going to beat the green team, but we did. We kept focused and we beat them 3-2. I'd really love to do it again". Well done to all the children for their fabulous behaviour and sportsmanship.



Don't forget it's Walk/Bike to school week next week. It would be great to see lots of families joining in!

**Books for Schools:** Please ask children to drop tokens in to the box outside the library.



**School uniform:** The PTA are hoping to start selling second hand school uniform. This will not only help to raise funds for the school, but will also help parents purchase uniform at a fraction of the price. If you have any items of uniform that you would like to donate, please drop them into the school office or give them to a member of the PTA.

**Lost property:** After only 4 weeks back at school, we already have a full lost property bin, including Nike trainers and a Trespass coat. Unfortunately, the majority of it is unnamed and we therefore cannot return it to its rightful owner. **Please can we urge all parents to name all items of uniform.** We do not have the space to store this amount of lost property, and if it goes unclaimed it will be given to the PTA to resell or be put into the clothes bank. We will put all the lost property outside in the playground, afterschool next week for parents to check and claim.

Best wishes  
Jessica Balado

Letters sent home this week:

- Reception - How to help your child with phonics and key words at home
- Year 6 - Norwich Cathedral letter
- Youngest - PTA letters
- KS2 - Minecraft letter

## BRING IT IN DAYS

In the run up to our Christmas and Summer Fayres, the PTA hold a number of Bring it in Days. On these days, the children are asked to bring in specific items in exchange for wearing their own clothes. These items are then used on a various stall or tombola at our Fayres. The dates and description of items are listed below:

- Friday 12 October      **BOTTLES:** please bring in an unopened bottle for our bottle tombola. Any bottle is acceptable ... spirits, wine, beer, soft drinks etc.
- Friday 9 November      **SWEETS:** please bring in sealed bags of sweets, lollies, chocolates, for our sweetie tombola.
- Friday 14 December      **CAKES:** please can Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 bring in any homemade cake donations for our cake stall  
**GIFTS:** please can Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 bring in gifts for our gift tombola.

### STAR, DIAMOND AND ANGEL OF THE WEEK

	<b>STAR:</b> Great progress 	<b>DIAMOND:</b> Great effort 	<b>ANGEL:</b> Excellent behaviour 	<b>WRITER</b> 
<b>Year 1</b>	Max	Bonnie	Leo	Jacob
<b>Year 2</b>	Teddy	Felicity	Lexi	Marshall
<b>Year 3</b>	Jivan	Mollie	Crystal	Evie
<b>Year 4</b>	William	Savannah	Lloyd	Peter
<b>Year 5</b>	Emily	Tiffany	Maisie	Sophie
<b>Year 6</b>	Etholle	Jack A	Harvey	Jack J

### Dates for your diary *(new/amended items are in bold and italics)*

- Monday 8 October      Walk/bike to school week
- Tuesday 9 October      Reception 2019 prospective children visit
- Thursday 11 October      Author visit for some Year 6 children to Neatherd
- Thursday 11 October      Neatherd and Reepham Open Evenings for Year 6
- Friday 12 October      Bring it in day - Bring in a bottle and wear your own clothes
- Friday 12 October      Author visit for some Year 6 children to Litcham
- Friday 12 October      Beetley Pre-school Quiz in the school hall
- Monday 15 October      Reepham Open Day for Year 6 (by appointment only)
- Tuesday 16 October      KS2 Adapted Sports
- Wednesday 17 October      Last day of half term

#### Thursday 18 October - Friday 26 October HALF TERM

- Monday 29 October      School reopens
- Tuesday 30 October**      ***Parents evening (letter to follow next week)***
- Thursday 1 November**      ***Parents evening (letter to follow next week)***
- Tuesday 6 November      Reception 2019 prospective children visit
- Friday 9 November      Bring it in day - Bring in sweets and wear your own clothes
- Monday 19 November      Year 6 to Hilltop
- Monday 3 December      Flu immunisations (letters to be sent home nearer the time)
- Tuesday 4 December      Year 6 Height & Weight checks
- Thursday 6 December      Buy a gift (details to follow)
- Friday 7 December      Buy a gift (details to follow)
- Friday 14 December      Bring it in day - Bring in cakes (KS1) / gifts (KS2) & wear your own clothes
- Friday 14 December      Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 18 December      Last day of term
- Wednesday 19 December - Wednesday 2 January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY