



20th October 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evenings this week. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to talk to class teachers and view your child's work. Staff at school feel we have had a really positive start to the school year.

We appear to be still on schedule for our conversion to academy status on 1st November. The Life Education Trust will work with school to make a formal announcement as soon as the conversion is confirmed. We will also have a little celebration.

As you read this, I will be at Heathrow Airport, due to board my plane to Nairobi. Thank you for all your support via the Agents of Change challenges, with raising money and donating items for the school I will be visiting. I will be posting on X (Twitter) whilst away, so you can join in the experience and see where your donations are going to. Thank you for helping to manage a positive difference to the lives of others.

Have a wonderful half term

Kind regards

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2023						
October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Calendar Dates

OCTOBER 2023

23rd-27th Half Term

30th Back to school

NOVEMBER 2023

2nd – Individual Photos

10th – Travelling Book Fair arrives

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

PERCENTAGES

W/E 20/10/23

WILLOW 98%

BEECH 97%

CHESTNUT 100%

MAPLE 98%



Remembrance Day

From 30th October 23 until 10th November 23, some of our Year 6 pupils will be going around the school every day to each class selling items for Remembrance Day, 11th November. We ask for a minimum donation of £1 per item purchased. We hope your children will wear their poppy items with pride in memory of all those fallen, fighting for our country.

Items for sale include, slap wrist bands/ruler, silicone wrist band, button ribbons and keychains.



New Layout

When we return after Half Term, We will have a new look to our Newsletter, this is because on 1st November 2023, we officially join Life Education Trust Academy. We will also be sending out a newsletter every week, instead of every other week.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Kenya fundraising event on Go Fund Me. Your generosity has raised just over £1000. You are amazing. After the transfer fees this will give the school 180,000 Kenyan Shilling and will make a massive difference to the pupils at St Mary's School. THANK YOU & WELL DONE!

Pumpkin Patch

On Monday 16th October, Beech class enjoyed a visit to the local Pumpkin Patch, where they learned about the farm, wandered around the corn maze, played on the Hay stack and chose a pumpkin to take home.



Road Safety

It's that time of year again when it's getting darker earlier and darker mornings as the clocks go back at the end of the month.



If your child has their ear/s pierced, they are only allowed to wear small studs, no hoops etc.

They must be able to remove their own earrings on PE days, or turn up to school without them in. We **CANNOT** cover them with tape/plaster etc or remove them for your child.

If your child gets their ear/s pierced, we recommend this happening at the start of the summer holidays, as they cannot take part in PE for 6 weeks after having it done.

The British Museum

On Friday 6th October, children in Key Stage 2 went to the British Museum as part of their project work. We enjoyed seeing the sights as we drove into London and were fascinated by all of the Egyptian artefacts, mummies and sarcophaguses. We also listened to a talk about the process of mummification which really helped with our understanding. Our trip ended with a trip to the gift shop to buy souvenirs of our visit.



2nd Hand Uniform Shop

We are always inundated with lost property, items that have not been named, from now on, every half term if the items are not claimed, we will wash them and put them up for sale for a small fee to raise much needed funds for the school.

Times Tables

We are working hard with your children to improve their fluency with their times tables. We hope you can help with this at home.

DID YOU KNOW?

By the time your child leaves Year 2, they need to know their 2s, 5s and 10s. When they finish year 4 the Government require them to sit a test called the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) and they should be fluent in all 12 times tables. At the end of year 6, they should be able to demonstrate the division facts of all the times tables.

There are many ways you can help them to learn, listen to times tables songs, learn silly rhymes, display the times tables around your home, count in 2, 4s etc.



Celebration Awards Friday 13th October 2023

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Awarded for</u>
Willow	Fred	Working really hard on his phonics and writing
Beech	Theo	Amazing work in all subjects and always keen to learn
Chestnut	Freya	Super work and effort and consistently following our FAIR behaviour rules
Maple	Mia	Her excellent work ethic in Maths
Award		Name
Book Bingo 4 in a row		Laelle
Gold Maths Badge		Jack M Theo Jack B Oliver Adaline Maisie Lottie
Platinum Maths Badge		Rafferty Parker Theo
PE KS1		Molly
PE KS2		Elizabeth
Library Assistants		Jemimah Albie Flynn Emma