



ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE

School Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2014

Golden Assembly; Golden Rules

It was lovely to see parents at our first 'Golden Assembly' last week, and hope you will join us as the term goes on. This is our new name for Friday's assembly, which continues to showcase children's work, but also is when we give out our Golden Certificates, celebrate other awards and achievements and join together as a school community to sing and encourage one another.

The rota for classes this term is as follows:

12th September—Year 5

19th September—Year 6

26th September—Year 4

3rd October—Year 3

10th October—Year 2

17th October—Year 1

The staff are all looking out for children who are showing excellent examples of following our St Mary's Golden Rules. We have slightly revamped these for the new year. They are:

- ◇ **We respect and value each other, treating others as we would like to be treated.**
- ◇ **We take care of our school community.**
- ◇ **We come to school ready to learn and to help each other learn.**



You might have noticed that there is no longer a separate rule about school uniform! That doesn't mean we don't think it is important to wear the correct uniform—we think it is very important indeed. But it is part of being ready to learn, along with having the right books, equipment and kit, completing homework and most of all, being alert and enthusiastic to learn new things every day.

Each class will also have its own rules specially for the classroom. Your child may mention to you that they have been on a colour during the day (green, amber or red). This is because we are using a traffic light system throughout the school to encourage positive behaviour all of the time. **Green** is where we hope all children will be; **amber** is a warning and **red** is a sign that the behaviour has gone too far. Some classes also have additional reward systems eg rainbows, stars, treasure chests etc to praise fantastic behaviour ☺

Reading Diaries

Hopefully your child has one of our new red reading diaries. Inside you will find useful information about helping your child with his/her reading, helping your child with learning phonics (sounds), the time tables we want all children to learn in Maths and some other information about the school.

If your child is in Year 3,4,5 or 6, please can you encourage him/her to write in the reading diary every day. He/she should write something about what they read that day (eg chapter number, a little bit about the story or information they read, what they thought of what they read). If you would like to make a comment at the bottom of the page, please do.

If your child is in F1, F2, Year 1 or Year 2, please write down what your child read and what they thought of the book. Was it exciting, sad, funny? What did they think of the characters? Would they like to visit that place?

Mrs Rickett will be sending out some more information about using Reading Diaries, and in KS2, the classteachers will talk to the children about what to write.



Your support with this is very much appreciated.

Year 6 at PGL

I had a wonderful time visiting Year 6 yesterday at PGL. They are being a real credit to themselves and to our school, throwing themselves enthusiastically into every activity, taking care of one another and developing a whole range of new skills. You can see lots of photos of their trip on our school website.

I hope you all have a restful weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Monday morning for more learning!
Best wishes

By Norman

Emily Norman, Headteacher