

St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Ezra Frech

Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners,

Our School Value for this term:

As part of our value 'Perseverance' we have looked at a video about Ezra Frech who has shown great perseverance in his relatively young life. Please follow the link if you wish to follow what we are discussing in assemblies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNLyuncX7Cc>

Attendance:

We currently have 12 children who have 100% attendance this year, which is a great achievement. Well Done!

Medical Appointments

Please can I ask parents to let us know with as much notice as possible if your child has a medical appointment in school time.

Holiday Absence

I thought I should write to change perceptions about holiday requests. In actual fact because I am unable to authorise any family breaks/holidays there is no such thing as a holiday 'request'. The reality is that if you choose to have a break in school time you are actually *informing* school as it will be automatically be unauthorised. With this in mind it may help you as you write the letter to therefore phrase letters which inform us of the absence. We will continue to authorise absences eg funeral visits or bereavements, family weddings, examinations and sports competitions. I hope you feel that this helps when writing to school about holidays in particular and reduces the expectation of being able to authorise a holiday.

Year 1 and 2 Assessments

Year 2 will be starting the process of SATS on 16th May. These are completed supportively and over a two week period. Year 1 take part in their phonics assessments starting on 13th June. If your child is in Year 1 you may wish to support your child in the sounds they find tricky or repeatedly get confused with. Once again these assessments will be completed sensitively and supportively and as part of the daily routines of the class. During this time

pupils who are required to revisit the phonics assessment in Year 2 will also have a phonics assessment.

Well Done



To George Longley who has taken part in the Dwarf Sports this year in Birmingham, returning with a whole host of medals (Gold-Bronze) for a range of events including swimming and football and various other events. We are very proud of your George – Well done!



Ralph and Will who were part of the under eights winning team at the Preston and Grasshoppers – Mini Rugby Festival. Two, quite rightly, very proud boys, who have performed wonderfully this season.

We were able to celebrate so many rugby players this and last week who to part in various finals, in recent rugby tournaments. Well done to everyone concerned.

Gardening Club

Request slips for Gardening Club are in the school office if you require a form!



Walk to school Week.

We will be celebrating and participating in walk to school week commencing on the week beginning 16th May. We will be having a competition for children who have walked the furthest to school and also asking parents to drop off and walk in to school rather than be dropped off at the gate. We would value your support during the week. More information will be coming out very soon!

Word of the week to share with the children:



Gonzo

An adjective meaning

'filled with bizarre ideas'



In the news ... Discuss the importance of the Invictus Games.

