



# NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## What's coming soon .....

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| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May | Key Stage 2 SATS Week |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May | Kwik Cricket Festival |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May | PTA School Disco      |



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all pupils, staff, parents, carers and IEB members for welcoming me to the school. I have also been very pleased to meet with a number of parents either at the start of the school day (on the playground) or by appointments during the school day. I look forward to meeting with more of you during the time I will be at the school.

The term is progressing well and hopefully, with better weather, the children will be able to make more use of the school field for a range of activities. I have been impressed with the sensible way children play and support each other both within the school and on the playground.

### **Singing Playground**

Today, we have all been enjoying taking part in the 'Singing Playground' project and I am sure your children will share their experiences of this exciting project with you over the weekend. We will certainly be developing this work during the remainder of the school year.

### **The Lampedusa Cross**

The Lampedusa Cross has been travelling around the country and it arrived at the school yesterday afternoon. We will be proudly displaying it in the main corridor for the time it will be at the school. The significance of this cross is powerful and reminds us of people from different parts of the world who frequently try to escape persecution in their own countries.

On this occasion, one night in October 2013, a wooden boat was too full, with approximately 500 men, women and children from Eritrea and Somalia. These refugees had escaped from the dangers of war, poverty, or oppression in Africa and were looking forward to freedom, safety, and a new life in Europe. The boat sank, and many were drowned; others were rescued. They were taken to Lampedusa in Italy.

A local carpenter, Francesco Tuccio, wanted to do something for the refugees of whom many were Christian believers. He found wood from their wrecked boat and made each refugee a Christian symbol of hope. He made each of them a small wooden cross to wear.

He did this because, as a man of faith, he believed it was his duty to ease the suffering of those who survived. He continued to make even larger crosses for churches. Crosses were made as he wanted the refugees and others to remember that the cross is a symbol of freedom and the coming together of people.

We shall be learning more about this during the remainder of this term.

### **Mrs Howie-Lee**

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Howie-Lee a speedy recovery to full health.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

S. J. Telling

## Singing Playground

The singing coaches today said they were 'blown away' by the children and the staff here at St Mary's. Everyone embraced the activities and games with such enthusiasm – it was a joy to see. All children from Nursery through to Year 6 took part today. The KS2 children who were chosen as Song Leaders also led a great session at lunchtime on the field. We would also like to thank Chippenham Borough Lands for funding this activity.



## SATs Week

Next week is SATs week in school and the children have been working really hard in preparation.

**Good Luck** to everyone who will be taking SATs next week.



## Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in the school reception at the moment. If your child has come home without an item of theirs please take a minute to have a look through the lost property. If by mistake your child has brought another child's jumper or cardigan home please can you return it to school as soon as possible.



## PTA News

Our next event is the much anticipated **School Disco on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. Time for all the boys and girls to get their dancing shoes on and boogie the night away! Tickets are currently selling fast and **are only be available from the school office in advance of the event to avoid queues on the night**. Times and ticket prices are as follows:

Reception & KS1: 5pm – 6pm

KS2: 6.15pm – 7.15pm

Ticket Prices: £3 per child / £5 for 2 children / £7.50 for family of 3 or more

Ticket price includes a drink and a snack

### **Future events –**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Quiz Night for Parents – details out very soon  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fete



## AWARDS OF THE WEEK

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| <b>Wrens:</b>       | Laura S  | For settling in well and for joining in readily in activities. Well done |
| <b>Robins:</b>      | Evie S   | For her fantastic effort during our circus pairs game                    |
| <b>Owls:</b>        | Rafael T | For excellent 'Reading for Accuracy'                                     |
| <b>Woodpeckers:</b> | Ella B   | For sharing ideas and her growing confidence in independent writing      |
| <b>Kingfishers:</b> | Sophia F | For being an enthusiastic learner all the time!                          |
| <b>Kestrels:</b>    | Ruby O   | For being a great friend   |
| <b>Ospreys:</b>     | Noah McC | For being an enthusiastic member of the song leaders                     |
| <b>Eagles:</b>      | Indi P   | For her great effort and improvement in all subject areas. Well done!    |
| <b>Falcons:</b>     | Sophie S | Super work and effort in maths   |