



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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What's coming soon

Mon 17 th June	Yr6 Bikeability
Tues 18 th June	Yr6 Bikeability
Tues 18 th June	Yr4 Swimming Lessons
Weds 19 th June	Yr6 Chippenham Games – Stanley Park
Thur 20 th June	Re-arranged Class Photos for Whole School
Fri 21 st June	Mufti Day – Chocolates for Tombola please



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 celebration at Clifton Cathedral

On Thursday 13th June, the Year 6 pupils, accompanied by some members of staff and a member of the IEB, attended the annual Celebration Mass for all Year 6 pupils in the Clifton Diocese at Clifton Cathedral. During a two-day period, the Cathedral was filled with year 6 pupils from all Catholic schools in the Clifton Diocese. Unfortunately, because of the poor weather, the planned picnic on Clifton Downs wasn't able to take place. However, the pupils did have their own picnic, some games and activities back at school. I am also proud to be able to tell you that our children represented themselves and school impeccably and were amongst the best behaved at the Cathedral. Well done Year 6!

Year 5 visit to St Gregory's

On Friday 14th June, the Year 5 pupils, accompanied by some members of staff, visited St Gregory's secondary school, Bath, for a 'taster day'. The children were placed in different groups, mixed with children from other schools and undertook a range of activities. All children had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Well done Year 5!

Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, all pupils enjoyed their Celebration Assembly. Some pupils received awards from their classteachers and three pupils received a 'Headteacher's Award' for either the special quality of their work or for being particularly helpful with other children.

A group of year 3 violin players performed three pieces very well. Two girls, Emma and Hannah each played one of their Associated Board Grade 1 pieces. They played with confidence and I am sure they will be successful when they undertake the Grade 1 examinations.

Staff resignations

At the end of this school year, two of the current teaching staff, Mr Dawkins (year 3) and Mrs Bridger (year 4) will be moving on to fresh challenges. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well with the next steps in their careers.

S J Telling
Interim Head Teacher

Mufti Days

There will be **2** more Mufti Days this term to collect donations for the Summer Fair as follows –

Friday 21st June – **Chocolates for Tombola**

Thursday 27th June – **Jolly Jars**

Donations of cakes for the Cake Stall would also be welcome on Friday 28th June.

Sewing Club

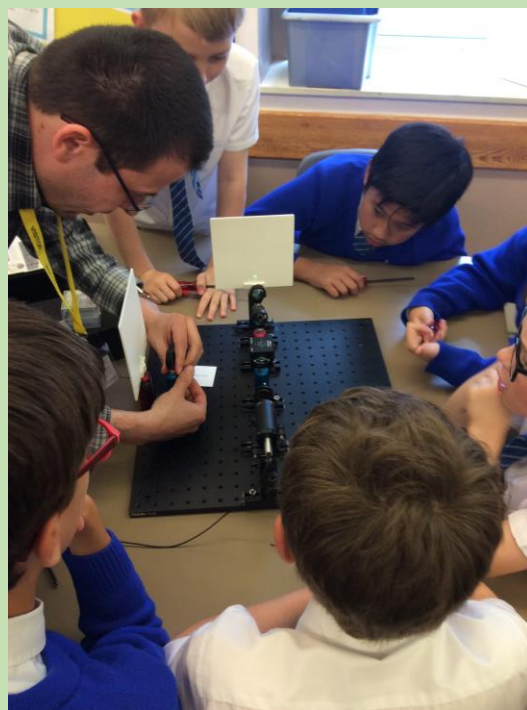
If there is a someone who enjoys embroidery, and would like to join Mrs Johnson and 19 children for sewing club on Wednesday from 3-4 pm, then please let the office know.

Help would be appreciated. Thank you.



Science Fun!

This week, the year 5 and year 6 children were fortunate to have Professor Valev and his four associates from the University of Bath visit us. The workshop began with a short lecture from a robot, followed by five activities, aimed at multiple learning styles. The activities were centred around explaining the concepts of chirality, properties of light and metamaterials. The children used a microscope to see how colour mix, built a structure of an atomic crystal lattice, used a laser rig and created a light piano. It was very informative and enlightening. We are grateful to Dr Caggiano, a parent, and Mrs McDonagh for arranging this event. You may want to look up the following site to find out more: <http://people.bath.ac.uk/vkv23/English/PE.htm>



Vacancy

We are looking to employ a Caretaker/Cleaner-in-Charge for the school. 30hrs a week in total Monday to Friday. Hours will be 7am-12 noon, plus 1 hour to lock up at the end of the day, time of which will vary. The ideal candidate should have basic maintenance/DIY experience and skills. They should be honest, hardworking, flexible and reliable.

Please email Nicki Lever for an application form on sbm@st-marys-pri.wilts.sch.uk

Robins go to Pizza Express

Thank you to everybody who helped with our class trip to Pizza Express. The children were incredibly well behaved despite the long walk in the pouring rain. In fact, the staff at Pizza Express said that the children were the best Reception class they had ever had! Lots of new foods were tried and some of the children were super at forming the dough base. We hope you enjoyed eating your pizzas for tea. Don't forget to take your free children's meal voucher if you return.



AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Wrens:	Molly D	For showing very good fine motor skills when adding collage to her sunflower artwork. Well done!
Robins:	Adam W-C	For super role playing.
Owls:	Alexia E	For super writing about Elmer.
Woodpeckers:	Brooke L	For her positive approach to all learning.
Kingfishers:	Stanley B	For improved focus and effort this week.
Kestrels:	Ava M	For great knowledge of the human body.
Ospreys:	Emily T	For her fantastic attitude to learning and great descriptive writing.
Eagles:	Feliks R	For wonderful topic answers in class and his enthusiasm.
Falcons:	Alex W	For much improved presentation of her work.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Chica De Castro Maia – For being helpful with pupils around the school
Evie G-S – For some great examples of work
The Whole Yr6 Class – For their impeccable behaviour at Clifton Cathedral Mass

PTA News

What a night! – thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night last Friday, it really was a great evening and we raised an impressive £450.00. A special thank you has to go to Mrs Smith for being a wonderful Quiz Master and to Mr & Mrs Gatland for writing such an entertaining quiz. Thank you also to the wonderful chefs for producing such a delicious supper. The winning team was 'Quartet Plus 2' with a very impressive 92/100 points!

Ice Lolly Fridays are back this term. We will be selling selection of Ice Lollies at 3pm every Friday from the Infant playground. Prices are as follows:

Cones - £1.00

Ice Lollies – 50p

Ice Pops – 20p

Facebook & Instagram – I am sure that lots of you use these social media platforms, if so please follow us for all news and updates.

FB – St. Mary's Chippenham PTA

Insta – @st.maryschippenhampta

Raffle Tickets – On Monday, we will be sending every child home with 2 x books of tickets for our Summer Raffle for you to try and sell please if possible. (Max 4 per family) If anyone would like any more to sell that would be amazing, please ask in the school office. There is a great list of prizes and the draw will take place at the Summer Fair.

Future events –

Saturday 29th June - Summer Fair 11.00-2.00pm

We are looking for helpers at the Summer Fair, either with setting up, during it or afterwards to clear away. Any help would be very much appreciated. Please email the PTA on stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com