



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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What's coming soon

Tues 15 th Oct	Yr6 Cricket Festival @ Sports Dome
Weds 16 th Oct	Yr6 History Trip to Corsham
Weds 16 th Oct	Eagles Class Mass @ 9am (Parents Welcome)
Wed 16 th -21 st Oct	Travelling Book Fair at school
Thurs 17 th Oct	Yr5's to Sheldon DT Workshop
Fri 18 th Oct	Ospreys Class Assembly @ 9am (Parents Welcome)
Fri 18 th Oct	PTA Quiz Night @ 7pm
Mon 21 st Oct	Parents Evening 4-7pm
Tues 22 nd Oct	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm



Don't Forget!

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy week and there is much to report in this week's newsletter. Where possible I will try to frame the things I report to parents each week around our school values.

Aspiration

We are proud to welcome 2 children to the schools leadership team. These children are Sam L and Olivia R who are the School's Sports Ambassadors. These children have written a report about their training and what they will be doing as part of their role.

As part of our sports leadership team we would also like to welcome Keeley F, Eva A, Selassi A and Feliks R who will take on the role of umpires and referees across the school. All of our sports leadership team have received training as part of the Chippenham Schools Sports Partnership.

Love and Faith

The children in Falcons class attended the Camino Partnership Mass in Bath on Thursday morning. This enabled our school to join other schools in our community of schools to celebrate the start of the school year and think about our responsibilities to work together.

As part of our month of mission activities, the children in Falcons class also took our harvest donations to the Salvation Army to support The Food Bank and Doorway. We believe that the physical act of taking this food, is just as important as donating the items in the first place: this strengthens the values that are taught at St Mary's.

Resilience

This week's worship theme focused on believing in your convictions no matter how big the challenge. When we can really believe in the path we have taken, it can give us the strength to carry on. The story I used was the Great Green Forest by Paul Geraghty and links were made to Bishop Declan's words last week and the courage and determination of Greta Thunberg to challenge world leaders about climate change.

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Courage and Resilience

Thank you to the parents of children in Year 6 for joining the class assembly this morning. This was a brilliant opportunity for the children to showcase their learning. More importantly, it also provided a platform for the children to speak to an audience expressing views, opinions and explaining ideas. A big thank you to Mrs McDonagh for enabling this to happen.

I hope that you all have a good weekend and we look forward to welcoming you in school next week.
Paul Bacon

School Website

We are delighted to announce that our New School Website is now live. We hope that you will find it easy to navigate. Any comments or suggestions welcome - please see the school office.

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Parent's Evenings

We will be holding Parent's Evenings on Monday 21st October & Tuesday 22nd October.

Sign-up sheets will be in the reception from Monday 14th October to book your appointments.

Piano Lessons

Would you like your child to receive piano lessons during school hours on a Thursday afternoon?

Mrs Beresford, our violin teacher is able to offer 30 min. lessons for £15 from age 7 onwards, or 20-minute lessons @£10 per lesson for a 6-year old, but this would be the youngest age to start. 7 years old is a preferable age to start unless they are very able and have strong enough fingers to manage the keys properly.

It is essential to have a piano at home, or a keyboard with weighted/touch-sensitive keys, to mimic the feel of a piano. He/she would be expected to practise regularly.

If you are interested, please contact her by email on - clareberesford@googlemail.com

School Ambassadors

On Wednesday, we went to a Mid Wilts PE Conference in the Neeld Hall to be Young Ambassadors. We were taught lots of games to bring back to school and learnt how to be a representative for the the school in PE. We also created our own games, which can be played at home or anywhere!

By Sam and Olivia

Lost Property

There is a large amount of UN-NAMED lost property in the school reception.

6 x winter coats, 5 x school cardigans, 3 x jumpers, PE Kits to name just a few!

Please come and claim the items as soon as possible.

PTA News

Quiz Night- Friday 18th October

It's still not too late - tickets are priced at £6.50 per person and that includes supper. It's a BYO event so you bring your own drinks and there is a raffle with a variety of prizes on offer. Everyone is welcome and remember you don't have to have children at the school to attend so join forces with your family and friends! So if you are still thinking about it, go on, sign up! Help us make this a great night #teamstmarys

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AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Wrens:	Maisie W	For lovely participation at prayer time
Robins:	Cillian M	For his enthusiasm for learning and bringing class ideas into his own play
Owls:	Archie P	For excellent geographical knowledge of the UK
Woodpeckers:	Harriet B	For her happy, positive attitude
Kingfishers:	Lucas R	For his fantastic enthusiasm in History
Ospreys:	Grace D	for being an encouraging, supportive and patient learning partner
Eagles:	Maya L	For good answers in Guided Reading
Falcons:	Tom B	For being enthusiastic and passionate about his learning