



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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## SOME DIARY DATES

22/3/18 2WC Class assembly @ 1.45pm  
23/3/18 Mass @9am in the school hall  
28/3/18 & 29/3/18 Easter Egg Hunt & 'Eggstravaganza' Event  
30/3/18 Good Friday  
2/4/18 – 13/4/18 Easter Holidays  
16/4/18 TD Day  
18/4/18 Yr 4 Swanage depart at 9am  
20/4/18 Yr 4's return from Swanage. Children to be collected at 12pm

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Take a look at the photos below and see how much fun we had on World Book Day!

So many amazing costumes and what a fantastic BFG Mr Croker makes!

## HEAD'S NOTES

- We are very fortunate to have a small army of **volunteers** who help the children and school in so many ways. If you come into school and help in any way then you are invited to a **'thank you' afternoon tea next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30pm**. Invitations are being sent out, but just in case you do voluntary work in school and you do not receive one, please see the invite on the last page of this newsletter. Please let us know if you are able to come.
- Today the children will be bringing back a **NSPCC sponsor form**. This relates to an activity we are holding on the **afternoon of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** to raise funds for this excellent organisation who have been leading assemblies and workshops in the school recently on keeping safe. The activity is **'Buddy's Big Workout'** and the children have the choice of either taking part in a 'Danceathon' or 'Super Circuits'. The idea is to keep going and not stop for the duration of the event. Early Years and KS1 will be keeping going for up to 15 minutes and KS2 children up to 30 minutes. Understandably, the children will be in PE kits and the staff are joining in too! The **deadline for sending back the sponsor money (the form turns in to an envelope) is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – the last day of term. Your support for NSPCC and the great work they do is much appreciated.
- We say **'farewell' to Julie**, one of our cleaners, who leaves St Mary's to take up a new job. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her work here. At the same time, **we welcome Liz Penfound** who started this week as a Kitchen Assistant. Our best wishes go to her.
- We are seeking to appoint a **Nursery Assistant for the Summer Term** for 10 hours a week. An advert will be out in the Wiltshire Bulletin and on the School Website shortly. We are also **seeking a cleaner for five days a week**. Please enquire at the Office for further details.

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Mrs Brockhurst and Mrs Parkes are organising the Year 6 leavers' hoodies this year. These will be distributed at the leaver's party on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

All Year 6 parents should have now received the letter about this. There is a very strict time frame for ordering the jumpers. Parents must check the spellings of their children's names by 6<sup>th</sup> April and all orders must be submitted by the 27<sup>th</sup> May. There is no flexibility in these deadlines, so please make sure you order promptly. Thank you.

## YEAR 4 SWANAGE TRIP

The final balance for the Year 4 trip to Swanage is now due. If you haven't already done so, can you please forward any outstanding amount to the school office.

All medical forms should have been completed and returned to the school office by now. If you have still not done this can you please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK

**Nursery:** Charlie M – joining in with singing  
**1S:** Ernest R – being kind and helpful  
**1F:** Oscar H – great enthusiasm & determination in his work  
**2WC:** Oscar C – such lively & enjoyable writing!  
**2J:** Gracie G – making great progress & always being polite  
**2G:** Grace L – working hard and wanting to do her best  
**3S:** Olivia R – your super attitude to learning every day!  
**3D:** Isla B – a fantastic poster about keeping safe from electricity  
**3EG:** Arthur H – an excellent attitude to learning  
**4BM:** Ann C-S – huge all-round improvement  
**4D:** Annie C – fine contributions to class discussions, esp. in RE  
**4B:** Ellie H – excellent effort & progress in her times tables  
**Headteacher's Award:** Noah T (2J) – impeccable manners and all round good egg!



## Magical Maths Morning!

On the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 8 children were selected to take part in a wonderful 'Maths Morning' at Kings Lodge School. It started at 9am and ended at 11.30am. There were two workshops and the first one was about cracking a maths code and we had to cut shapes out of an egg to make an abstract chicken. Also we had to solve calculations to see why six was afraid of seven. The reason was because seven ate nine! How cool is that. The other one was about some magic maths tricks, for example, we learnt to read minds in a maths way. We did multiplying numbers by 11, we also learnt some other tricks and here are some quotes:

Elsie - "I learnt a lot of new math tricks and it was cool."

Annie - "I enjoyed it, I also met a new friend Victoria. I didn't look forward to it but then the tables turned and it was fun and amazing!"

## Our Day in London

We are a part of St. John's Ambulance and Badger set were lucky enough to visit London for a royal reception with Princess Anne. We were there to try out a new 'badger' programme. We had a great day!

Heidi G and Ben W Class 3S

## Library tidy!

We need help to tidy up the library. If you are free next Wednesday, 21st March after school drop off and you could help for a couple of hours please come along.  
Also, if you can help with painting, decorating, fixing furniture and small items please let us know.

If you can help in any way please contact Melinda Biro. Email : [bmelindahu@gmail.com](mailto:bmelindahu@gmail.com)

Thank you.

## Help needed!

Early Years are kindly asking for any donations of multicultural and bilingual books! Your help would be much appreciated.

Thank you



WORLD BOOK DAY  
GALLERY



*To all our classroom and school volunteers  
As a token of appreciation for all that you do  
for the school,  
you are invited to join us for  
afternoon tea  
on  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March*

*At 1.30pm*



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## **BOOK CLUB DATES**

The next Book Club meeting is next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12 noon in the Library. The book to be discussed is 'The 13 Storey Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths. If you are in KS2 and you would like to go along, see Elod in Class 3S. Future dates for Book Club are:

27<sup>th</sup> April

25<sup>th</sup> May

22<sup>nd</sup> June