



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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HEAD'S NOTES

SOME DIARY DATES

Parents Evening No 2:

Tuesday 23-10-18:
3.30-5.30pm

24-01-18: Break up for
Half Term

05-11-18: TD Day

06-11-18: Return to
school for Term 2.

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for School Caretaker. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further details and an application form.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a super week at St Mary's School!

Thank you to Mrs Warburton, Mrs Smith and Mrs Mallinson for their informative Phonics meeting on Tuesday morning and also to the children who took part in a live lesson for parents to see how we teach phonics throughout FS and Key Stage 1. Many parents commented on how helpful it was to have clearer understanding of how to support their children at home.

On Wednesday, I was invited to Class 9's mass in their classroom, with the theme of 'love'. This was a truly beautiful, joyful and moving occasion. The children shared their feelings and prayers with such sincerity and understanding. I was really proud to be part of this community.

Yesterday we had our first one to one Parents' meetings and there was a positive buzz in the hall as teachers shared children's information regarding attitudes to learning, progress and attainment, successes and next steps. Thank you to all of you who came. We look forward to the next meeting on Tuesday.

This morning I was blown away by Class 6 as they shared their learning with us in their assembly. They showed the breadth of the curriculum that they have explored this term and their genuine enjoyment of and excitement for sharing their knowledge with us. It was musical, dramatic, creative and full of interesting facts. I certainly am glad to be alive now rather than in Tudor times!

All of these things, combined with exploding Volcanoes in Year 4 science, measuring in Reception classes, fabulous handwriting being developed across the school, Year 6 Sport's Leaders organising lunchtime activities and the kind, loving attitude of the children and staff shows that St Mary's is moving forward in a very positive way.

Have a lovely weekend and remember that half term begins on Wednesday 24th October.

God bless.

Mrs Howie-Lee

Ofsted Update.

I will be sending out an update, next week, regarding actions that the school has undertaken so far in moving the school forward from the recent judgement. At present we are still awaiting Ofsted's official agreement to the Action Plan, however we have been using the draft copy to drive forward improvements.

Mrs Howie-Lee

Love isn't an object, it is in the air
Often we fall out, but we make up again
Love is valuable, so don't lose it
Even if we do wrong, God still loves us
I love my Mum because she looks after me

Megan, Year5

Love...
Lets things grow
It does not change people
It is support in times of need
It rejoices in good deeds
It never gives up, it perseveres
It is fair, forgiving and kind

Oliver. Year 5

Library Project

You will remember that last year a team of parent volunteers worked with the school to renovate the old library space. The work that was done in a short space of time made an immense difference and transformed the space that was previously the library.

Building on the success of this initial phase, we are now excited to announce that the project will be expanding to move the whole library to a bigger and better central location. This will make the library truly a dedicated space where it can become a feature for all children to enjoy and to promote reading at the heart of school life. Together with school management, we have several plans in place and the project will be funded in part by the PTA, as well as money donated from the 100 Club at the end of last year.

CAN YOU HELP? - The first step in the project is to move the books from the existing library in the mobile classroom to the school building. If you can spare any time on Saturday 24th November at 10am to help, please see Melinda at school (Mum to Elod and Zoe) or contact her at bmelindahu@gmail.com.

Please also contact Melinda if you would like to be a part of this exciting project or if you can offer any practical skills or funding opportunities for school libraries.

Many thanks!

Library Project Team

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

- Nursery: Dollie G for great storytelling of parts of "The Little Red Hen" story. Well done!
- Class 1: Max P for his fantastic phonics learning
- Class 2: Patricia A for producing a beautiful piece of emergent free writing about PIRATES!
- Class 3: Marianne J for making excellent with her reading and keywords
- Class 4: William P for fantastic attention to learning
- Class 5: Becs WC for super writing
- Class 6: Olivia W for fabulous delivery of her class assembly words
- Class 7: Timea H for taking pride in her learning, and celebrating her own successes
- Class 8: Eliza S for working hard to improve her presentation. Keep it up!
- Class 9: Selasi A for a wonderful, positive attitude to his maths learning this week
- Class 10: Annie C for trying hard in all curriculum areas

Headteacher's Award: Class 9 for their beautiful Mass