



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Some Diary

Dates

01/02/19

Eagles Class Assembly

07/02/19

Robins Learning Journey
browse for parents and
children.

15/02/19

Ospreys Class Assembly

15/02/19

End of Term 3

25/02/19

Start of Term 4

27/02/19

Woodpeckers Class Mass

HEAD'S NOTES

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this week, by thanking the staff who took our children to Birmingham yesterday, to take part in the Young Voices Concert, with 6,000 other young people.

Everyone arrived safely back at school very late last night. Particular thanks go to Mr Dawkins who has spent every Friday, after school, since September, preparing and enthusing the children and to Mrs Taylor for her continuous support. It was a fantastic event and I am very proud of our children, who have represented St Mary's school so brilliantly. Thanks, also to all the parents who travelled up separately, to support the children. I would like the children to present an early evening concert here, in the next few weeks, so that we can all enjoy their wonderful singing and dancing. Date to be confirmed.

Music is such an important part of our lives and I would like it to be celebrated throughout the school. You will have received information from Mrs Taylor, about the lunchtime clubs she will be running this term: music ensemble and choirs and I know many of the children are excited to be taking part in them.

We want to celebrate and develop our children's skills and abilities in music and widen their knowledge and enjoyment in it. I think we are particularly blessed with a staff and children that are skilled in this area. We use a school wide Music scheme, which is taught by Class Teachers, called 'Charanga', so this ensures that every child is accessing the curriculum each week. Year 3 and 4 also have whole class lessons to learn the recorder and ukulele. Mrs Smith will be running a Musical Theatre club in Term 4 and I will also be offering an after school Singing Club in Term 5, which I am looking forward to immensely.

If any parents have a particular musical skill or interest that you could share with us, perhaps to play in an assembly or to show in your child's class, we would be delighted, as well. It would be wonderful to inspire more children to take up an instrument and discover the joy of making music in another way.

Our Space topic is beginning to take off around the school and we are starting to see rockets, astronauts and planets appearing on the walls, as children develop their Scientific, Historical, Geographical and Art/DT knowledge and skills. I have learnt some new facts about the Planets in the playground this morning, as I was shown some work, freely chosen to do at home! To infinity and beyond.....

Have a lovely weekend and God bless.

Mrs Howie-Lee

New Lunchtime Clubs

KS2 Choir

Tuesdays 12-12.30

Mini-Singers

Thursdays 12.30-1.00

KS2 Instrumental
Ensemble

Friday 12-12.30pm

School Dinners for Nursery Children

We are offering an introductory price of £1.80 for school dinners to all Nursery children for the week commencing 25th February 2019. We are hoping to encourage more children to join us for dinners when they are in.

Lost Property

A pair of sunglasses in their case was found on the adults coach returning from Young Voices – please contact the office if you have lost them!

Young Voices Choir 2019.

Yesterday, Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham to take part in Young Voices 2019. They joined together with over 6000 other children from Primary Schools across the county to form part of World's biggest school choir. The children sang beautifully a medley of songs from The Greatest Showman, Coldplay, Joseph and many more, and more than a few tears were shed, both from the proud teachers accompanying them and from the sea of parents, friends and family in the audience. It really was a magical experience and one that the children will remember for a very long time. A midnight arrival back at school didn't stop the enthused children who all said it was one of the "best days EVER!" We agree - certainly a teaching highlight to see their happy faces all day! A big thank you must go to Mr Dawkins for running the Young Voices Choir sessions to prepare the children for this amazing experience.



PTA NEWS

Save the date: Saturday 9th March - Legomania Family Lego Building Event

The PTA is excited to announce that we have booked a family Lego building event on Saturday 9th March from 10-11.30am. Look out for more information coming soon!

Also, just a reminder that we are in need of volunteers to help take on the running of the PTA and fundraising events. We will be organising a meeting for all parents to discuss the future of our school fundraising in the next few weeks. If you are interested or have any questions, please see us at school or contact stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com.

NSPCC Number Day 2019

On 1st February we will be taking part in the national NSPCC Number Day 2019 where we will be having a Maths themed non-uniform day across the school. Please try and wear something with either numbers, patterns or shapes on and bring in a silver coin as a donation to the NSPCC. We will also be having a maths themed cake sale after school – all donations to school office at the start of the day please.



AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Wrens:	Rory C	Great participation in topic maths on comparing sizes
Robins:	Patricia S	For stunning handwriting – well done!
Owls:	Ivy-Rose M	For super joined up writing
Woodpeckers:	Job T	Super non-fiction writing
Kingfishers:	Tiamo DCM	For super effort in maths
Kestrels:	Mia Mck	For sharing her expertise in dance!
Ospreys:	Sam L	For a fantastic attitude to learning!
Eagles:	Daniel S	A wonderfully written space story!
Falcons:	Libby C	For a super standard of writing that completely engaged the reader

Headteacher's Award

A special well done to all the fabulous Young Voices singers!