



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,

It has been another busy and exciting week at St Mary's.

Our Space topic is taking off around the school: in every classroom there are astronauts, rockets, modroc planetary surfaces, research with Ipads, art work, exciting imaginary stories being read and written and even Buzz Lightyear crashing through the roof outside Owls class! The children burst into my office, full of ideas of how they were going to help him get back to space. They are making plans....

In my Monday assembly this week, I re-launched our House system and the children and staff have been allocated to their houses: St George- Red, St Patrick-Green, St David- Yellow and St Andrew- Blue. The beautiful House boards created by past pupils, have now been moved to the front of the hall and we have a new container for collecting House point tokens. Today, we celebrated great effort and behaviour, by gathering the tokens together and starting to fill the container. We plan to have house events and activities to further build that sense of belonging and team work.

Yesterday, the Senior Leadership Team, Governors and I undertook the second Local Authority School Effectiveness Review. This was a formal meeting where we were asked to provide evidence of impact towards achieving the actions laid out in the Post Inspection Action Plan. The four areas identified: Leadership and Management, Teaching and Learning, Pupil Outcomes and EYFS, were thoroughly scrutinised and questioned. I am delighted to be able to report to you that the focused effort by everyone in the school, has been validated as making effective improvement since the inspection in July.

As always, thank you for your support and have a great weekend.

God bless.

Mrs Howie-Lee

Change of TD Day

It has been necessary to change the TD Day on 23rd April to 25th July instead. Please amend your calendars accordingly.

Inter-Schools Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday 23rd January 2019, Emily, Albert, Feliks, Cullin, Selasi, Eva, Isla, Ben and I went to Sheldon astro and participated in a hockey tournament. We played 6 games and came 4th place. Although the weather was cold I had an amazing time and enjoyed each minute.

By Abbie G





Wiltshire PE Young Amassadors Training

On Wednesday 23rd January Albert and I went to young leaders training. During the morning we met Vernon Samuels who is a British Triple Jumper. He came 13th in the Seoul Olympics, he didn't win a medal but being 13th in the Olympics is amazing. Vernon had set a few games for us to play to use our agility. We then had to make a change for life club to help people who are inactive and to help them be more active.

It was a fun few hours to help us make our school more active.

By Emily F

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.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Wrens:	Louie M	For super sitting and listening in Gospel assembly. Well done!
Robins:	Roberto N	For drawing beautiful pictures to support his writing
Owls:	Laura N	For being such a helpful learning partner in class
Woodpeckers:	Eli M	For good thinking and discussion about capacity and measures
Kingfishers:	Grace D	For working hard and producing great ideas in our talk for writing unit
Kestrels:	Sam W	For having a super positive attitude to his learning. Well done!
Ospreys:	George D	For amazing progress in writing and gaining his pen licence
Eagles:	Chloe W	For always being a positive member of the class who tries her best
Falcons:	Ruben W	For such a positive learning attitude

Headteacher's Award

Samuel and Hope for their super presentation in Gospel Assembly this week