



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Some Diary Dates

15/02/19

Ospreys Class Assembly

15/02/19

3-3.30pm

Young Voices Mini-Concert in the hall.

15/02/19

End of Term 3

25/02/19

Start of Term 4

27/02/19

6.00pm PTA AGM

27/02/19

Woodpeckers Class Mass

07/03/19

World Book Day

26-03-19 and 28-03-19

Parents' Evenings.

Timings to be confirmed.

HEAD'S NOTES

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am happily surrounded by lots of cakes, kindly baked for the sale to support the NSPCC Numbers Day and I have enjoyed seeing all the different number and pattern outfits around the school. It has been great to support this cause and contribute to keeping children safe and cared for, when they are in need.

Earlier this week, a talented group of dancers represented the school at the Neeld Hall for the Chippenham Dance Festival, with an excellent routine called 'Revolting Children.' Many thanks go to Jenny from 'Up and Under', who has coached and prepared the children over this term and also to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Smith for supervising the children at the event. Albert and Emily in Year 6 stepped up as comperes at the last minute and did a fantastic job too!

On Wednesday I met with the Educational Welfare Officer, to clarify attendance and absence procedures, for the school. The office staff and I monitor attendance very closely and follow up on any concerns regarding persistent absences or emerging patterns of absence. The EWO has given us very helpful and clear advice about ensuring that children are not missing out on Education due to patchy attendance and also how we can support families with this.

Yesterday, we had the Power Maths Parents' workshop and thank you to those who were able to attend. It was a very informative and interactive session, enabling parents to have a clearer understanding of the approach we are using in the school. I think some of the Maths examples that were used proved quite challenging for a number of us! Mrs Kempton, our Maths Subject Leader has put together an information pack about Power Maths, for everyone, which will be sent out to you all.

The IEB are meeting regularly and undertaking lots of monitoring in and around school, as well as reviewing policies and working with staff on effective systems and procedures within the school. I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment and for the impact they have had in such a short space of time.

This morning, we were treated to Eagles' Class Assembly and it was a kaleidoscope of art work, information, music, role-play, storytelling and Design Technology. Well done to the children in this class who have clearly worked really hard and enjoyed learning about Space. We thoroughly enjoyed it.

Well, after the snow of last week, it would seem this weekend is bringing Storm Erik to our shores, so batten down the hatches and stay safe.

God Bless.

Mrs Howie-Lee

Parents' Forum

Tuesday 29th January.

Thank you to parents who came and expressed their views at this meeting. The IEB have noted areas of concern and we will continue to try to improve communication in the most effective way possible. As always, if you have an issue or concern, about your child's progress or learning, please contact their class teacher in the first instance.

Parents Evening

Parent's evening will be on Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th March. Timings and sign up information will be sent out nearer the date.



PTA NEWS

PTA AGM Wednesday 27th February 6pm

Our PTA AGM is fast approaching, everyone is welcome! Please try and come along to find out how you can support your school - even if you are unable to help at present. We'll try and keep it as informal as possible, but please remember that we are looking for volunteers to take on the committee roles. No experience is required, just a positive attitude! For a full description of what this involves, see the PTA section of the school website under PTA > Letters to Parents > PTA Roles. All participation is entirely voluntary and can be very rewarding. As always, I can be contacted at any time at stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Kirsty Mason, PTA Chair

Saturday 9th March - Legomania Family Lego Building Event

Tickets are selling fast for the Lego workshop on Saturday 9th March. Suitable for all ages 4-11, the event is run by an external company and is designed to inspire your creativity and invention! If you no longer have the letter, pick up a form in reception. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Wrens:	Kitty G-S	For always trying her best and for drawing an amazing Astronaut picture. Well done!
Robins:	Rory H	For all round excellence in his learning – Well Done!
Owls:	Daisy D	For fantastic thinking in Power Maths!
Woodpeckers:	Lucas R	For good ideas in his diary writing
Kingfishers:	Edward W-T	For fantastic maths thinking this week
Kestrels:	Arthur H	For beautiful handwriting
Ospreys:	Andrew N	For great improvements in his presentation
Eagles:	Indes P	For trying hard and being motivated in everything
Falcons:	Annie C	For much improved writing. Well don

Headteacher's Award

Daniel S - **For the most fantastic story**