



NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Some Diary Dates

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.

Textile Bank

Some of you may not have seen, but on site we have a Textile Bank which is emptied on a regular basis and the school receive money depending of the weight of textiles collected. Therefore if anyone has got any unwanted clothes or fabric items please bring them up to school and deposit them in the collection bank.
Thank you!

HEAD'S NOTES

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that six weeks have passed so quickly and we are about to break up for half term!

There have been many things to celebrate over the course of this term, but for me, it has been witnessing all of the children in the school, having such a positive attitude to their learning, as well as their kindness and respect towards each other. Our new behaviour policy has been well received and is now available on the school website. The children see it positively. This is a response from a Year 2 child: 'I like it because I know if I am being good and why.'

Yesterday, I took a group of children to St John's Church in Bath for a Mass. This was an opportunity for the 12 schools in the Camino Partnership to gather together in worship. These include four secondary schools and eight primary schools across Bath Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Corsham/Chippenham and three of whom are independent schools. You may have seen the picture in our foyer of the banners created by each school, also representing that partnership and fellowship. Thank you to the children who chose to come and represent St Mary's.

We enjoyed a very informative assembly from Ospreys this morning. It was super to hear about the learning they have undertaken around our space project; through research, Art, DT, role play, Music, RE, History, Geography and Science. Well done! I am looking forward to the young voices concert this afternoon and feel it is a lovely way to round off the term. The children are ready for a rest and time to recharge their batteries and it looks like the weather will be settled, at least for a few days.

I look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 25th February.

God Bless and Happy Half-Term!

Mrs Howie-Lee

Happy Healthy Children

I am sure that you would all agree that what we all want is happy healthy children. We have noticed that some of the packed lunch boxes that are coming into school contain many items that are high in sugar or fat ie sweets or chocolates. Please support the school in encouraging your children to make healthier choices.

Chippenham Dance Festival

On Tuesday, 5th February 2019, a group of children in KS2 went to the Neeld Hall for the Chippenham Dance Festival. The children who went were: Hope M, Alex W, Poppy D, Millie D, Libby T, Daniella E, Ava M, Emma M and Tom B.

We had been practising our dance every Tuesday after school. The dance had to be to a song from a musical; we chose 'Revolting Children' from Matilda The Musical.

At the Neeld Hall, we had one last practise before getting ready – making ourselves look like 'Revolting Children'. We all had a great time and loved our dance. We'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lewis, our dance teacher.

By Hope M & Alex W



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.

After School Clubs

Thank you for all the forms requesting places on either the Teacher-Led Clubs or Sports Clubs on offer in Term 4. As you would expect, some of the clubs are very popular and unfortunately we are only able to take a certain number. You will receive an email next week confirming whether you have been allocated a place on each club or not.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

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| Wrens: | Freddie O | For settling in so well, making friends and for trying new things |
| Robins: | Nicolas V | For trying hard in phonics. Well done! |
| Owls: | Marina K-T | For super progress in all areas of her work. Well done! |
| Woodpeckers: | Violet E | For being a super role model to others |
| Kingfishers: | Eden H | For perseverance all week |
| Kestrels: | Romeo C | Fantastic questioning in class and responding to questions with great examples. |
| Ospreys: | Thomas B | For a fantastic use of humour in his class assembly performance |
| Eagles: | Enzo C | For being positive and resilient |
| Falcons: | Hannah W | Fantastic independent writing |

Headteacher's Award

All the children who attended the Camino Mass – for representing St Mary's so beautifully.