



# NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## Some Diary Dates

05/03/19

Shrove Tuesday

6.00pm Swanage Trip,  
Parents' Meeting

06/03/19

9.00am Ash Wednesday  
Mass

7.00pm PTA Meeting in  
the school Library – all  
welcome.

07/03/19

World Book Day

08/03/19

Kestrels Assembly

26/03/19 and 28/03/19

Parents' Evenings.

Timings to be confirmed.

## St Davids Day

A big thank you to our St David's House Captains, Millie, Ruben and Rocco for their presentation all about the significance of St Davids Day in celebration assembly today. Thank you also to Poppy, our Deputy Head Girl for her support with the presentation.

## HEAD'S NOTES

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very positive start to Term 4, here at St Mary's.

On Monday morning everyone arrived to see that the work on our new fencing had begun. This has been another part of improving Safeguarding at St Mary's and making the site secure, especially during the school day. Unfortunately, our low fences made the site vulnerable to intruders, so this is another measure of protection for the children.

The PTA AGM was held here in school on Tuesday and was well attended. I would like to thank Kirsty Mason and her team who have worked tirelessly to raise money for the school. At the meeting Kirsty outlined the amount of money raised by parents and the way it has been used to enhance the lives of the children here. I am delighted that a new group of parents has stepped forward to form the next committee for the PTA and many others have offered their support for attending meetings and helping at events. The first meeting of this group will be held here at school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm and everyone is welcome.

Many parents and carers came to Woodpeckers' Class Mass on Wednesday and it was a lovely occasion, with the theme of love and forgiveness. Mrs Kempton and I were very proud of the children who presented prayers, readings and offerings beautifully and thank you also, to Canon Millett for celebrating Mass with us. Yesterday, some of our older children expressed their concern to me about the current issue with Internet safety. I was impressed by their mature attitude and suggestions for helping their peers to manage online usage. Unfortunately, by drawing notice to 'momo', it can further raise speculation and anxiety in our children. Therefore, each teacher led a session on safer internet use with the children during the afternoon. I also sent out some suggestions for parents in helping their children to be safer online. We will continue to educate our children on e-safety as part of our normal practice.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and God bless.

Mrs Howie-Lee



## Parent Pay

You should have all received your Parent Pay activation letters this week and many of you have already activated your account – thank you. The system will be used for all school communication going forward as well as an online payment system, therefore please can we encourage you all to take a moment to activate your accounts.

We are in the process of setting up the system for all payments such as dinner money, breakfast and after school clubs. Please bear with us whilst this is happening.

If anyone has any problems activating their accounts in the first instance please contact the office for assistance.

## PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our AGM this week, we had a fantastic turn out and are delighted to announce that we have a healthy new PTA Committee. Thank you to Mrs Genner who stepped forward as our new Chairperson, but as with all successful committees it is very much a team effort and cannot be run by just one person. We are still looking for someone who might be willing to take on the role of Treasurer. If you think you might be able to help please contact [stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com) . Everyone is welcome to our next PTA meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Library.

### **DON'T FORGET - Saturday 9th March - Legomania Family Lego Building Event**

There are still a few tickets available 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.

Refreshments will be on sale during the event so don't forget some pennies too!

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK

<b>Wrens:</b>	Amelia M	For involving others in her play by sharing imaginative ideas
<b>Robins:</b>	Annie F	For fantastic progress in reading
<b>Owls:</b>	Austin V	For excellent explanation in Maths
<b>Woodpeckers:</b>	Felix R	For making good choices to help his learning and being a role model to others
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Edward WT	For producing some fantastic descriptive writing
<b>Kestrels:</b>	Finley R	For independent writing and having a very positive attitude to his learning
<b>Ospreys:</b>	Emily T	For developing her explanations and reasoning in maths
<b>Eagles:</b>	Isla B	For always trying her best and having wonderful behaviour
<b>Falcons:</b>	Millie D	For constant pride and excellence in her work and learning attitude

### **Headteacher's Award**

**Vita A**

**For challenging herself and determination**

The winning house in Term 3 for the most house points awarded was St Andrews  
Well Done Everyone!