



# NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## Some Diary Dates

13/03/19

Owls Class Mass

Parents' Evenings.

26/03/19 5pm -7 pm

28/03/19 3.30 pm-

6.00pm

29/03/19

Falcons Class Assembly

03/04/19

Robins Class Mass

05/04/19

End of Term Mass

## Headlice

Please be vigilant with your child's hair on a regular basis as there has been several reports of Headlice in classes recently. Immediate action is the best way to prevent any reoccurrence. Your support with this is much appreciated. Please find guidelines attached containing useful information for parents.

## HEAD'S NOTES

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Mary's School was buzzing yesterday, as we celebrated World Book Day together, by taking part in lots of reading activities throughout the day, not least dressing up as favourite book characters! I have a wonderful memory of Gangster Granny (Mrs Smith) shuffling along on her zimmer frame in assembly and then breaking out dancing to Ibiza classic hits! Thank you to everyone who helped the children to dress up as book characters. I know how stressful it can be, as a parent, when you are trying to organise and prepare costumes and some were incredibly innovative.

However, we know that not everyone feels comfortable dressing up, which is fine. The emphasis is on the enjoyment of books and reading and as a result, there was a positive energy throughout the school yesterday and it was great for the children to see teachers swapping classes and sharing favourite books with them.

This week has marked the beginning of Lent, with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. In classes, the children have been reflecting on the ways they can prepare for Easter, in Lent, through works of kindness, giving to others and prayer. RE displays in classes, reflect our Lenten promises as we journey towards Easter over the next six weeks.

I am hoping that Ofsted will revisit us again before Easter. We are due to have a two day monitoring visit, when they will assess if we are taking effective action to come out of Special Measures. I believe that we are making rapid progress in this direction and look forward to sharing the positive work that has been done since September. Ofsted Parent View is always available, if any of you would like to share your views about our school, with them, at any time.

The new PTA met on Wednesday evening and have drafted a plan of exciting events and fundraisers for the rest of the school year. I know many children are looking forward to the Lego workshop here tomorrow, organised by the outgoing PTA committee. Information about future events will be shared shortly.

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

Mrs Howie-Lee

## Poetry Workshop

On Wednesday, we went to Sheldon to take part in an English Poetry workshop. We joined lots of other primary children and were taught by the secondary English teachers from Sheldon and Hardenhuish School. We had an amazing time and it really helped us to understand and start to analyse poetry.

By Olly, Sam, Enzo and Selasi in Year 5.



4x2, 7x5, 9x3, 10x8 ..... times table recall is getting quicker. 30 divided by 5, 24 divided by 2, 70 divided by 10, 64 divided by 8 the inverse division facts are being remembered too!

The children are using their 'Timestable Rockstar' logins at school to support and encourage their multiplication learning and quick recall of number facts. This resource can also be accessed at home.

The Times Table Rock Stars app can be downloaded from the App stores to be played on phones or tablets:



Google Play hyperlink: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ttrockstars.app&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ttrockstars.app&hl=en_GB)



App Store hyperlink: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/times-tables-rock-stars/id973811326?mt=8>

Or can be played in your favourite browser via <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

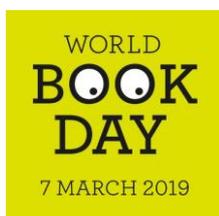
If you have any issues with your user account (e.g. forgotten your child's username or password) please contact their class teacher or the school office. If you experience a technical problem please email [support@ttrockstars.com](mailto:support@ttrockstars.com).

## PTA NEWS

The new committee had their first meeting this week, which was very well attended. A lot of exciting ideas for the school were discussed and several events were put in the diary. We will write to you separately with more information about our plans very soon. In the meantime, if you think you might be able to help at all with the PTA please contact [stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com).

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

Lots of you are booked to join us tomorrow for this exciting event. It starts at 10.00am and refreshments including homemade cakes will be on sale so don't forget some pennies!





**A few of our fabulous costumes from yesterday's World Book celebrations.**



### **AWARDS OF THE WEEK**

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| <b>Wrens:</b>       | Eddie P     | For settling in well and sharing his love of numbers. Well done!               |
| <b>Robins:</b>      | Ann G       | For her smiley, positive approach to everything – well done!                   |
| <b>Owls:</b>        | Elizabeth H | For fantastic explanations in 'Power Maths' Well done!                         |
| <b>Woodpeckers:</b> | Chloe B     | For being a good role model to others and sharing enthusiasm for her learning. |
| <b>Kingfishers:</b> | Aдриanna M  | For beautiful presentation in every lesson                                     |
| <b>Kestrels:</b>    | Ava M       | For fantastic explaining in Maths  |
| <b>Ospreys:</b>     | Maya L      | For some great persuasive writing  |
| <b>Eagles:</b>      | Megan D     | For fantastic maths explanations to the class                                  |
| <b>Falcons:</b>     | Fred H      | For fantastic diary writing  |

### **Headteacher's Award**

**Feliks R & Enzo C For creativity in book making**