

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



12th November 2021



**Our eyes of the world
display made by our
children who are working
hard every day to make a
difference. We are proud
of our Green Flag Award**



Dear Parents

We have had a good week at St Mary's.

Our Chaplains have been selling the poppies, snap bands & bracelets on behalf of the Poppy Appeal.



We were very proud of our Year 2 class yesterday as they attended the Remembrance Service at County Hall, they showed great respect & listened attentively throughout the service, well done.

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Our Year 2 children also made Remembrance cards and these were delivered to the residents of Culliford House Residential Home this morning by a couple of our chaplains.



After School Clubs

After school clubs will be running their final session next week.

If anyone else is interested in our possible languages club which could teach French and/or Russia on a Tuesday for an hour after school, please let the office know. We plan to start this next Tuesday for 4 weeks.

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Our Student Council

Our Student Council had a meeting this morning & meet on a weekly basis. Here are the members of our council:



“One Kind Word”

Odd Socks Day is taking place on **Monday 15th November 2021** this year to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. At St Mary's we will be having our Anti-Bullying week during this week & starting with Odd Socks Day on Monday.

Children are encouraged to come into school with odd socks on, either on their feet, in their hair, attached to their jumpers, etc. Odd Socks Day is a national initiative to celebrate individuality. Everyone is different and everyone is equal and odd socks is the perfect way to highlight that is a simple fun way for children.



One of the discussion at the meeting this morning was to explore having a new mural outside showing our characteristics of effective learning i.e. Go for it Gorilla, etc.

If any artistic parents would be available to help the children draw/paint this mural, please let the office know – many thanks.

Our Eco Committee

Eco Committee are now meeting on a regular basis, the members of the Committee are:

Year 1 - Oscar & Violet
Year 2 - Ottie & Jack
Year 3 - Logan & Evie
Year 4 - Penny & Stirling

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| Upcoming Dates at St Mary's | |
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| Mon 15 th Nov | Flu Vaccination Day – children will receive the nasal flu vaccination if parents have given consent online – see email sent 4 th Nov |
| Mon 15 th Nov | Odd Socks Day – children to wear odd socks |
| Thurs 18 th Nov | Individual & sibling School photos being taken (of children in Reception to Year 4) |
| Fri 19 th Nov | Year 4 visiting Dorchester Library |
| 15 th -19 th Nov | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Wed 24 th Nov | PTA meeting at school drop off time 8.55/9.00am in our Kidszone building. |
| Wed 15 th Dec | Food Links Christmas Lunch |
| Wed 15 th Dec | Strawberry Jam visiting St Mary's |
| Fri 17 th Dec | Children finish for Christmas Holidays |
| Tues 4 th Jan 2022 | Children return from Christmas Holidays |

the world, talking about what people wear, traditions, foods eaten, etc.

These talks can be for as short or long as you would like them to be and will help to widen our children's understanding of cultural diversity & how people celebrate the same thing but in different ways.

If you would like to be involved, please contact the school office & we can look at dates for you to come in.

PTA meeting - reminder

Just a reminder to come along to our PTA meeting at around 8.55/9.00am on Wednesday 24th November in our Kidszone building. We are hoping lots of parents will join us to find out about our upcoming fundraising ideas & how you can help on the PTA. It will last for up to half an hour. Being involved in our events, is not hugely time consuming but it is fun & a great way to meet other parents. So, please come along to learn more.

Reminder: Christmas around the World



During December we would like to include in our Assemblies some of our parents talking to the children about their Christmas' from different parts of

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This week's Kids Corner comes from Reception. This is what the children have really enjoyed doing and learning this week.

I enjoyed being
told the story
about Rama the
brave & Sita the
beautiful princess

Darcie

I liked learning
the zzzzzzz
sound
Scarlett

I like having
lunch with my
friends
Fred

I like PE on a
Wednesday
Donnie

We like to tell jokes
in our outside play
area
Callie

Have a good weekend

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher