

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



21st January 2022



**Celebrating our star
reader & writer this week**



Dear Parents

We have had a great week at St Mary's, our after school clubs are running well & being enjoyed by the children.

Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age. Year 4 are visiting the Dorset museum this afternoon as part of their 'songlines' music project.

For information, details of all the classes' curriculum topic webs & knowledge organisers are on the school website under 'Curriculum'.



St Mary's new food donation box

As part of our school mission, we have been talking about helping people deal with the challenges of 2022.

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The children were keen to start a St Mary's food donation box, where children can choose to bring in a food item each week & then every few weeks we will deliver our donations to the local food bank.

Our Chaplains group will be leading on this initiative by promoting it with the other children, sorting the donations & helping to deliver the items to the local food bank. Our Chaplains will be making a donations box next week & it will be available for donations from the week after by the House of Joy.

If you are able to send an item in on a regular basis or just every now & then, it would be much appreciated.

Housekeeping

Please can we ask parents to not park on the yellow zig zag lines at the top of the school. These are there to ensure safety & should not be parked on – many thanks.

One other piece of housekeeping, if someone different than normal is collecting your child from class at the end of the school day, please let the office know in advance so that they can inform your child's class teacher – thank you.

Ten Ten Resources for parents

Ten Ten will be running the following session for parents, please see the information below & the attached flyer. The cost is £10.

RSHE: Parents

Thursday 3 February at 7pm

What is Relationship, Sex and Health Education in Catholic schools? A guide for parents.

Upcoming Dates	
Tuesday 25th Jan	Reception children Hearing Checks by School Nurse
Week 31st Jan-4th Feb	Parent evening virtual meetings
Week 7th-11th Feb	Parent evening virtual meetings
Mon 21st March-Friday 1st April	Sustrans Big Wheel & Walk – encouraging as many children & families to walk, scooter, cycle to school actively as possible.

Local Food Links Competition Time

To celebrate World Book Day this year, Local Food Links are running a competition for a child to win a year's subscription to the fabulous 'Eco Kids Planet Magazine'. The winning design will also be made into a Bookmark for every member of the winner's class - <https://www.ecokidsplanet.co.uk>.

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To be in with a chance of winning, they are asking children to design a Bookmark using the template attached or by clicking on the link <http://c2603015.myzen.co.uk/.../LFL-Bookmark-Competition.pdf> or draw your own template using A4 paper and drawing a Bookmark that is 20.5cm long by 8cm wide). Artists can be as creative as they like – we just ask that the entry is either drawn, painted or collage in design and that they stay within the lines.

What you could win:

A year's subscription to 'Eco Kids Planet Magazine' as well as your design being made into a Bookmark for you and each member of your class.

What to do:

- Draw/paint/collage your design on the template provided or draw your own template using A4 paper and drawing a Bookmark that is 20.5cm long by 8cm wide.
- Send your wonderful creations to natasha.elliott@localfoodlinks.org.uk by Friday 25th February.
- It is important to include your name, school, class and year on the entry email.
- We will accept the following file types: PDF or JPEG.



This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 3. This is what the children have really enjoyed doing and learning this week.

I like doing
gymnastics in PE
Lizzie

I like playing the
drums
George

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I enjoyed
independent
writing using a
picture

Neve B

I enjoyed plotting
the plot points
for Stone Age
Boy

Logan

I like playing
with my friends
and doing
English

Elsie

A lot of laughs from Annabelle:

What do you call a wizard drinking
tea?

A cup and sorcerer



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Kidszone Corner

This week the children have made penguins using their handprints, and a winter tree picture using fingerprints. They have also enjoyed painting freely, experimenting mixing their own colours - there were lots of flowers and butterflies.

The children had the chance to create their own animal finger puppets, so there has been lots of puppet shows going on throughout the week - with some fabulous story lines! Twister has been a hit this week, even a few of the adults have been joining in!



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Have a good weekend

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