

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



23rd April 2021



Dear Parents,

We have had a great week back at St Mary's, we hope you all enjoyed your Easter break. Here are our Branches of Love & St Mary's Citizens.

Please find attached to the newsletter, a letter regarding the NSPCC speak out, stay safe programme. The children will be revisiting this programme during the week 3rd May. This is part of our continued work in keeping our children safe, this is the third part of our safeguarding programme for children, following on from our esafety work in February and anti-bullying last November.

Also attached as a reminder is our safeguarding/child protection leaflet for St Mary's, this leaflet and other safeguarding information can be found on our website, as well as other child protection policies, such as, 'use of mobile phones/cameras on site'. Please take some time to remind yourself of this information – many thanks.



We have been pleased with the effect of having a working gate on the car park, this has made drop off and pick up much safer for our pupils. Please could you be mindful when you are driving near the school and consider how you park at the

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beginning and end of the day to help with this safety – many thanks.

This week we prayed to remember Mrs Ray, our friend, supporter and past Clerk of Governors as it would have been her birthday this coming Monday. We know she loved reading and was passionate about children learning to read and she would be delighted with our newly decorated library. Thank you to her family for kindly buying new books & a light tree for our library, these are much enjoyed by the children. We will think of Joy when we are using our library.



Topic Webs & Knowledge Organisers

On a separate email you will be sent the Summer term 1's Topic Web & Knowledge Organiser for your child's class, we hope you find these informative and useful.

RE questionnaire

Also on the separate email will be a link to a parent questionnaire about our religious life at St Mary's. We would be very grateful if you could complete this questionnaire as this will go towards our preparation for our RE Inspection during the Autumn term.

Life Bus

This week our classes have been engaging with the Life Bus. They learnt about their health, bodies and lifestyle. We would like to thank the PTA for funding the Life Bus this year as we know that the past year has been hard for families.

Exciting new play equipment

We have a new piece of playground equipment which the children are really enjoying using. Here are some pictures of our Year 2 children making the most of it.



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CAFOD Eyes of the World Campaign

Our Year 4 class have been learning about CAFOD's Eyes of the World Campaign and caring for our common world. Well done to some of our pupils who took part in a video that CAFOD will be sending to government before they host the United Nations' climate change talks. Here they will make important decisions that will shape the future of our global family, including the world's poorest communities affected by the climate crisis. All the children watched the Eyes of the World National Assembly yesterday.



Big Pedal

Thank you to everyone who has been travelling to school by bike, scooter or foot this week, we are still taking part in the Big Pedal next week, so please keep it up, you've been brilliant.

Best wishes,

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