

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023



## World Book Day – 'Wonderful World of Words'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Spring has arrived at St Mary's, it is chilly but lovely to see the sunshine & the Spring flowers & buds on the trees starting to appear.

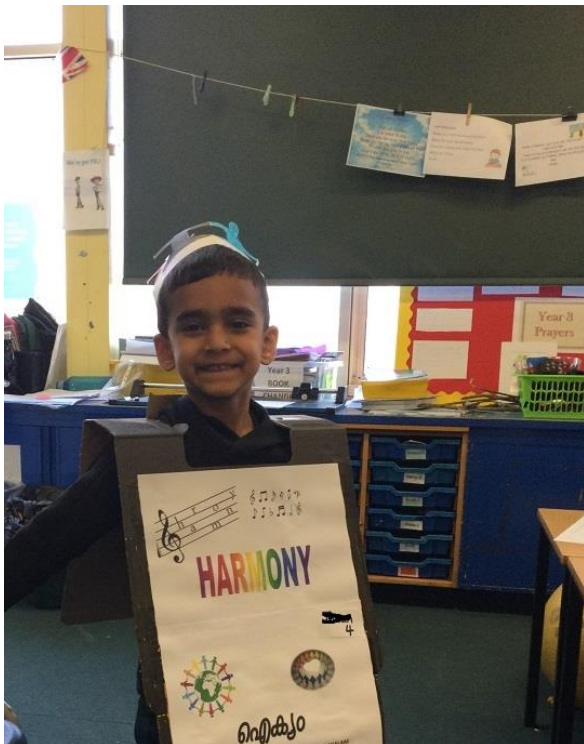
Year 4 performed this week in the DASP concert along with other Year 4 classes, they sang beautifully & the parents thoroughly enjoyed the performance. We were very proud of all our children – well done to them all.

## World Book Day

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day, the theme this year was 'Wonderful World of Words'. The children spent the day looking at & learning words from around the World to inspire their own writing. We started the day with a virtual appearance from Michael Rosen, he talked about all the words that he loves & we discussed with the children that books are a series of carefully selected words.

The children then all took part in a variety of activities throughout the day:

- ❖ Food around the World – looking at photos of school lunches from different countries & guessing which countries they were from.



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- ❖ Australian Art – making Aboriginal art.
- ❖ Play - took part in a play 'Fruits of the Tree' which is a traditional tale from Brazil.
- ❖ Syria – researching facts about Syria & learning some words.
- ❖ Spanish – learning Spanish words.

Thank you to all the children & parents for the amazing effort making some fantastic homemade outfits, here is a few of them to enjoy:



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## New to you school uniform & clothes sale

Next week at drop off & pick up times we will have a 'new to you' uniform & clothes sale at St Mary's.

We have some good quality pre-loved items which need a new home, which we hope will be of use to people. Please pop down towards Kidszone (or inside Kidszone if the weather is bad), where the clothes rails will be, plus an honesty donations box for any items you would like to have.

## PTA Event – Easter Bingo

Tickets are now on sale at pick up time by the House of Joy.

Please remember our home clothes day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for a suggested £1 donation towards Easter Bingo prizes



## Golden Padlock winner:

Congratulations to this week's winner, who chose a pink snap band as a prize – well done.



## Changing Key Dorset – supporting young musicians

Changing Key Dorset is a new charity which is already providing funding to help support young musicians facing challenging circumstances with the cost of their musical activities.

Applications for funding from Changing Key Dorset are welcomed from any young musician educated across Dorset.

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The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities provided by private or public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 per year and last for three consecutive academic terms.

For more details about funding awards please visit the funding application page on the Changing Key Dorset website:

<https://changingkeydorset.co.uk/>

## Upcoming Events

Next week we have our 'Festival of the Arts'. Parents invited to come along on 8<sup>th</sup> March for Year 1 & 2 or 9<sup>th</sup> March for Year 3 & 4.

Date	Event
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 & 2 'Festival of the Arts' – Y1&2 children showcasing their art & dance for their parents – 2.30pm at St Mary's Y1 & 2 parents invited
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 'Festival of the Arts' – Y3&4 children showcasing their art & dance for their parents – 2.30pm at St Mary's Y3 & 4 parents invited
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Home clothes day for a suggested £1 donation towards Easter Bingo prizes

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 attending Commonwealth Service at County Hall
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Wagamama in Dorchester
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Life Education sessions for all classes & pre-school – parents to pay via Parentpay
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA fundraising BINGO night 5.30pm-8pm in the school hall
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Children finish for the Easter Holidays
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school after Easter holidays
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 4 two night residential trip to the Springhead Trust
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School & Pre-school closed
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School & Pre-school closed
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Children finish for the half term holidays
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school after half term holidays
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Children finish for Summer holidays

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This week in Haycorns the focus story has been Handa's surprise. The children have tried exotic fruits from the story at snack times and enjoyed using the puppets to re-enact the story themselves.

The children have also been playing board games together, taking turns and talking about the different foods throughout.

The theme for world book day was colours, with each of the children and adults coming dressed as a colour, the classroom looked like a rainbow with all the variety! Lots of stories were read & lots of activities took place about colours throughout the day. The children all received a coloured pencil to take home.



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This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 4, letting us know what they have enjoyed learning & doing this week.

I liked it in RE when we made a school set of rules, inspired by Paul's letter to the Romans.

Logan

I have enjoyed having the singing lessons with Mrs Trevorrow. I learned to sing the songs for the DASP concert and then performed them at Thomas Hardye School.

Maddie

I enjoyed my dance lessons and am looking forward to performing the dance to my parents next week.

Bethany

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I liked it when we learnt about smuggling and how they hid the contraband in different places, such as, in their clothes. We are now designing smuggling pouches.

Cecily

This week's 'a lot of laughs' comes from Ariyah:

What does a lion use on a canoe?  
A ROAR!



Have a good weekend.

*P. Fearn*

Paula Fearn  
**Headteacher**