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Dear Parents

We have had a good final week to our half term.

The whole school took part in a workshop with the Author Laura James, the children found this very interesting and asked some great questions about Laura's inspiration and what encouraged her to become an author.

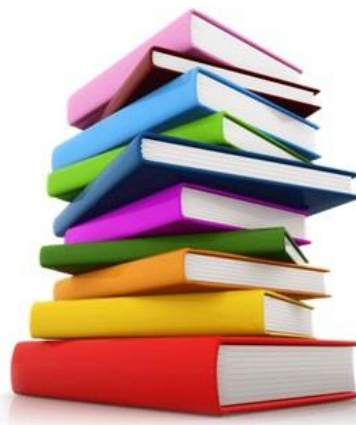
Our Year 2 class had another enjoyable singing session with Mrs Joy.

Our Reception class attended a dance festival at Damers First School with many other local Reception classes. The children were very well behaved, danced really well and had a lot of fun. We were really proud of them.

Our Reception parents joined the children yesterday afternoon for a Space party where lots of fun was had.



Please note that our PTA Easter Bingo night is now on **Friday 20th March**, please put the date in your diaries, the PTA will be selling tickets after the half term break.



St Mary's Book Exchange

We will be starting a Book Exchange on Friday mornings at drop off time after the half term break. Parents will be able to drop off books on a Friday morning that their children have finished with and will then be able to exchange these for different books that other parents have brought in. We will have this book exchange in our Kidszone building, you can pop in on any Friday morning. Please bring in books that are in a good condition. We hope your children enjoy any new books that you find.

St Mary's World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day at St Mary's on Wednesday 4th March, we would love for the children to come to school dressed in costumes on this day. We would like children to use items they have at home or can obtain for free and we would like children to think of a word that they have read in a book and to dress to express that word. Please see the sheet attached to the newsletter email with some examples of possible costumes.

The children will take part in various activities to do with World Book Day throughout this day and during the week beginning 2nd March but will only need costumes on Wednesday 4th March.

Upcoming Dates

Please see our upcoming dates

Friday 14 th February	Children finish for half term holiday
Monday 24 th February	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 25 th February	Children return from half term break
Friday 28 th February	PTA cake sale at pick up time (Reception parents kindly donating cakes)
Monday 2 nd March	Year 2 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 4 DASP Concert at Thomas Hardy School – (evening) parents invited – information to follow
Wednesday 4 th March	St Mary's World Book Day – children to come to school dressed up
Friday 6 th March	Bike It Fairtrade Breakfast – details to follow

Monday 9 th March	Year 3 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 4 class Orienteering at St Osmund's School during the afternoon – information to follow
Wednesday 11 th March	Reception Class Vision Screening
Monday 16 th March	Year 1 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day
Friday 20 th March – change of date (New date)	St Mary's Easter BINGO – early evening family event - £5.00 includes entry & 10 games of 6 books
Monday 23 rd March	School Nurse drop-in session at 8.45 am
Monday 23 rd March	Year 4 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day
Wednesday 25 th March	Mass at St Mary's – 9.00 am
Friday 27 th March – change of date (New date)	PTA cake sale at pick up time (Y4 parents kindly donating cakes)
Friday 27 th March – change of date (New date)	Year 4 Sleepover - 6.00 pm
Monday 30 th March	Reception sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day

Children finish today for their half term break, we hope you all have a good week with some quality family time.

We have a staff training day on Monday 24th February so children will return to St Mary's School on Tuesday 25th February. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Yours Sincerely

P. Fearn

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