

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



11th March 2022



Our Year 4 working as a team to build human pyramids



Dear Parents

We have had an eventful week at St Mary's. The children had their school photos taken on Monday, we hope you like them.

Our Years 1-4 took part in a workshop learning about Mars and this was followed by Years 2, 3 & 4 visiting Luke Jerram's Mars exhibit at the Corn Exchange, which they really enjoyed. The children viewed the exhibit & drew pictures of it. It was lovely to take the children out on a trip, they were very well behaved, we were proud of them.



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St Mary's PTA will be holding a fantastic fundraising event for St Mary's School. They will be running our Spring Bingo event on Friday 1st April.

To help prepare for the event & raise funds for St Mary's, we will be having a non-uniform day for a small donation to raise funds. Our non-uniform day will be next Friday 18th March.

Spring BINGO will be on Friday 1st April at St Mary's, doors open at 5.30pm, eyes down for 6.00pm & will run until about 8.00pm. It is a really fun family event & there will be prizes for every game.

The PTA will be selling the bingo books & raffle tickets in front of the House of Joy each afternoon at 3.00pm from next Monday. Bingo books are £5.00 & raffle tickets £1 each.

Raffle Prizes

If anyone knows a local business that they would be happy to contact to ask if they would be kind enough to donate a raffle prize, this would be much appreciated.

Also, if anyone has any donations from home that would be suitable for raffle prizes, please bring them into the school office.

Please do support St Mary's by coming along to this fun event, drinks (soft & alcoholic) plus snacks will be available for sale during the evening.

Science Day

Also on Friday 1st April, the whole school will be taking part in our Science day. Each class will try different experiments & learn more about science. Each class will also have a session with 'Betty Boffin' (Strawberry Jam's science professor).

Laudato Si Day

On Thursday 7th April at St Mary's we will be having another Laudato Si day. This day will help us by improving our school environment. Children will be working with various groups during the day taking part in different activities, such as, planting, painting, environmental activities, etc. Please can children wear suitable clothes for being outside & doing all of these activities.

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Upcoming Dates	
Mon 14th March	Year 3 attending Commonwealth Day Ceremony in Dorchester
Tues 15th March	Celebration Assembly for Year 3 & Year 3 parents at 9am
Fri 18th March	Non-school uniform day to raise funds for Easter bingo PTA event
Fri 18th March	Celebration Assembly for Year 2 & Year 2 parents at 9am
Mon 21st & Tues 22nd March	Life Education sessions for each class
Fri 25th March	Celebration Assembly for Year 4 & Year 4 parents at 2.45pm
Mon 21st March-Fri 1st April	Sustrans Big Wheel & Walk – encouraging as many children & families to walk, scooter, cycle to school as possible.
Fri 1st April	Whole school Science day, including each class having a session with Betty Boffin (Strawberry Jam)
Fri 1st April	Celebration Assembly for Year 1 & Year 1 parents at 2.45pm
Fri 1st April	PTA Easter Bingo event - 6-8pm in St Mary's school hall.
Wed 6th April	Celebration Assembly for Reception & Reception parents at 9am

Thurs 7th April	St Mary's Laudato Si day - improving our school environment. Whole school activities – children to wear outside activity clothes
Thurs 7th April	Children finish for Easter Holidays
Fri 8th April	Staff training day – School Closed
Mon 25th April	Children return to school

Our Bike it Bear for this week was Astin. Well done Astin.

Kidszone Corner

This week in Kidzone the children have been creative with Salt Dough, making lots of different figures. Once they were baked they were able to paint and decorate them.

Continuing on from World Book Day, the children made some Corner book marks - turning them into animals and monsters.

Everyone was very excited for the return of some big toys to Kidszone, due to the easing of restrictions, especially the football table!

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



I liked writing up an explanation text about the street beneath my feet

Franco

I enjoyed learning how to type properly in ICT

Regan

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I enjoyed going to
Mars on our trip!

Tamera

I enjoyed learning
about measure!

Billy

I liked listening to
Bob talk about Mars
and the other
planets

Geddy

A lot of laughs from Evie:

What do you call a seagull who flies over the
bay?

A baygull



Have a good weekend, best wishes,

P. Fearn

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