

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



18th March 2022



Year 3 learning football skills in PE



Some of our Irish community celebrating St Patrick's Day



Dear Parents

We have had a good week at St Mary's, we have had three new interactive screens installed in the hall and the Year 3 & 4 classrooms.

Year 3 attended the Dorset Council's Commonwealth Day Ceremony, they enjoyed the event & were well behaved, well done to our Year 3 pupils.

Year 3 & Year 2 also held their Celebration Assemblies this week. It was lovely to be able to invite some of our parents back into St Mary's, the children thoroughly enjoyed showing what they had been doing & what they wanted to celebrate. We look forward to hosting parents from other classes over the coming weeks.

Thank you for all the kind donations today as part of our non-school uniform day, these were much appreciated.

School Lunches

As you will be aware the government provide free hot lunches to all school children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. They also provide free hot lunches for older pupils depending on family circumstances. If your family's circumstances have changed in the last year or so & you think you may be eligible to apply for free hot lunches, please do contact the school office & they can investigate this for you.

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A reminder that for the next two weeks we will be taking part in Sustrans Big Wheel & Walk – we would like to encourage as many children & families to walk, scooter, cycle to school as possible – thank you.

Bingo & Raffle Prizes

Just a reminder that St Mary's PTA will be holding a fantastic Bingo fundraising event on Friday 1st April. Bingo books & raffle tickets on sale at pick up time in front of the House of Joy.

Thank you for the raffle prizes already received, 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 or if anyone has any donations from home that would be suitable for raffle prizes, please bring them into the school office – many thanks.

Upcoming Dates	
Mon 21st & Tues 22nd March	Life Education sessions for each class
Mon 21st March-Fri 1st April	Sustrans Big Wheel & Walk – encouraging as many children & families to walk, scooter, cycle to school as possible.
Fri 25th March	Celebration Assembly for Year 4 & Year 4 parents at 2.45pm
Wed 30th March	Reception Class trip to Kingston Maurward
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

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This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 2. This is what the children have really enjoyed doing and learning this week.

I liked learning about Christopher Columbus. I learnt that he wanted to go to Asia but ended up sailing to the Caribbean

Oscar

I enjoyed going to the Mars exhibition. I liked laying underneath where I saw lots of craters

Beau

I liked learning about old and new cars and thinking about how they are different

Brooke

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I like when we went to
the Corn Exchange - I
liked sketching Mars, it
was difficult but very
fun

Alfie S

A lot of laughs from Ara:

Doctor, Doctor, I've lost my memory

Where did you leave it?

Leave what?



Have a good weekend, best wishes,

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher

I have enjoyed
learning about 3D
shapes this week. I
have learnt about
edges, vertices, and
faces

Maddie