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Dear Parents

On Monday the children from Reception upwards worked in small groups to plan for a collaborative story for a DASP competition. They planned a story map with children from different ages, the story was based on sport. They really enjoyed working and writing with children from other classes.

Also on Monday Emily from the Weldmar Trust collected a cheque from St Mary's and thanked all the children for the funds raised during the Rudolph Run. St Mary's families raised an amazing £908.00 for the Weldmar Trust for which they were incredibly grateful.

It was lovely to have many families join us for Mass on Tuesday, our next Mass will be on Wednesday 25th March at 9.00 am.

We also ran a Maths Workshop for Reception parents on Wednesday afternoon, the next one is on Friday 7th February at 9.00 am

Thank you to all the Year 1 parents who have kindly donated cakes for the PTA cake sale.

Gospel Values

Next half term, all of our classes will be looking in-depth at our Gospel Values – Humility, Compassion, Kindness, Justice, Forgiveness, Integrity, Peace and Courage.

The children will be writing a class prayer around these values. We would then love to share these prayers with their parents so each class will share their prayer on a specific day next half term and the end of the school day.

The dates for the different classes sharing their prayer with their parents are:

Year 2 – Monday 2nd March

Year 3 – Monday 9th March

Year 1 – Monday 16th March

Year 4 – Monday 23rd March

Reception – Monday 30th March

Author Laura James

We are very lucky that the Author Laura James (writer of the Pug & Fabio, the Flamingo Detective books) will be running a workshop for our children on Monday 10th February at St Mary's. A member of staff from Waterstones will also be joining Laura and bringing along some of her books. If your child would like to buy a book while Laura is here, they would need to bring £6.00 in to school. If you would like to, you could give this money in a named envelope to the class teacher or to the school office.

Bike-it Bear

Once a week, a tag with a picture of Bike-it Bear will randomly be put on a bike or scooter. If your child finds the tag on their bike or scooter, please bring it into the school office so we can note who has found it.

The person who finds it on their bike/scooter will be able to take Bike-it Bear home on the Friday of the week the tag was found and return it to the school office the following Monday.

Reminder – Bad Weather Procedure

Please find attached to the Newsletter email, the information regarding extreme bad weather and the procedures which will be put in place if necessary. This information can also be found on our website under 'About Us' and is entitled Extreme Weather Arrangements.

Upcoming Dates

Please see our upcoming dates

Mon 3 rd & Tues 4 th Feb	Life Education Bus (Haycorns and all Year Groups)
Tuesday 4 th February	Parent's Evening 2.30-5.00 pm (first of two evenings) – information to follow
Wednesday 5 th February	Parent's Evening 3.40-6.00 pm (second of two evenings) – information to follow
Thursday 6 th February	School Nurse drop-in Session 8.45 am
Thursday 6 th February	Reception Class – National Measurement Session
Friday 7 th February	Maths Workshop for Reception parents at 9.00 am
Friday 7 th February	Year 4 parents & pupils - Springhead Residential briefing meeting at 3.20 pm
Monday 10 th February	Author Laura James visiting St Mary's
Monday 10 th February	Reception Class Dance Festival – 1.45 pm at Damers First School
Thursday 13 th February	Reception Class Space Party – Reception parents invited at 2.00 pm
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 Hardye School – (evening) parents invited – information 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
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	PTA cake sale at pick up time (Y4 parents kindly donating cakes)
Friday 20 th March	Year 4 Sleepover at St Mary's
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	St Mary's Easter BINGO – early evening family event - £5.00 includes entry & 10 games of 6 books
Monday 30 th March	Reception sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day

Yours Sincerely

P. Fearn

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