

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



4<sup>th</sup> March 2022



**Our World Book Day,  
celebrating the rich  
languages around the  
World**



Dear Parents

We have had a lovely start to our next half term. Some of our school Chaplains from Year 3 led part of our Assembly today & spoke to all the children about the amazing work of the charity Mary's Meals. This is a charity that St Mary's has regularly supported.

The Chaplains explained why it was important to support this charity. They said it was:

- because they help children in very hot places where there is little clean water or food.
- because children in different countries don't have much to eat.
- because we want the children to have food
- the children know they will have a nice meal at school
- to help look after these children

For every £15.90, the charity will feed one child for a WHOLE YEAR!!! Mary's Meals is now reaching 1,101,206 children with a daily meal across four continents.

The Chaplains are encouraging all the children in the school during Lent to give

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up something that they normally enjoy but would be happy to give up i.e. a chocolate bar, sweets, etc. & instead of buying these, to donate the money saved to Mary's Meals.

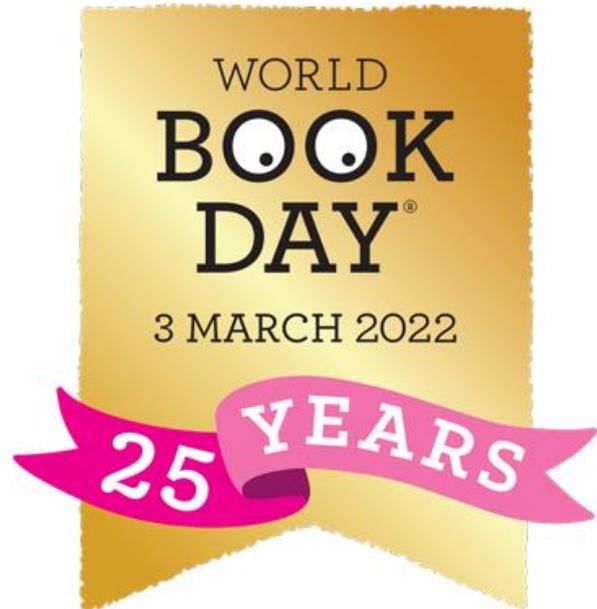
If your child would like to donate some money from their sacrifice, they can bring it into school during Lent. We will then send the money off to Mary's Meals at the end of Lent – many thanks.

If you would like to know more about Mary's Meals, please use this link:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

During Lent at St Mary's, the children will be going through their Lenten journey, this week they have had prayer time & have learnt about Mary's Meals.

**Thank you for the kind donations for the Ukraine**



The children had a fantastic day of activities, collaborative work with children from other classes, exploring words & all the amazing outfits that the children & staff wore. Reception children also had stories in their classroom and Years 1 & 2 took part in a live virtual performance by Author & Illustrator Catherine Rayner, whilst Years 3 & 4 watched a live performance by the Author & Poet Michael Rosen.

On Wednesday Years 3 & 4 visited & took part in activities at Waterstones book shop, which they really enjoyed.

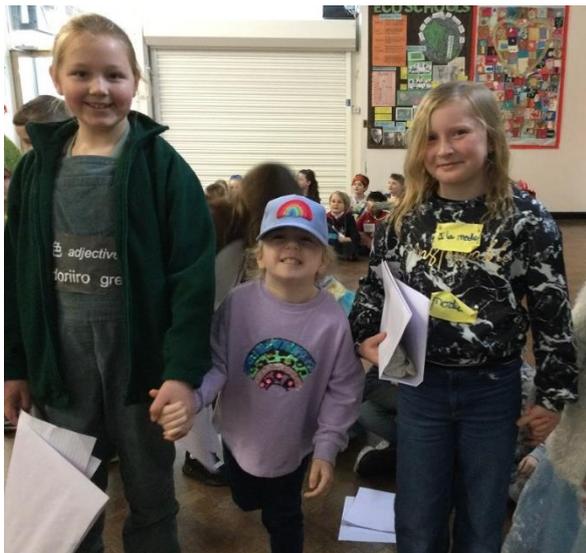
All children will also be coming home with a World Book Day book to enjoy.

Here are a few of the outfits that represent a word either in English or another language from around the World:

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## Celebration Assemblies

We are looking forward to inviting our parents back into St Mary's School & will begin with some Celebration Assemblies, where each class on a different date will share with their parents what they have been doing & what they wish to celebrate. The dates for your diaries are:

<b>Reception class &amp; parents</b>	<b>6th April at 9am</b>
<b>Year 1 &amp; parents</b>	<b>1st April at 2.45pm</b>
<b>Year 2 &amp; parents</b>	<b>18th March at 9am</b>
<b>Year 3 &amp; parents</b>	<b>15th March at 9am</b>
<b>Year 4 &amp; parents</b>	<b>25th March at 2.45pm</b>



## PTA Meeting

The PTA will be holding a short meeting for parents to discuss the upcoming St Mary's Spring BINGO fundraising event. This short meeting will be next Monday afternoon at 2.45pm, ahead of pick up time.

Please do come along, parents who have not been involved before are very welcome. Involvement in our events is not a time consuming role, it is good fun & you will be working alongside other parents. Please come along to see if you would like to be involved, all are welcome.

<b>Upcoming Dates</b>	
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Photos (individual & with any siblings at St Mary's School from Reception to Year 4)
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	In-school workshop learning about Mars for Years 2, 3 & 4
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 & 4 visit to see Luke Jerram's Mars Exhibit at the Corn Exchange
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 2 visit to see Luke Jerram's Mars Exhibit at the Corn Exchange
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 attending Commonwealth Day Ceremony in Dorchester
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Life Education sessions for each class
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup>-Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Sustrans Big Wheel & Walk – encouraging as many children & families to walk, scooter, cycle to school as possible.
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Children finish for Easter Holidays
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Staff training day – School Closed
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Children return to school

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This week Haycorns have welcomed their new friend Poppy to Haycorns. The children are looking forward to having a new friend to play with.

On Tuesday the children made their own paper pancakes, decorating them with their favourite toppings, there were some very interesting creations!

In SEAL group this week the children have been learning about healthy foods and the food we would eat as a special treat, they set out a picnic for Mr Tig Tog and his friends, and spoke about the different healthy foods they enjoy.

During Forest School the children found some very special friends - three bears have moved in! Mummy, Daddy, and Baby bear. The children will get to visit them every week and can't wait to have lots of fun in the forest with them.



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Have a good weekend, best wishes,

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