



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus

Stewardship, Teamwork, Agape, Respect

Term 3, Week 7 Friday 18th February—St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week, in our Gospel assembly (Luke 6: 17, 20-26) the children heard about Jesus' special love for those who are sad, poor or hungry. They were asked to reflect on how they could support those in need during this week.

It has been a wonderful half term at St.Mary's. I would like to express my gratitude to all the dedicated staff, governors and parents, for welcoming me into St.Mary's School community. I feel very proud to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and I am making good progress in learning their names! I wish you all an enjoyable half term and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 28th February**.

Uniform

After half term, the children will be expected to come into school in their full school uniform on a daily basis. We are proud of our uniform and we feel that the children should take pride in their appearance and come to school in the correct uniform at all times. We would ask that parents support this. The uniform list can be found on our website.

PE / Games Lessons

The children will keep their PE kit in school, changing into it when they have a PE / Games lesson. Therefore, over half term, please ensure that all your child's PE kit is clearly named and stored in a named draw-string bag.

Please note that all children are required to remove all jewellery prior to their PE / Games lesson (including stud earrings), therefore we recommend that on 'PE/ Games' lesson days, they do not wear these items to school, as we cannot take responsibility for any lost or damaged items.

If you require any support with school uniform, please come and speak directly to the office or contact us via email.

Children staying safe online

As we approach half term, as a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child keep safe online. Please bear in mind the potential dangers of the misuse of Social Media and the internet with your child. We would strongly advise that you monitor your child's use carefully and ensure that you have the appropriate settings in place. You will find plenty of advice and guidance at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Parents Evening 15th / 16th March 2022

Booking slots for parents evening will go live on 25th February. It is our intention to offer face to face appointments, however if you would prefer a telephone appointment, please let your child's class teacher know via email through the office. To enable the teachers to focus on speaking with parents, we would be grateful if you could avoid bringing pre-school children on the evening.

A polite reminder: please can all email communication to staff be via the school office email

Sports Round up from Mrs Weller

Real Leaders

Two Friday's ago, I had the pleasure of spending the day with our twelve new Real Leaders. We all had training from Rupert Nobes, our Real PE tutor. The children have begun a leadership programme which will help them develop the skills needed to guide, motivate & inspire younger children at St Mary's. Rupert was so impressed with our Real Leaders & we look forward to continuing the leadership coaching in school.

Congratulations to the following children in Year 5 on their new role: Zachary, Maja, Harry, Danny, Bobby, Lilly, Joanna, Valentina, Scarlett, Grace, Max and Zuzanna.



Year 5/6 Stingers Netball

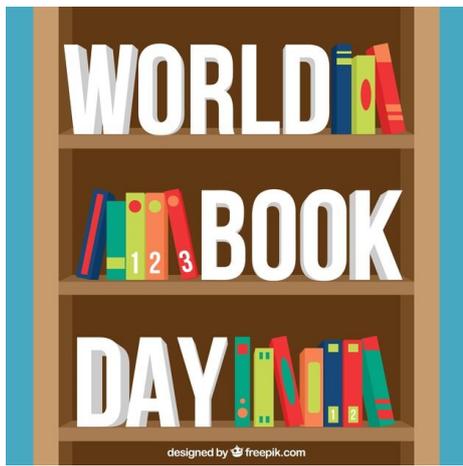
On Wednesday, a team of 8 girls played their first matches of the year! Sadly, due to Covid, we have not played as much netball as we would have liked over the past couple of years. Despite this, the girls played brilliantly and improved so much with each match. They showed excellent team spirit and we thoroughly enjoyed our morning of netball. We look forward to more friendly matches next term! Thank you, Mrs Kaci, for helping to supervise.



Virtual School Games

We have ensured all our children can access competition in school this term through the Virtual School Games. KS2 took part in the Winter Olympic Challenge and KS1 took part in the Dynamic Dinosaur Challenge with excellent results!

- KS1 Spirit of the Games Award for achieving more than 50% participation in this key stage – brilliant work with 98%!!
- KS2 Spirit of the Games Award for achieving more than 50% participation in this key stage
- 2nd Place in Berkshire – Year 3/4 Winter Olympics - amazing!



Thursday 3rd March 2022!

The children are invited to dress up as a book character from one of their favourite books on Thursday 3rd March. They are invited to bring in the book with this character in to share with their friends. Our English Lead, Mrs Powell, and all of the teachers are planning some exciting lessons around books during this day.

Lower Juniors

This half term, LJ have been learning about rivers in geography. Pamela and Oli were given the task to make a model to show their understanding about what they have learnt. They used their models to explain to LJ2 about how rivers are formed, including the precise vocabulary. Well done Pamela and Oli!



Celebrations Assembly

Congratulations to the following children from for achieving the Star of the week on Thursday February 2022:

The children were:

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| Infant 1—Fergus | Infant 2— Mia | Infant 3— Aidan |
| LJ1— Mathew | JL2— Oli | LJ3— Ewan |
| UJ1— Harriet | UJ2— Elena | UJ3— Noah |
| Head Teacher— Zoey(LJ2) | | |