



Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ Diary Dates
- ♦ Mini Vinnies
- ♦ Enrolment Mass

Attendance Winners

Week ending 10/01/20 — Year 3

Week ending 24/01/20—Year 1

Gospel Values

For 3 weeks commencing 27th January our Gospel Value is Courage,.

Special events are:

1st—National Story-telling Week

2nd—February Presentation of Our Lord

3rd - Children's Mental Health Week

7th—NSPCC Day

Star of the Week

Week ending 17th January

Reception:	Rocco
Class 1:	Bryah
Class 2:	Harley
Class 3:	Danny
Class 4:	Harry G
Class 5:	Ash
Class 6:	Ralph

Week ending 24th January

Reception:	Erin
Class 1:	Maggie
Class 2:	Euan W
Class 3:	Miguel
Class 4:	Una
Class 5:	Amelie
Class 6:	Clara

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Please find time to click on this link for more information.

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/childrens-mental-health-week-2019/>



Hello from Mrs. Draycott

We are especially proud of our Class 6

'Youth Speaks' teams, who competed with other local schools on Wednesday. Mawgan's team came second with his speech- 'Superpowers- Fact or Fiction?', which means they have qualified for the next round of the competition in February. Well done to Mawgan, who wrote the speech, the chairperson Alex and Jasmine, who gave the vote of thanks.

On Sunday (2nd February) we are gathering at St. Mary's Church to celebrate the enrolment of the children in Class 3 who are making their First Holy Communion this year. Please join us to make this a special occasion for these children. Everyone is welcome and Mass starts at 10:45am.

Parking outside the school is becoming an increasing concern. Not only are some parents parking inconsiderately when dropping off or picking up, but some parents drive at such speed when entering the cul-de-sac that we are extremely worried that there will soon be a dreadful accident. There should never be cars parked on the junction- it is illegal and it means that quick access to our school is blocked for emergency vehicles. We have children attending our school who are at high risk of needing an ambulance and I am certain nobody would want to put a child's life at risk by not parking appropriately. **Please park away from school.**

Tuesday 11th February is 'Safer Internet Day'. The children will be taking part in a variety of activities on this day to promote the safe use of the internet. As always, if you have any concerns about your child's internet use, please come and talk to us- we are here to support you with any worries you may have.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Draycott

Music Achievements

Well Done to Maisy Churcher who passed her Grade 4 Trombone with Merit and her sister Milly, who passed her Grade 4 Cornet.

FOSMS

FOSMs is the parent-run volunteer PTA group that plans and executes fundraising events and activities that support St. Mary's School and helps to build a strong family community. FOSMs works hard to:

- Provide safe and fun extra-curricular activities for the children
- Plan whole family events that build the school community and bring local families closer together
- Raise funds to purchase equipment and provide facilities for our children that enrich their experience of being a student at St. Mary's

If you wish to get more involved with our fabulous team of parents or would like to offer your help at events, please contact Mrs Pipkin in the School Office.

Youth Speaks

Enormous WELL DONE to both our amazing Year 6 'Youth Speak' teams for the wonderful effort and performances on Wednesday 29th January. They should be very proud of themselves - we certainly are! Congratulations to Alex, Mawgan and Jasmine for coming 2nd and qualifying for the next round and to Ava Rose, Clara and Ella for also taking part. Both groups would have been in the top two if it had been up to us!

Community Events

Mawnan Panto Group present Goldilocks and the Three Bears, at Mawnan Memorial Hall from Wed 5th to Sat 8th February. Tickets vary in price and are available from the Post Office in Mawnan and the Priory hairdressers on Bickland Water Road, Falmouth.



Half Term Activities at BF Adventure!

Holiday Activity Days for 6-13 year olds follow a structured set of activities and with a wide range of age specific challenges. Take your pick from rock-climbing, abseiling, zip-lining, kayaking, canoeing, quarrysteering (our own version of coasteering!), archery and our popular adventure team-building games!

Full or half days are available to fit around your schedule.

Available to book online at: www.bfadventure.org

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Cross Country Races

On Friday 24th January 56 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Falmouth/Penryn cross country run. All of the children showed determination, resilience and stamina. We are so proud of them all.

Special congratulations to Amelia Hughes in Year 4 who came 2nd and received a medal. A huge thank you to the parents who helped walk the children and support the runners.

From Mary's Meals

Dear Staff and Pupils

Thank you so much for your precious gift of £248, which is supporting the work of Mary's Meals and, in particular our Sponsor a School project Mbungu.

By supporting this initiative you are helping to change the lives of an entire school community! It really is a wonderful undertaking.

Providing a daily meal in school makes such a difference to children, such as Believe, aged 11 years old, who lives deep in the hills of Blantyre, Malawi. Every morning he leave the home he shares with his mother, father and seven siblings and walks for 1 hour to school where he receives a nutritious mug of porridge. Receiving Mary's Meals means he doesn't have to miss out on an education.

Together we are making a difference to the lives of 1,667,067 children around the world every school day, so thank you for your contributions!

Songfest 2020

Tickets for Songfest 2020 'Spectacular Songs for the Heart and Soul' have now gone on sale, via the Princess Pavilions website. The performance is on Thursday 12th March at 6:30pm. There are plenty of tickets available at present, but please be aware that this show is usually a sell-out. Book early to avoid disappointment!

For those families who are new to the school, the emergency school closure procedure is as follows. We strongly recommend that you listen to updates on BBC Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM or Heart FM for up to date information on school closures which will also be posted on the radio stations websites. We will endeavour to contact all parents via the Schoolcomms system. This system sends a message to parents' mobile phones. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please inform the school office. Alternatively, log on to our school website for the latest details about emergency closure. www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

In the event for example of heavy snow during the school day, you the parents are in the best position to assess the road conditions etc. where you live. If you need to collect your child early then this is acceptable. The school will remain open until all pupils have been collected

Danny from Year 3 and his dance team came first at the recent Dynamite Dance competition held in Bristol. This means that Danny has qualified to compete in the Dynamite Dance Finals which take place in London during May.

Danny trains with Scruffy Mutt Dance Company.

WELL DONE to them all!



We had our first 'Mini Vinnies' meeting last week. We discussed what 'Mini Vinnies' do and who were the founders of the organisation.

They agreed to:

1. Meet together to discuss and plan activities to help the local community.
2. Help people in need through a activities chosen by the group.
3. Lead in organising charity and fund-raising activities in our school and the wider community.

Sarah Shailes, Mini Vinnies Lead

On Sunday 2nd February, at St Mary's Catholic Church, Killigrew Street, we will be enrolling the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year.

This will be a whole school celebration and we would like to see as many of our pupils as possible representing our school at the 10.45am Mass. Please arrive at 10.30am.

Our pupils will be taking an active part in the Mass and this invitation is extended to all. The choir will also be participating.

Amelie from Year 6 has been working hard to organize a collection point at school for children to bring in their empty crisp packets for recycling. Please ensure that the packets are flat and are placed into the bin which is situated in the hall. Happy Recycling!

Raze the Roof Charity Night

On Tuesday 4th February from 6:00 until 8:00pm there will be a Charity fundraising event taking place at Raze the Roof. This is for a local family with two brothers diagnosed with muscular dystrophy.

The cost is £5.00 per child (cash only please, payable on the door).
All children need to be accompanied by an adult please!

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February 2020

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| 2 nd | First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass |
| 5 th | Y2 Maritime Museum Trip |
| 11 th | E-Safety Day |
| 21 st | Give it Up for Lent Assembly |
| 25 th | Hearing Re-tests Y1 |
| 26 th | Ash Wednesday Mass |

6 th	Give it Up for Lent Fast Day
12 th	Choir at Princess Pavilions
19 th	Y2 Paint the Town Yellow Day
27 th	Last Day of Term

April 2020

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| 14 th | Summer Term Starts |
| 20-21 st | Y5 Carnyorth Residential |

7 th May	School Closed – Police & Crime Commissioner’s Election
8 th May	Bank Holiday