

Newsletter Issue 9: 26th January 2018

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the four teams who represented St Mary's on Tuesday at the Youth Speaks competition.

I would like to thank Sister Veronica, one of our parishioners and school supporters who handed me a cheque for £50 from her own pocket towards our 50th celebrations. I was so touched by her generosity and her firm support for our school.

On Sunday we come together with the parish to celebrate Mass, marking the enrolment of our First Communicants. As always we would like to see as many of our pupils there to represent the school on this special occasion. Many thanks, in advance to you the parents who bring your child/ren along. Your support doesn't go unnoticed and is very much appreciated by Father Brian, myself and all the staff and parishioners.

Isabella Banks has been appointed as our new Kitchen Porter and I would like to welcome her to the team here at St Mary's.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough



Are you able to help?

We're looking for volunteers;

- to hear readers in classes
- to make phonics resources for KS1
- **on the 'Walking Bus'**
- to be on standby to cover for other volunteers who help with supervision on the swimming coach
- to help with transportation to sporting events

DIARY DATES

January

28th Parish School Mass @ St Mary's Church @ 10:45am
 29th Class 3 visit to Tesco's Store
 Bikeability Training (2 days)
 31st Class 5 Mass

February

2nd Cross Country
 5th-7th Joe Morretti Visit - I-pad Apple Distinguished Educator
 6th National Internet Day - Yr 6 to present to parents @ 2:30pm
 7th Consultation with Year 6 regarding future 'Skate Park Development'
 8th Class 2 visit to Maritime Museum
 12th -16th **Half term**
 19th **INSET Day- School closed to pupils**
 22nd Dress Rehearsal for Year 5 & 6 Choir members for 'Songfest'

23rd Choir @ Truro Methodist Church 10:00am to 12:30pm
Hockey tournament

26th CAFOD Assembly 'Give it Up' @ 9:10am

27th 'Songfest' @ Hall for Cornwall @ 7pm

28th Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am

March

1st World Book Day - Non Uniform

7th Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am

14th Class 6 - Penitential Service

12th -15th National Science Week

16th Multi Sports tournament

21st Reception Class Celebration @ 9:15am

23rd Foodbank donations

29th Break up for the Easter Holidays

April

16th Return to School - Summer Term

SPORTING NEWS

Futsal

Well done to the Futsal team who competed against the other Falmouth schools on the 12th January. The team worked tirelessly and their efforts were rewarded with a 3rd place finish. It was an extremely fast-paced tournament and their energy levels were infectious. Congratulations to Raffy, Toby, Alex, Phoebe, Mya, Lewis, Harrison and Alfred in Class 6.

Enrolment Mass for our First Holy Communion Children

On **Sunday 28th January 2018** 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 representing the school at the **10:45am** Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church on Killigrew Street. Our pupils will be taking an active part and this invitation is extended to all. The choir will also be taking part, so we hope that as many as possible will come along.

National Internet Day - 6th February 2018

This year **Safer Internet Day 2018** will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February with the slogan 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: a better internet starts with you.' This celebration is coordinated in the UK by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** and sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. In each class we will be highlighting positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. At 2.30pm Class 6 will be leading a session for parents where they will present key messages about how to stay safe online with a particular focus on the responsible use of social media. This session is suitable for parents of children from all classes.



GO ACTIVE - HOLIDAY CLUB

Go Active run holiday clubs with a difference!

Monday 12th February 2018 8:30 to 4:30pm £10

Thursday 15th February 2018 8:30 to 4:30pm £10

Forms available from the School Office

GO ACTIVE - KS2 GYMNASTICS

We're delighted to be able to offer a KS2 Gymnastics Club!

Hurry though! First Come First Serve - Max 25 children - minimum of 12

Location: School Hall.

Times: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Years: KS2 ONLY.

Dates: Wednesdays from 21st February to 21st March

Clothing: PE / Sports clothes and trainers.

Please return Forms & Payment to the School Office by FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY.

Email Paul Cox at: paul@goactivecornwall.co.uk or phone on: 07725 834 502.

LENT

Young children have a hard time understanding Lent. One way of explaining Lent is that it's a time to bring us closer to God. The church encourages prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this period. During this time we attempt to incorporate activities in our daily lives which will strengthen us. Many people "give up" something important to them for the 40 days of Lent. To learn how to sacrifice or give up things is a way of learning unselfishness.

Every Friday during Lent we have a non- uniform day and children participating are asked to bring in a donation towards one of our chosen charities. On the 23rd March instead of making a donation, please bring in a food item for the Food Bank (tins, dry foods, tea, coffee, cereal, pasta, rice etc but no fresh foods).

The dress themes chosen by the School Council this year are as follows:-

Friday 23rd February Rainbow Colours

Thursday 1st March World Book Day/Book Characters or Cornish colours (Black, White and Gold) for St Piran's Day

Friday 9th March Spots, stripes, bright!

Friday 16th March St Patrick's Day- Green

Friday 23rd March Aspirations- Who do you want to be when you grow up? Or Denim

Thursday 29th March Easter - Yellow & Wellis (The Easter Egg Hunt is planned for this day, so bring your wellies in case of wet weather!)

Spare Swimming Kit

Calling all Year 5 and 6's - last term a number of pupils borrowed the school's spare swimming kits. These have not been returned, so if you borrowed one, please can it be returned to school asap. This will enable the Year 3 & 4 swimmers to have access to spare kit, if needed.

If anyone has a spare towel/girls swimming costume/boys swimming trucks that are no longer needed, the school would appreciate any second-hand kit. Thank you!