



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong

Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the life of the school this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the consultation evenings on Monday and Wednesday; thank you for helping us in our goal of working in partnership to achieve the best for your child. If you were unable to attend (or feel that a subsequent appointment is necessary) please contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting for the start of next half term.

As mentioned last week, Miss Shaw (Phase Leader for Years 3&4) has been looking at ways to celebrate and encourage success both in school and further afield. The first step will take place after half term where children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to be recognised by having their photos (and photos of their work) taken in a special frame which will then be displayed and shown in our weekly assembly. Following this trial, and in consultation with the School Council, we will look to extend the idea for the whole school.

By the time you are reading this, six Sports Leaders will have taken part in their training day at Poole High and be ready to lead on sport across the school. I look forward to sharing their news with you next term; I know they will do us proud.

Another proud moment for us this week was seeing the excitement and positivity of our Year 4 pupils who really enjoyed bringing their learning to life with a visit to Paulton's Park on Tuesday. Having spent time mummifying fish during their Egyptian topic earlier this month, Year 4 have already proved that they know how to have fun and achieve great learning at the same time and this was certainly the case on this excellent science-based visit. Thanks to the parent helpers without whom these experiences cannot go ahead and to the staff who put in the all the extra work to make them happen.

Please also make a note of the 23rd of November when we will have Sara Diaz with us all day talking to the whole school about her career as a digital animator. Talented artists from across the school will also spend time with Sara in small groups in order to really hone their skills. In order to do this the children must impress her with their drawings on the theme of "What I want to be when I grow up-in Lego." This will be a creative drawing of themselves (as a Lego person) doing their dream job. Sara will pick the winners and work with them to really bring out their creative talents. Why not get your child to begin drafting ideas over the holiday?

Finally for this week I would like to draw your attention to the homework survey that has been sent to you via email.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KLNVYWH>

It is virtually unchanged from the survey sent in the summer term (takes 2 minutes) and your responses will allow us to further refine and improve homework at St Mary's. My thanks again to all those who have given up their time to help in this area.

Yours faithfully,

R.Howard,

Deputy Headteacher.

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