



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the life of the school.

Year 6 and Year 2 have been hard at work with their formal SATS tests. The attitude across all classes has been exemplary and it has also been really good to see the rest of the school pulling together to help these year groups as they plough through reading, grammar, spelling and mathematics tests under strict examination conditions. Well done in particular to the Y6 children who, during their reading test, battled through poetry about "Grannie"; an echo of the infamous "History of the Potato" booklet in 2014. These children deserve to do well based on their perseverance alone.

It goes without saying that we are immensely proud of both year groups. However, pride has also been shown by many other pupils in the school. Having read the previous update on the dance success of other pupils, Poppy-Mae from Year 1 came to tell me that she too has experienced success on the stage. Here she is in her own words:

*"I went up to Kent and then stayed for a night. In the morning I got ready then we went up to the competition. First it was my line dance and I got through to the final. Next I heard a voice saying 'Under-8s all qualified to Guildford!' I was screaming as loud as a bird. Then it was Rock & Roll...Me and my partner Layla came 1<sup>st</sup> in Rock & Roll and I came 3rd in Line dancing. Also I came 6<sup>th</sup> in Solo and 4<sup>th</sup> in Duo. After that we stayed over for another night and then left the next day. I was so excited and I brought my trophy in to show my class."*

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Poppy-Mae on her achievements as we look forward to hearing the results of the next round for all the St Mary's pupils who are taking part.

Parent consultation evenings will be taking place during this week. While waiting to see staff you will be asked to fill in a very brief questionnaire which will take no longer than a couple of minutes. This questionnaire will be completely anonymous so please help the school by filling in the sheets and placing them in the box provided. School governors will also be in attendance on both evenings.

Finally this week, please direct your attention again to the St Mary's "Inspire to Learn" event on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July here in school. We have had a steady trickle of parents and carers willing to talk about their jobs for an hour or so to small groups of pupils. We are looking for the widest possible range of work to be presented so please help us to achieve this by volunteering for whatever time you can spare on that afternoon.

Yours faithfully,

*R Howard*

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Deputy Headteacher.

