



# *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 this week.

As mentioned in last week's update, we are looking forward to the whole school "Inspire to Learn" event which will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. here at school. The basic idea is for the children to be exposed to as many different jobs as possible in order for them to be inspired and informed about their future choices.

We cannot run the event without your support so please consider how you could help the children to be inspired. The event will be most successful if we have a real range of jobs represented so please come forward with any ideas you may have that will help the children at St. Mary's to become more knowledgeable about the world of work. It really does not matter what job you do, we want as broad a range as possible so please do contact me via the office if you can help in any way at all.

The children in Y2 and Y6 are currently preparing for their formal SATs tests which will take place in the next two weeks. All schools are busy, intense places but these two year groups have been working particularly hard as they look ahead to showing us what they can do in terms of their reading and maths tests. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they focus on their tests. The focus on the tests is important for a number of reasons but as you will know from reading these updates, there is a lot more to life at St. Mary's than just the academic. The "Night Owls" after school group has grown, KS1 have received the benefit of Y6's knowledge of the democratic process while sports coaches have been in before, during and after school.

As you will know from last week's update, BLUE (Lulworth) House chose a non-uniform day for their house point reward and it was great to see these children enjoying the success of their house across all the year groups. The other decision that was made at the same school council meeting was that the council would like to look into improving the experience of children and adults with regards to transport to and from school. Led by Mrs. Thain, they have requested a meeting with a representative from the Borough of Poole who will be coming in to discuss a range of options that may help to alleviate what can be a frustrating experience. Traffic, parking and access are issues for many schools and we are not alone in having work to do in this area. With a concerted effort, however, it may be possible to improve this issue for all concerned.

Finally this week I would like to share the news about some fantastic achievements by some very talented children in Year 3; Annabelle and Sienna. They competed in an ISTD dance competition on Sunday, winning 1st place for their duo disco freestyle as well as 3rd place in the Rock and Roll category. This means that they have qualified to dance at the Grand National Finals competition in October! The staff and the girl's parents are really proud of their achievements in and out of school and we look forward to seeing the trophies (and hopefully some choreography) in our key stage assemblies. Well done Annabelle and Sienna!

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Head.