



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
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5th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the life of the school this week -apologies for the delay in this reaching you.

The school council have been busy putting one of our British Values (Democracy) into practice as they discuss and debate the issues that matter to them. I have observed some really excellent communication and debate both of which underpin our British Values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect. The council are now far more independent and so it is with great pleasure that I hand you over to Sophie in Y4 who is acting as spokesperson for the winning house in our house point competition:

"We won! I feel amazing that (Yellow) Corfe House is going to have a treat. We have decided that **YELLOW HOUSE** will have a NON UNIFORM DAY on FRIDAY the 9th of MARCH 2018. I hope we win again before Easter!"

My thanks go to Mrs. Thain who works very hard to ensure that this important part of school life continues to evolve and grow.

In other successful news we are proud to share with you the following achievements of Luca in Y6 who has achieved fantastic results in his swimming. This year Luca has already swum in 4 finals (winning 2 bronze medals) and become County Champion in 50 metre butterfly and a gold medallist. The time Luca swam in the heat of the 50m Butterfly is currently ranked the 4th fastest in Britain for his age group and he gained a South West Regional qualifying time for the Championships which are held in May. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating Luca on his incredible achievements and I hope we will see the same level of dedication during KS2 SATS which will be taking place during the week beginning Monday 14th May 2018!

I hope you had time to create some special memories with your children during the recent cold weather and that it will not be long now before we start to feel the temperatures building into Spring.

Finally, please remember the arithmetic challenge which is updated daily and the link to the IXL website which provides excellent, clear examples of maths questions for all year groups including Foundation. Both can be found on the website here:

http://www.st-marys.poole.sch.uk/website/take_the_challenge

Please make a note of the following dates:

Saturday 10th March-Dippy Day (#dippyontour) arts and crafts day in school-**ALL WELCOME.** <http://darrellwakelam.co.uk/>

Sunday 22nd April-Beach clean at Chesil Beach in Weymouth-transport and equipment provided. N.B. children must be accompanied by an adult. Please let the office know if you would like a space.

<https://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/iqs/dbitemid.5208/sfa.view/eventsatchesil.html>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Headteacher.