



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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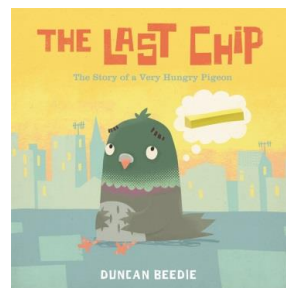
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Dear Parents and Carers,

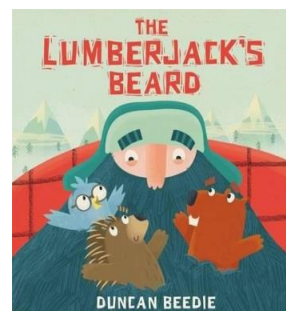
I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the life of the school this week.

Thank you again for all the support shown at the P.T.A. fair. It was particularly pleasing to see the positive response to the "Silent Auction" which is a new idea for this year. My understanding is that most of the items attracted bids and that some very generous offers were made. This will of course benefit the children here at St. Mary's which is the underlying goal of all the hard work which the P.T.A. put in behind the scenes. If you have good ideas or can offer to help with the work of the P.T.A. in any way please let the office know as your support would really be appreciated.

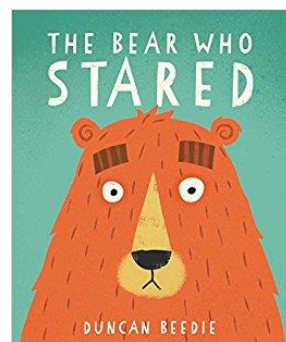
Published author and illustrator Duncan Beedie has lent his support to the Trussell Trust; a charitable group dedicated to tackling the under reported issue of food poverty in the U.K. Duncan's latest book, published earlier this year, features Percy; a pigeon who relies on the kindness of strangers. The serious themes of Duncan's work are artfully blended with his engaging storytelling and beautiful illustrations, leading to books that are a joy to really savour at a range of levels. We are so lucky to have Duncan with us again on Thursday 12th July for a day of activities with our EYFS and KS1 children.



In the same way as last year we will be selling all 3 of his titles in advance of the visit and Duncan has offered (if requested) to sign and personalise every book sold. There will also be a collection of tinned food/pasta/rice/cereals which the school will donate to the Trussell Trust in Bournemouth. Everyone in EYFS/KS1 who makes a donation will be entered into a draw to receive a 1-1 illustration class with Duncan so please keep those non-perishable items coming in.



Also showing support this week has been Mrs. Morris who has galvanised Years 1-6 into maths action during our annual battle to be declared "Boss Of The South". Your child should have received a sticker with a username, password and school code that will give access to the "Mangahigh" maths website. By taking part in the "Activities" section of the website children can win prizes and medals for themselves as well as vouchers for the school. Mrs. Morris has an unquenchable desire to beat each and every challenger out of the park kindly offered to run a lunchtime club for KS2 children in order to ensure the highest scores possible for our school.



As I type this we are currently in fourth place on the leader board so let's channel our extra time, successful under pressure, unified spirit and go all the way so that the "Mangahigh Boss" trophy can come home.

Yours faithfully,

R Howard

Mr. R. Howard.
Deputy Headteacher.