



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful half term. It was lovely to return to school on Shrove Tuesday and then to have the opportunity to welcome Father John to school for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

"Ash Wednesday begins our forty day season of Lent that leads to Easter. On Ash Wednesday, we come together like the people of the Old Testament to remind ourselves that we don't always follow God's ways and need to ask God for His mercy and forgiveness. Like God's people in the time of the prophets, we wear ashes to show that we want to turn away from whatever keeps us from God, and to have a change of heart, so that we can live in right relationship with God and each other."



We held our East Dorset Cluster Inset Day on Monday. All the teachers from our school, St. Joseph's and Christ the King met to discuss curriculum. It was a great opportunity for all the subject leaders to meet together and share good practice.



This week I received an email from South Devon College extending their offer of free online courses to our parents. In order for parents to sign up please go to the online shop here: <https://shop.southdevon.ac.uk/short-courses/online-learning>



Congratulations to Katie and Harriet in Year 4 for performing so well in their gymnastics competition.

As you can see they both won lots of rosettes and a medal each.

Well done!

"Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ"

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The CAFOD Family Fast Day is next Friday the 6th of March. As we are having World Book Day that day I thought it would be worth moving it to the Friday after.

To help the children remember the theme of the day will be a 'Football Fundraiser'. Therefore, please could all families send in a donation for Family Fast Day on Friday 13th March and we will send this money to CAFOD. More details to follow.

On the 12th March we will be having a 'Remembrance Liturgy for Reyes'.

One year on we will be remembering his contributions to our school and dedicating a special plaque for him in our memorial garden.

We would like all the children to bring in either, or both of the following, to remember Reyes: a decorated pebble with a prayer or note of remembrance which we will then place in the decorated planter outside Year 4, a flower to be placed in our memorial garden.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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Headteacher

