



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

16th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Monday Liturgy was a 'Remembrance Liturgy' to commemorate the sacrifice of all those in the First World War who lost their lives. The children all wrote on the back of a poppy and brought it to the focal point in the liturgy. We had 2 minutes silence to remember.



We also began the week wearing odd socks to school for the day. The theme of the 'Anti bullying week was 'Choose Respect'.

David and Stephen from AFC Bournemouth delivered a workshop to our Year 5 and Year 6 children on 'How to show Respect and Play the right way.' During the anti-bullying presentation the children discussed what they thought respect was and how they might show it, not just within a game but within their everyday lives.

They also looked at why it is wrong to copy examples of people being disrespectful, even if they are star players on TV. The session ended thinking about Golden Rules when showing respect.

David listed things like accepting rules given by referees, teachers or other adults, giving praise and being positive and regardless of whether they win or lose-making sure it is done correctly.



As a parting challenge, the children were asked to create a 'Golden Rules' poster that did not need to be football related but might be used in future presentations if colourful and well thought out.

It was great to see so many of you at the parent consultations. Thank you to all the teachers for all the hard work that goes into preparing for them. Please accept our apologies to the parents in Mr Lakatos' class as we had to cancel their appointments on Wednesday due to illness. We will re-arrange the appointments as soon as possible.

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

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We are trying to organise a walking bus which will collect and walk the children into school in the mornings from two stops: the top of Pound Lane and the bottom of Devon Road. If you are interested in joining a rota for this please give your name into the office. As most of you know, I walk up Pound Lane each day to collect the bus children, so if you see me there and you want to drop off your child I am more than happy to walk them down the lane with the other children.

On Tuesday the PTA held their AGM, unfortunately this was not as well supported as we had hoped. However, we were able to appoint Mrs Rosie Lockyer as Chairperson and Mrs Lucy Culkin as treasurer for the **third** year, in addition to some other committed committee members. I thank them for all their hard work. They are currently looking for help and support with the Christmas Sparkle. Please visit their Facebook site if you think you can help.

Today the children wore their own clothes and brought in a donation for 'Children In Need'. Thank you for your support. Mrs Reyes made cakes to sell to the staff all week to help raise even more money. We will let you know our total when it has all been collected and counted.

We are very proud to share with you that Ava and Fay both had their long hair cut off so that they could donate it to The Little Princess Trust. This Trust uses the hair to make wigs for girls who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. They also raised £113 for the charity in sponsorship. Well done, girls!



Ava and Phoebe in Year 2, entered their first Martial Arts competition this weekend and were awarded 2nd and 3rd place trophies. Noah, also in Year 2, attended a gymnastics competition in Baskervilles, Bath on Sunday and achieved a gold medal!



I have great 'Twitter' news - we had 14 likes on one of our posts on Sunday. Keep up the good work @stmaryspoole!

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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