



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

18th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming to coffee morning today! It was lovely to see so many of you there. Please see the coffee morning notes below. If you are able to come with us on our walk to Church to visit Father John, please let us know.

This week the whole school had an afternoon focused on introducing new learning powers. The new learning powers are the 4 R's: resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness and relationships. We played lots of team building games that required us to use our new learning powers. We also talked about being resilient in Jigsaw this week. The children shared lots of thoughtful ideas and we decided that we should just keep on trying if we are finding something tricky.

In phonics this week we have been continuing to learn our phase 3 sounds. We have learnt **ur, ow (town), oi and ear**. We have also learnt a new tricky word **you**. Please continue to practice these sounds and tricky words regularly at home. We have been writing words with our new sounds in during our handwriting practise.

In maths this week we have been learning about one more and one less. We talked about what happens when we add one more or take one away, the children were brilliant at working out the answers practically. We have also been playing lots of games in which we have to say which number is one more or one less. It would be wonderful if you could continue to practise this at home.

Please continue to read with your child every day and send their books back in signed, so that we can change them. If you don't have time to finish then please send the book in anyway with a note in the record to say you haven't finished.

Tapestry challenge

For the tapestry challenge this week we would like to see a picture of the children in any sporting or outdoor activities they take part in at weekend. Whether it be gymnastics, cycling or walking the dog!

Homework

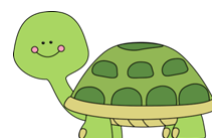
The children will have their homework in their book bag this week. They will have a piece of written homework each month. This month their challenge is to write a shopping list. They can write down a list of all their favourite foods.

Important date for your diary

Monday 11th February – Open afternoon – 2:30 -2:15pm

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Eddy and Miss O'Donoghue



Coffee Morning Information sharing- 18.1.18

- **Phonics** - We have been continuing to learn our phase 3 sounds – we have been practising to write our sounds and read words with them in. We have been encouraging the children to begin to write short sentences/captions or lists e.g – The cow is in the barn. The fish and chip shop.
- **Tricky words** – These are words which cannot be sounded out. They just have to be learnt off by heart. Please could you practise these at home – we will send out a tricky word mat in their book bag.
- In **Maths** this week we have been learning about one more and one less. We have also been practising counting backwards from 20 to 0. It will be brilliant if you could practise this at home.
- **Tapestry** – If any parents are having any issues with uploading observations please come and see us and we can help. The children are so happy to share their tapestry challenge each week.
- **Homework** – Your child will have a piece of homework in their book bag this week. They will have a piece of written homework each month.
- We will also put a sound mat and letter formation sheet in their book bag which they can use to help them.
- On **Tuesday 29th January** – we are hoping to walk up to visit the Church. Father John is going to talk to us about his role at the Church. We will need some volunteers to walk with us. If you are able to help please let us know. We will leave school around 9:15am and hope to be back by 11am.