



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all back to school following the Easter break, which I hope that you all thoroughly enjoyed. The weather was very good in the second week and we are hoping that the sun will soon be shining again for the summer term.

We welcome our new Finance Officer, Mrs Angela Penwarden, to St. Mary's. She will be working mornings and will be based in the main office if you have any queries.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Easter Mass in church this morning where we thought about 'New Life'.

I am pleased to share with you that during Lent we managed to raise £406.30 for CAFOD. This is the most money we have raised for a few years and I wanted to thank you for your support. I look forward to hearing back from CAFOD when we send them the money.



Also during Lent the children brought in Easter eggs which were used by the PTA for our Easter Raffle but also enabled us to send eggs to Diversability, Julia's House and Poole Food Bank. The Mini Vinnies took the eggs along to the food bank and we received a lovely letter of thanks from Julia's House.



This week we received an email from Adrian a volunteer for local charity Hospital Radio Bedside, in Poole. He was keen to share with us that they had entered a competition using their children's request show called IKIDZ. They entered the annual National Hospital Broadcasting Association Awards and were nominated in the "Best Programme" category (top ten in the country). The show



they submitted was their "Schools out for summer" show from July 2018, featuring Oliver, Alfie, Byron and Evan from our school. They won the SILVER Award for BEST UK Hospital Radio programme, losing out narrowly to Hospital Radio Harrow. All the children received a framed certificate, photo and trophy which they received in Assembly yesterday.



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We have received the good news that Oliver in Year 4 has made it through to the second round for the BBC Radio 2 500 words competition. Congratulations Oliver!

Lots of children were awarded certificates at the end of the Spring term in their clubs. Fay won a trophy for dance, Natalia got her 'Duckling Certificate' for swimming, Georgia and May were in a music production' and finally Rosie got hers for 'Taekwondo'. Well done to them all.



There are limited places available in our Foundation Stage class for September 2019, if you know of anyone that is looking for a place please invite them to ring the office and come to look round our school.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

Mrs Armstrong
Headteacher