



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Sunday at Mass Jasmine de Kretser the organiser of the 'Stay Awake' Conference spoke. This conference sounds like a great experience for all the family and I know that last year was a big success. I wanted to share the details with you and let you know that you are all welcome. The day will be full of inspiring and encouraging talks, various workshops that will allow you to go further with Jesus, praise and worship throughout the day and the opportunity to meet other local Christians. The last hour (18:00-19:00) is a time for community where you will share some delicious Papa John's Pizza together, for free! What more could you want?

Those in Reception – Year 9 will be led by fantastic catechists in their own age-relevant and fun programme! Those in Year 10 and above will join the adults in an equally fun and relevant programme!

Our Gospel value this week has been 'Respect'. Knowing Jesus can change our lives. We can change to become more like Him – Jesus, by being respectful- this includes being kind, loving, generous and patient.



Our week began with a 'Fire Drill'. All children and staff made their way out of the building sensibly and quietly.

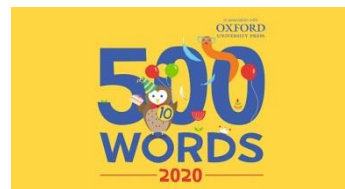
We lined up in the playground and listened to instructions, before going back into school and continuing with lessons.

Well done to everyone!

Don't forget to encourage your child to enter the Radio 2's "500 word competition. For more details you can go the website. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

If you would like us to send in the entry then please just email to the school office.

Once again a big thank you to Esther and all the people in 'Good Gym Poole' who once again chose to run to our school on Tuesday and helped us to re-organise the library. They moved shelves to open up the space. The good news was that this meant we could open the library on Wednesday night and we have 5 Key Stage 2 children who came to borrow books. Next week it is open to Key Stage One from 3.30-4pm.



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

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On Thursday the Safer Schools team came to talk to the children in Key Stage 2 about the importance of good behaviour. This also supported the work the Mr Lakatos has been doing on 'Anti-bullying'. The children all asked sensible questions. We are pleased that the safer schools team have offered to come in and run a parents workshop for Online Safety on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February between 6-7pm. More details to follow next week.



Some of our Mini-Vinnies visited the Keith Jones Christian Bookshop in Bournemouth. They were looking at the books and compiling a list of books they would like to order for our library. If anyone would like to know what is on their list or would like to buy one of the books to donate to the library then please let us know.



Congratulations to Ellie in Year 6 who has been awarded a certificate and badge for achieving her Grade 4 in Modern Jazz Dance. Well done Ellie!

Yours faithfully,

*Helen Armstrong*

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