



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th October 2018

St Mary's Catholic Primary School
"Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ"

Important dates for your diary

30th October

Children return to school
Individual and sibling photos

2nd November

Foundation parents coffee
morning

6th November

Year 1 Phonics Information
3:30pm

8th November

Open morning for 2019 intake

9th November

3S/4D Mass & coffee morning

12th/14th November

Parent Consultations Y1-6
3:30-6:00pm

16th November

Y5 Mass & coffee morning
Non Uniform day for CIN
KS1 Movie Night 6:00-7:00pm

23rd November

Year 1 Liturgy & coffee morning
Non Uniform day for Christmas
Sparkle donations

29th November

PMSA Concert @ Lighthouse

30th November

Christmas Sparkle 3:30-5:30pm

4th December

Year 2 Nativity

5th December

Year 1 Nativity

5th-7th December

Y5 Residential

6th December

Foundation Nativity

7th December

Year 6 Mass & coffee morning

13th December

Christmas concert at church

19th December

KS2 Christmas Party

20th December

KS1 Christmas Party

21st December

Last day of Autumn Term
1:30pm finish

School restarts on January 7th

Staff news

We are delighted to welcome to St. Marys Mrs Hinves and Mrs Hennessey, two new teaching assistants who will be supporting the learning in Key Stage Two.

We say 'Good Luck' to Mrs Evans as she goes on maternity leave and thank her for all her hard work leading the PE at St. Mary's. Miss O'Donoghue will take over the role of PE Leader.

It has been a lovely to welcome back to school Mrs Watts in her role as Year 5 teacher and SENCO.

Mrs Armstrong

In October we honour Mary who followed the will of God all her life.

She said "yes" to what God asked of her. Mary is a model of faith for all of us.

Mary was always faithful to God's will. She was faithful at the stable in Bethlehem, she was faithful on the flight to Egypt, and she was faithful at the foot of the cross.

We should follow her example and be faithful to God's will in our lives.

Father, help us to do your will even when it is difficult. Help us to be like Mary and respond YES to what He asks of us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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INSET days 2018/19

29th October 2018

25th February 2019

22nd July 2019

23rd July 2019

Poppies will be on sale in school from October 30th.

Please send money in a secure envelope if you wish your child to have one.



Thank you.

ARRIVING
15 MINUTES LATE
EVERY DAY
ADDS UP TO OVER
10 DAYS LOST
EACH YEAR



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Healthy eating

Please be reminded that:

- no products containing nuts should be bought in to school – we are a NUT free school and have staff and pupils with life threatening allergies. No Nutella sandwiches please!
- KS2 are encouraged to eat a healthy snack at morning break. This should be a piece of fruit and should be ready to eat and ideally not be in a packet
- **Birthday treats policy**— treats should be something similar to small packets of Haribo. In KS2 sweets will be handed to the children to be put in their bag, in KS1 we will put any birthday sweets into the child's book bag. Please do not send in any chocolate.



Early Birds Breakfast Club

Welcome to a new school year at Early Birds.

We are very busy which is great news for our Early Birds family! However this makes it even more important to ensure that you use our booking system; a form and payment in advance is required.

May I please remind you that if your child is booked in to start at 8am, our doors open at 8am, not before.

For those parents and carers dropping off by car please pull in to the layby and not a staff parking space. Finally, we would welcome any donations of Lego as the children, no matter what age love it!



PTA News

We have some exciting events taking place in the next few months, these events have been very popular and the children have always enjoyed themselves.



Dates for your diary:

- 16 November - KS1 Movie Night
- 30 November - Christmas Sparkle

We are always grateful for any help and support parents can provide at our events.

Our Christmas Sparkle is only a few weeks away so if you are able to volunteer for a specific half hour time slot please let the office know. We are also looking for raffle prizes so if you or your company/employer can help please contact the school office or email us on pta@st-marys.poole.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another exciting year.

Your PTA



The School Library

We are currently in the process of renewing our library to ensure it is used to its full potential and inspires the children in reading.

In order to do this we need to update our existing book stock to include new and exciting books which the children will really want to read. To help us to raise the funds to renew our library collection we have started a book club with Scholastic.

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-marys-catholic-bh15> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by November 29th, 2018.**

Leaflets will go out in your child's book bag after half term but in the meantime you can follow the link to browse online and place your orders!

Many of the books available are heavily discounted and a real bargain!

All proceeds will go towards restocking the library.

Many thanks & happy reading! Mrs Eddy & Mrs Mundy



Year 2 News

Year 2 recently visited Brownsea Island as part of their work on the Katie Morag stories.

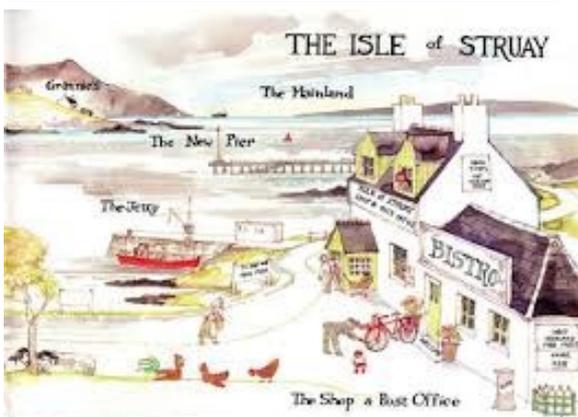
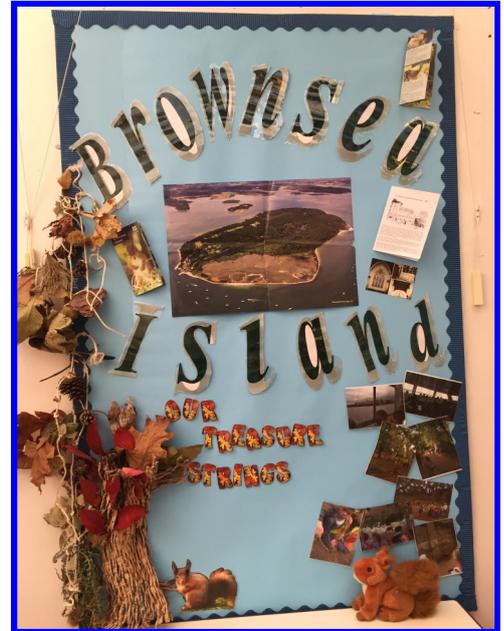
We were thinking about what life is like on an island compared to on the mainland.

We sailed on a ferry to Brownsea island and searches for a stick to tie on any woodland treasures that we found. We found horse chestnuts, conkers, feathers, acorns and different coloured leaves with which we then created a display at school.

We visited the church (which has no electricity and only has services for part of the year), we went on a nature walk and saw a seeker deer, red squirrels and many peacocks.

Finally we went to the natural playground and clambered over the wooden obstacles before getting the ferry home.

What an exciting day we all had!



School Council News

It has been a very busy half term for the newly elected School Council. We have worked with the NSPCC to organise a Dance Circuit Fundraising event which was really successful, thanks to your sponsorship we raised nearly £600 for the charity. Four dance stations were set up and the children had to move around the course trying out the different dance styles. Everyone had a great time. Well done to the school council who organised this event!



Last year the School Council worked with Eco-Club to create a parking map guide for parents and carers. Our aim was to make you aware of the different roads you can park in without having to drive in Devon Road as we were concerned for the safety of pedestrians. We hope that you will find this map useful and that it will help reduce the congestion around our school. Next half term we are going to be preparing activities for Road Safety Week.

Please do not park here.



You can park here and walk to school within 5 minutes.



Year 4

So we asked the question “what happens when you take a noun, an abstract noun, a verb and a preposition”? Here are two of the wonderful poems that our question produced!

*Inside a gigantic forest of secrets and thoughts,
I saw a wand of happiness to fix my thoughts.
Then I found a gem of braveness for my thoughts.*

*Beside the forest of fear and silence,
I captured a crystal of more fear.
I discovered the gem of joy but unfortunately it slipped away
in sad tears.*

*Outside the water tank of jealousy,
I found an unusual fish in the tank which could take my
jealousy away
I touched the tank and I felt amazing.*

*Under the road of secrets and sadness,
Outside the secret corner of sadness,
People just wanted to be like me.
I heard a car over the road
and I wanted to spill my secrets out loud*

By Ava 4H

*Beside the mountain of secrets,
I found a diamond of honesty
which revealed my deepest secrets.*

*Within the jungle of jealousy,
I captured the black tailed wobbler
that made the town very angry.*

*Beyond the castle of confusion,
I destroyed the cove of unconsciousness which
fixed the castle of confusion.*

*In the forest of fear,
I opened the cage of courage
then I was brave enough to go further.*

By Oliver 4H

School as a Catholic Community

It was lovely to see so many of you at both our start of school Mass and our Harvest Mass.

This week we have reconvened our Mini Vinnies with new members taking the lead, putting their faith into action. We have some new members from Y5 and Y6, these children want to make a real difference to people who need our help and who will set a good example as a role model for others to follow. We meet on a Tuesday at lunchtime for no more than 20 minutes.



Already our Mini Vinnies have become involved with the Harvest Mass and today accompanied Mrs Betts to deliver everyone's kind offerings of food to Poole Foodbank.

First Day Contact



First day contact will be made with parents/carers if a child is absent and the reason has not been communicated to school. This should in no way be considered to be intrusive or a nuisance, it is purely to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children.

Please ensure that you call the school absence line on 01202 676207 option 1 or alternatively email the school office at: office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk by 9:00 am please.

Thank you.



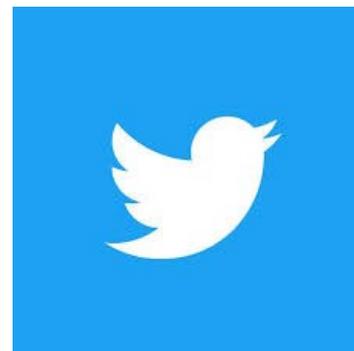
Twitter!

We now have 251 followers on Twitter!

Please follow us using @stmaryspoole

or see

the Information tab on our school website, Quick Links, where you will be able to see the most recent tweets from St Mary's.



Hot school meals

Please be reminded that dinner money should be paid in advance of the meals being taken. Please contact the school office if you would like to pay online for trips and lunches.

Thank you for your support.

Cake Sale

Thank you for your donations and support for yesterday's cake sale. We raised £154.53 for Headsmart -The Brain Tumour Charity.

Attendance

At St Mary's we have an attendance target of a minimum of 96% attendance for all children, apart from those with chronic health issues.

We try to create an ethos in which good attendance and punctuality are recognised as the norm, we can only achieve this with your support. We would ask you to help by not taking holidays in term time, not only does your child's attendance become affected but it is a disruption to their routines and learning.

1L Sharks	95.0%
1M Blue Whales	94.6%
2D Penguins	98.0%
2H Polar Bears	96.9%
3S Wolverines	97.4%
3M Poison Dart Frogs	96.0%
4HoMarine Iguanas	96.5 %
4E Galapagos Penguins	94.5%
5W Swift Foxes	98.2%
5L Spider Monkeys	97.2%
6L Fin Whales	94.2%
6W White Rhinos	93.4%
Total Years 1-6	96%

Coughs & sneezes, vomiting bugs etc!

Whilst we continue to improve attendance we have to acknowledge that we are now in to the season of germs! Please may we remind parents and carers of the 48 hour rule which is particularly important at this time of year.

If your child has suffered a tummy upset please do not send him/her to school until 48 hours after the last symptom. If you are aware that sickness has been caused by something other than a bug, (for example too much party food!) please ensure you inform the class teacher as in such instances the 48 hour rule does not apply!

If your child is suffering from a cough, cold or any illness that allows them to be in school medicated we are happy to administer **prescribed** medicine in school but will ask that you complete a form with detailed instructions beforehand.

The school nursing team will be in school on November 2nd to administer the nasal flu vaccine for children in Years 1-5.

Thank you.



Changes to pick up

We understand that delays in pick up can inevitably happen, can we ask that you telephone the school office as soon as you are aware so that we can ensure that the class teacher is informed.

If your child is signed up to an after school club it is essential that you let us know if they will not be attending as a register is taken and we need to check on the whereabouts of any missing children.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep all children safe in school.

Safeguarding

The Senior Designated Leader for Safeguarding is Mrs Betts. The Deputy Lead is Mrs Armstrong.

Mrs Hazell, Mr Lakatos and Mrs Wright are also Deputies.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any concerns.

Uniform

Thank you for sending your children to school looking smart and following our uniform policy. It is lovely to see: neutral or dark coloured hair accessories being worn in hair, ties being used with shirt that have a top button, no pinafores in key stage two, blue skirts and charcoal trousers!

As you can see from these photos school ties should not be worn with reversed collared blouses.

We very much appreciate your support in ensuring your child wears the proper uniform.

Thank you.



Achievements

More and more children are coming into school sharing their achievements from clubs and activities outside school for eg swimming and gymnastics medals. We hope that you enjoy reading these in our weekly updates. If you would like to send a photo of your child with their awards and a short explanation we would love to share your good news!



Helena from Year 3 recently took part in the UUKMA South East Regional Kalamela Regional Kalamela. This is the largest arts competition in the UK.

Helena also competed in the "Kids" category for singing, story telling and cinematic dance.

She won:

1st Prize in Story telling

1st Prize in Cinematic dance

3rd Prize in singing

Championship in the "Kids" category.

Evie (3S) received second prize last weekend in a Taekwondo competition and Holly (3S) came first in a gymnastic competition, well done girls!

