



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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15th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week began with our 'Remembrance Liturgy' at 11am in the morning.



Our Foundation Stage children joined us as we remembered.

All the children had written on a poppy someone that they wanted to remember and these were brought up and put at the front of the hall during the liturgy.

It was great to see so many of you at parent consultations this week. Our Year 6 Prefects thoroughly enjoyed meeting and greeting you all. All staff and Governors were pleased with the positive feedback and please remember if you wish to speak to anyone, at any time, please just ask to make an appointment.

Here are some of the many comments we received:

"Thanks for an informative evening. Super to see all the hard work and learning going on. Thanks Prefects for the warm welcome!"

"I had a great Parent's Evening with Miss O'Donoghue. I absolutely love the school. Couldn't have asked for a better first teacher for my boy."

Once again you all did a great job filling boxes for 'Operation Christmas Child'. Our boxes were collected on Monday, thank you to you all for your support. Samaritan's Purse is a non-profit, Christian organisation providing emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world. Samaritan's Purse is meeting the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster, poverty and disease with the aim of demonstrating God's love and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. The aid and assistance are given without regard to the race, creed, gender, religion, or ethnicity of the beneficiaries. This year you have helped by sending 41 boxes. Thank you.

This week has also been "Anti Bullying Week 2019". On Tuesday the children were all invited to wear their 'Odd Socks' to help them to remember that we are all different.

The children all followed the theme of 'Change Starts With Us'. The work covered during the week made strong links to our Gospel Values of integrity, courage, creativity, justice, peace, respect, humility, forgiveness, spirituality, compassion, kindness and love.



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

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To end the week we have had a 'Non-Uniform Day' for Children In Need. You are all so kind in your donations to help those in need and we thank you for your continued support.

Foundation children did the Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks and Pudsey Bear!



The school council organised a non- uniform day. We raised lots of money for Children in Need!



The Poole Foodbank sent a lovely letter this week. It said "This is HUGE THANK YOU from all of us here at Poole Foodbank for all the food that you delivered to us over harvest and a special thankyou to those who came to visit us and helped us to sort the food. The needs in our local community are growing and it is true to say that we couldn't do this without you. In fact - here at the Foodbank we start with nothing and can only distribute what you donate to us so it is all about YOU and what YOU have done."

I received a lovely letter this week from Harry's mum in Year 2 to say that she was pleased to share with us that following a trial with the New Forest Football Academy, Harry has been selected for the high performance squad. Well done Harry.



Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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