



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half term and made lots of happy memories. We returned to school on Monday and had our first joint East Dorset Cluster Inset. The teachers from St. Joseph's, Christ the King and St. Catherine's all came to our school for a day on 'Early Reading and the Education Inspection Framework'. The day began with a liturgy and then we spent the day really thinking about reading in our schools and the different aspects of early reading.



Aims of the day



- To establish the importance of reading in the curriculum
- To get a better understanding of Ofsted's focus on the reading curriculum
- To be fully versed in what a 'good' reading curriculum looks like
- To establish a framework for developing a robust reading curriculum at class and school level
- To evaluate the quality of the reading curriculum at class, school and cluster level
- To have identified areas for improvement at class, school and cluster level



The children have settled back into school and have been enjoying their learning this week. I know that is the case as when I walk around the classes the children do not notice I am there as they are so engrossed in their learning. Year 2 children received an email from 'Eric the Artic Explorer' and the Year 6 children produced some amazing Art work using the technique of 'Tie Dye'.

Our choir went for their first rehearsal for the PSMA Lighthouse Concert which will be taking place on the 5th December. To book your tickets visit <https://www.lighthousepoole.co.uk/whats-on/2019/poole-schools-music-association-christmas-concert/>

As a result of all the rain we have had we are currently working on trying to get rid of all the water that has backed up in the pond so that we can put the new liner in. Once we are in a position to do the next set of work we will let you know the date and hopefully get enough helpers this time to move the rubble and soil to fill in the big hole. We will arrange a new date soon.



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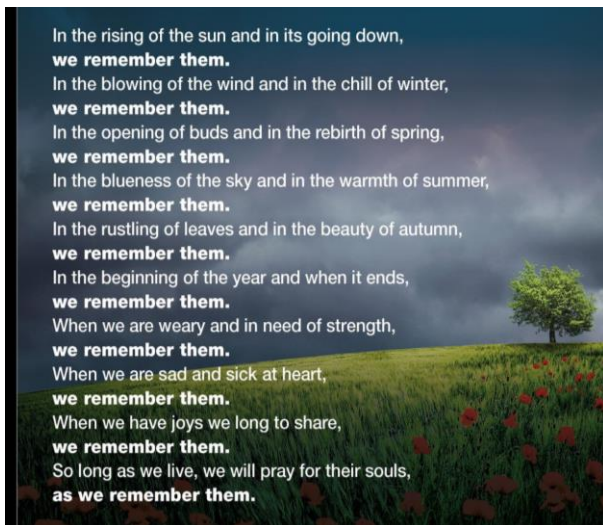
The children all prayed the 'Rosary' during October the month of the 'Rosary', and some children in Year 4 shared their thoughts about the 'Rosary Beads' they brought into school to help them with their prayers.

Amelia, "My rosary is very special to me because I got it for my Holy Communion"

Jakob, "My mum's rosary is really special because she has had it for lots of years and I use it for good prayers."

Leticia, "My rosary is my dad's but now I use it to pray to Mary, God and Jesus and I always say my prayers at night."

On Monday 'We will Remember'. At 11am we will hold a liturgy of Remembrance in school. Poppies are on sale from the office.



In September we had 313 followers our Twitter account, we now have 366 which is great news. Thank you to all our followers. If you would like to follow us we are @stmaryspoole.

Please remember if your child has achieved something out of school and you would like that to be shared with the whole school; please let school know so we can share their success.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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Headteacher