



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Watts back to school this week and I know the children and staff were pleased to have her back.

Mrs Evans took our Year 6 Sport Leaders for training at Poole High School this week and we look forward to seeing them in action around school after half term. Before going on maternity leave on Friday, Mrs Evans watched her last football match - the Year 5/6 children performed very well against Puddletown Middle and we were all extremely proud of them. I'm sure Mrs Evans will be glad of the rest before her new arrival appears!

On Wednesday we had an 'Open Morning' for next year's Foundation Stage places. We welcomed lots of people to look round and children from Year 6 proudly took them on tours around the school. The parents all reported back how the children shared their love of school and learning. Thank you to them all. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place in 2019 please let them know we have another open morning on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am-11am.

I am enclosing a copy of a newsletter from our Parish Family at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Parish wanted to share with you all the wonderful things that are going on at church and to welcome each and every one of you to become a part of it. Please take time to read through their newsletter.

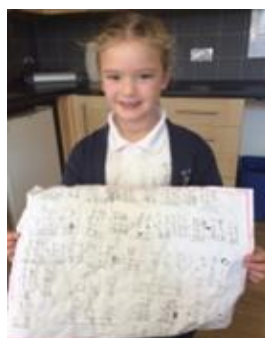


We also held an 'Open Afternoon' for our current Foundation stage children and those in Year 1. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school to see what your children are learning.



I have been inundated with enthusiastic children keen to share the learning with me. Rosie in the Foundation Stage Class had been working on her Fine Motor Skills and handwriting.

Amelia and Anna came to show me the extra Maths work that they had been doing at home and were very keen to tell me all about the methods they were using.



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

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The 'Mini Vinnies' held a cake sale to raise money to support 'Headstart' the brain tumour charity that raises awareness which inform and empowers parents and healthcare professionals to recognise the signs and symptoms of brain tumours in children and teenagers, in order to reduce diagnosis times. **Early diagnosis of brain tumours can reduce long-term disabilities and save lives.** We were also proud to find out that Morgan, Phoenix, Evan and Byron also walked 10km last weekend for the same charity.



Katie and Mia were super gymnasts last weekend who came second and fourth in their competition.



Our final success this week was from Evie in Year 3 in Taekwondo National Championships in Bath, where she came 2<sup>nd</sup> for Sparring.

You will all be pleased to hear that I achieved my goal! We now have over 250 followers on Twitter @stmaryspoole. My challenge for next half term is to get you to as many likes as possible on our posts – wish me luck!



We finish for half term today and on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October we have an INSET day where all the support staff will be having First Aid Training and the teachers will be looking at how we can further develop our curriculum, which will include study patterns, how we develop knowledge and curriculum components.

Thank you all for your kind comments this half term and for your continued support of our school.

I wish you a very happy and restful half term and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours faithfully,

*Helen Armstrong*

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