



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcomed Mr Simon Thomas as our Acting Deputy Head to St. Mary's. He has had a busy week getting to know the children and has taught in a number of classrooms. I know that you will all make him feel welcome when you see him on the line in the morning or in the playground in the afternoon.

I want to thank you all for all the kind messages, cards, letters and prayers we have received to remind us all that we are in your thoughts. Thank you to all those who attended Reyes' funeral last Saturday. Your support was really appreciated by both our school family and Reyes' family.

Your support with the CAFOD Family Fast Day last Friday was fantastic. We raised £376.30. This is brilliant. We are going to keep the tins in the classroom so that if anyone wishes to donate anything during Lent we can add it to this amount and send it all off at the end of Lent.



Eight children brought their '500 words' certificate in this week. Congratulations to May and Rosie in Foundation Stage, Bowen in Year 3, Flo, Oliver and Anastasia in Year 4 and Suhani and Angela P in Year 6 for having a go and entering the competition.



We are delighted to be running a trial of an innovative times tables app called TT Rockstars. Your child will be bringing home a letter with their login details. The app is free to use and can be accessed on tablets, smart phones and PCs. There will be interclass competitions running over the Easter holidays and we hope to see lots of children become even better at using the tables.



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I am delighted that our Year 5 netball team came 2nd in the competition that they took part in this week. Well done to Ovie, Lucas, Keira, Hannah and guest player Suhani.

Last Saturday Nicole in Year 5 represented St. Mary's as the flag bearer at the AFC Bournemouth game against Newcastle. She had a brilliant day!

Our Fairtrade Café was a great success. Mrs Wright and the Mini Vinnies made sure that all the children had the opportunity to attend. Thank you to them all for their support.



On Thursday the children had their class photographs taken. You will all have the opportunity to buy one if you wish.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

Mrs Armstrong
Headteacher