



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been lots of exciting things going on at school this week and the children have been bringing in their entries for the 'Creative this Christmas' competition. Mrs Reyes is thrilled to have the largest number of entries that she has ever had. 121 children have been colouring, designing, making models, hats, miniature Christmas trees and decorations. Well done all of you!



The PTA are very thankful for all the offers of help they have had to run the 'Sparkle' today. They asked me to say a special thank you to the volunteers.



On Wednesday evening, our largest group of Year 6 children went to the Lytchett Lectures with Miss Dann and Miss O'Donoghue. The lecture was called 'Brexit and British Politics'.

The children in Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the experience of mummifying fish as part of their topic on Egyptians today. They were very enthusiastic and followed the instructions carefully.

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

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We continue to try to organise a walking bus which will collect and walk the children into school in the mornings from two stops: the top of Pound Lane and the bottom of Devon Road. We now have one volunteer for Pound Lane who can do every day and one for the bottom of Devon Road who can do 2 days. The more volunteers we can get the better. If you think you could meet a group of children at 8.30am or 8.40am and walk them to school, please let us know (just 1 day a week would be brilliant). We are currently looking into purchasing high viz jackets with 'Walking Buys' on them for the volunteers. We continue with our investigations into the possibility of a zebra crossing on Pound Lane. If you support this idea, please let the office know.



On Thursday evening, I attended the 'Poole Schools' Music Association' Christmas Concert at the Lighthouse.

Mrs Wilson and all the children who represented St. Mary's certainly did us proud. It was a wonderful musical extravaganza and the singing was first class.

This week, I wanted to share the 'Mission Statement' for the 'The vision of Plymouth CAST'. Having spent all week in school this week observing in lessons, talking to children, scrutinising books, doing playground duty, attending the Christmas Concert at the Lighthouse, and ending with a beautiful Advent Liturgy led by the 'Mini Vinnies', I can certainly say the 'Mission Statement' is being lived out at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School.

CAST Mission Statement

"Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel."

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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