



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 5 children have had a great enrichment opportunity this week when they visited St. Edward's for the whole day. They were to experience different subjects across the curriculum. Nicole described the day: *"we had an assembly about all the different activities at the school, we did some Science experiments and we made our own pizzas! We ate our lunch on the astro then played lots of games. We met lots of nice teachers and looked in the classrooms. At the end of the day we had another assembly and some children were awarded prizes!"*

We have had lots of 'Pirates' in school this week as Year 2 took part in 'Pirate Day', this involved a trip out to Scaplen's Court. Thank you to the parents that supported us on this trip and dressed up as pirates.

On Thursday Year 4 had a visit from some animals from Kingston Maurward. There were snakes, stick insects and cockroaches. The children were able to get up very close especially to the snake!



The planning and preparation for our 'Parent and Toddler' group is well underway. We have some very enthusiastic parents who will be leading the group. They have asked me to put out a plea for equipment. If you are getting rid of or no longer need the following please can you send them into school:

Ride on cars, push/pull toys, balls, mirrors, telephones, cash registers and pretend food, puppets, dress up clothes for dolls and children, animal figures, small and large building blocks, picture cards, shape sorters, floor and table top jigsaw puzzles, peg boards.



We also need potties, changing mats and toilet steps. They intend to come in the holidays and prepare everything so please send in your equipment when you can.



I met with Father John this week to talk about our 'Year Group Masses' he needs more parents to become 'Eucharistic Ministers'. If you are Catholic, have a child who is in Year 3 – 6 and attend the school Masses then please let us know if you would like to speak to Father John about becoming a 'Eucharistic Minister'.

We are planning a 'Farewell Liturgy' for Mrs Betts at the end of term in school. We intend to include all her favourite hymns and prayers and it will be led by our Mini-Vinnies. Mrs Betts has



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taught at St. Mary's for 24 years and it is our opportunity to say thank you for her hard work and dedication. We are going to have a collection which you are all welcome to contribute to and we are making a card which we hope all the parents will sign. If you would like to sign the card and drop off your donation then it will all be in the office from Monday.

The rehearsals are in full flow for the 'Alice in Wonderland' production and the stage is up. The singing sounds amazing and I can already see that we have some amazing actors across our school. Details of tickets have been released. Do not miss out it sounds amazing.

Well done to James in Year 5 who won 'Cub of the Camp.' He was one of 24 cubs who camped out last weekend and participated in den building, water fights, craft skills including face painting (as you can see in the photo!) and a sing along around the campfire!



If you are able to come along and help us tidy up the pond area on Saturday 6th July from 9.30am, please could you bring gardening equipment as well. Don't forget to let the office know you are coming so I know how many bacon sandwiches to make! Here are our actual before photos. You can see it's very overgrown.



It was lovely to see so many of you at the 'Open Book' evening on Tuesday and to hear how proud you are at the amount and quality of the work that your children are producing. Don't forget to send in a named bag if you would like your child's books from last year back.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

Mrs Armstrong
Headteacher

