



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Diocese of Plymouth

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St Mary's School News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and many opportunities to enjoy some family time together. We were certainly blessed with the gorgeous weather that we had, it gives us so much to be grateful for. It has been fantastic to welcome back all of the children who are clearly ready and enthusiastic to embrace the many learning opportunities that lie ahead.

Parent Survey

As we look ahead to the future and Covid-19 restrictions fall behind us, we are keen as a community to engage more with parents. Your views matter to us – please take the time to complete the parent survey using the following link: <https://forms.gle/y2KoCtPVi5PFMzqk6> Together we can build a bright future for our children!

New COVID Guidelines from CAST

Despite a national ease of restrictions Covid-19 is still prevalent within our local community. Please do continue to be cautious and protect yourself and others by following government advice. You can check out the latest government advice here at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. In school we continue to promote regular washing of hands, cleaning of touchpoints and ventilation of learning areas.

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Non-Uniform Day for Ukraine

We would like to thank you for the exceedingly kind donations of items to send to Ukrainian refugees. We will get them to Castlepoint, and they will be heading off to Poland within a few days.



A while ago, we were delighted to share news that Archie from Year 1 had been working hard making hope rainbows for the Ukraine. He has now raised over £290 and is hoping that Barclays will match this donation to the Save The Children DEC Appeal. Well done, Archie!

Litter Bingo



Please see a Litter Bingo attachment, if your child would like to help the community by picking up stray rubbish, then they can record on the bottom of the sheet how many bags of rubbish they have managed to collect. Bring the bingo sheet into school and get house points! Let's help keep Britain tidy.

School Mass at St Mary's Church

We celebrated Easter in our whole school Mass today which was led by Fr. John. Children led different parts of the mass beautifully. We are so grateful to be able to come together as a whole school to worship and we look forward to inviting more parents to join us at our next mass later this term.

TIKTOK

Can we please remind parents that all children in our school are too young to have a TIKTOK account. The minimum age is 13. If you are permitting your child to use TIKTOK on another account, this should always be supervised.

BSO concert

Are any parents from 3S, Year4, Year 5 or Year 6 able to join us on the **18th of May** to walk the children to the Lighthouse and stay with us for our forthcoming afternoon with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra? We have been asked if we could be part of a livestream on the day; please, could all parents consent on SCOPAY that they are happy with the photo, film and social media permissions for the children?

Reading volunteers

If you have an hour or more that you could spare, we would love to welcome you as a reading volunteer in school. Please contact the office if you might be able to help. Volunteers will need to have a valid DBS which we will be happy to arrange.

Celebration of Learning

Well done to Stirling from Year 3 for creating this wonderful painting during the Easter holidays. Well done!



Assessment Information

Letters are going home soon to update parents on the assessment procedures for specific year groups. Please support your child by ensuring they have a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep. If you are concerned that your child is struggling to sleep or breakfast routines can be challenging, then please talk to your child's teacher or our pastoral team including Mrs Wright, Mrs Watts, or Mr Thomas.

Summer Term Dates

Year 6 SATs tests 9th-12th May

Year 1 Mass in school - parents welcome (please come in via the front office and sign in) 20th May

Year 6 residential at PGL 24th-27th June

Year 6 trip to Bovington Tank Museum 6th July

Whole school Mass at church 20th July

Grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills

This can be a worrying time for many families, as we find out that fuel costs are increasing. The Citizen's Advice link below has a wealth of information about the support that is available.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills/>

Catholic Life

Eastertide is **the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday**. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter.

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- Our teachers and the work they do to create exciting learning opportunities for our children.
- A Bank Holiday and a long weekend that will give us time to spend with our families.
- Music, for the joy it brings to everyone.
- The opportunity for Year 5 to enjoy their residential at Leeson House.

We pray for:

- People in our world that do not have enough food to eat.
- Peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Russia.
- People who are struggling financially.

And finally, I wish you and your family a wonderful long weekend. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Executive Headteacher

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