



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Executive Head: Mrs Clare Tickel

Head of School: Mr Simon Thomas

Diocese of Plymouth

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St Mary's School News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school and we have so much to celebrate and be grateful for. All children have worked really hard this week; they have been considerate and shown compassion and respect to Year 6 pupils during their test week. It has been a joy to see the smiles on the children's faces as they engage in their learning. We are very proud of the children.

Parent Survey

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/F5YGqeY5zChtV4D58>

Please use this link to complete our parent survey – responses have been low so far. We really value your feedback so that we can listen and consider your views. Please take the time today to fill it in – it will only take a few minutes of your time!

Staffing

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Emma Hemsil will be Assistant Headteacher during the interim leadership period and will support Mr Thomas and Mrs Tickel in our drive to make St Mary's the best that it can be. We also welcome Mrs Russell and Miss Boulton to our admin and SEND TA teams respectively. We have given them both a warm St Mary's welcome.

Year 6 SATs

We are so proud of our Year 6 children who have completed their SATs this week. They have all worked so hard and tried their very best. We are so grateful to the Year 6 Team who have gone above and beyond; breakfast was probably a highlight for most of the children, not to mention their celebratory pizza and popcorn!

Queen's Jubilee

On Thursday 26th May 2022 we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Parents will be invited to join us at the end of the school day to join in the celebrations. More details will follow next week. Part of our celebrations will involve planting a tree to act as a living memorial to this amazing historic event. We are hoping one of the talented St Mary's children could design a plaque to place next to the tree. Please see the attached flyer.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Please plan the contents of your child's lunchbox carefully and remember that they should be consuming 5 a day (fruit/vegetables). This can easily be achieved by including some carrot sticks or cucumber slices and a piece of fruit. We have noticed a number of children with multiple packets of crisps and chocolate bars as their entire lunch. There is minimal nutritional value in this and a sustained poor diet can lead to many health problems.

Earrings and PE

All earrings must be removed on PE days. Ideally this will be done at home, so as to prevent losing them at school. Tape cannot be used to cover earrings so please only have piercings in the school summer holidays to give the ears the chance to heal properly and allow for earring removal. After that, we will expect them to be removed. PE kit should be plain with no logos. Full guidance for expectations of PE kit in September will follow shortly.

Punctuality

Punctuality still needs to be improved for some children. Remember, just being 12 minutes late each day adds up to 1 HOUR of LOST LEARNING PER WEEK! If you are struggling with morning routines and need some support, then please speak to members of the Pastoral Team; Mrs Wright, Mrs Watts or Mr Thomas.

End of Day Routines

Staff have reviewed the end of day routines and we all agree that now is the time to revert back to pre-Covid routines of all pupils being collected from their classroom doors.

From Monday 16th May all classes will be collected from their classroom doors. This will allow pupils to remain safely within the classroom whilst awaiting collection. See below for where to collect your child.

EYFS: Collect from the yellow gate as usual.

Year 1: all Year 1 children will leave from Mrs Kernick's door.

Year 2: all Year 2 children will leave from Mrs Eddy's door.

Year 3: all Year 3 children will leave from the double doors between the Year 3 classrooms that face the large playground.

Year 4: 4W will leave from their classroom door, 4H can be collected from the corner near their door.

Year 5: both classes will leave from their classroom doors located at the far end of the astro.

Year 6: 6D can be collected from the door between the art room and year 5, halfway along the astro. 6L can be collected from the door to the left of the Year 3 classrooms in the large playground.

The carpark gates and side gate will all be opened at 8.50am and then again at 3.10pm to allow parents to come onto site and wait outside classrooms. If you have more than one child you will be able to walk around to collect then from their exit point. Parents will be able to choose which gate to enter / exit from and we hope that this will ensure fluid movement of people on site.

Our policy is 'drop and go' and 'collect and go' to enable clubs and child activities to take place on the playgrounds as quickly after drop off / collection as possible.

If you are happy for your upper key stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) child to walk home, please send written permission for them to do so to the school office.

Any parent who has a query must still go to our front reception office and no parents or unauthorised persons are allowed to enter the building without signing in at this point.

BSO concert

Thank you to those parents who have kindly volunteered to help with the BSO trip this coming Wednesday. The children are excited to be going on the trip and it is a real step back towards the life of the school as it was before the pandemic.

Reading volunteers

We are delighted to have had some parents kindly offer them time to listen to readers. 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.

Sailing Club

Each Friday a group of children from years five and six have been attending a water sports club at Poole Park. They are receiving excellent coaching from the instructors at Rockley Watersports and have already learned how to set up a dinghy, steer, tack and gybe (turn the boat through the wind), balance a dinghy and de-rig the boat at the end of a session. There is an opportunity for them to work towards stages 1 and 2 of the Royal Yacht Association's coaching pathway. In a few weeks they will compete in their first regatta. The staff at Rockley Watersports are incredibly impressed with their progress and all the children have been a fantastic credit to themselves, their families and the school.



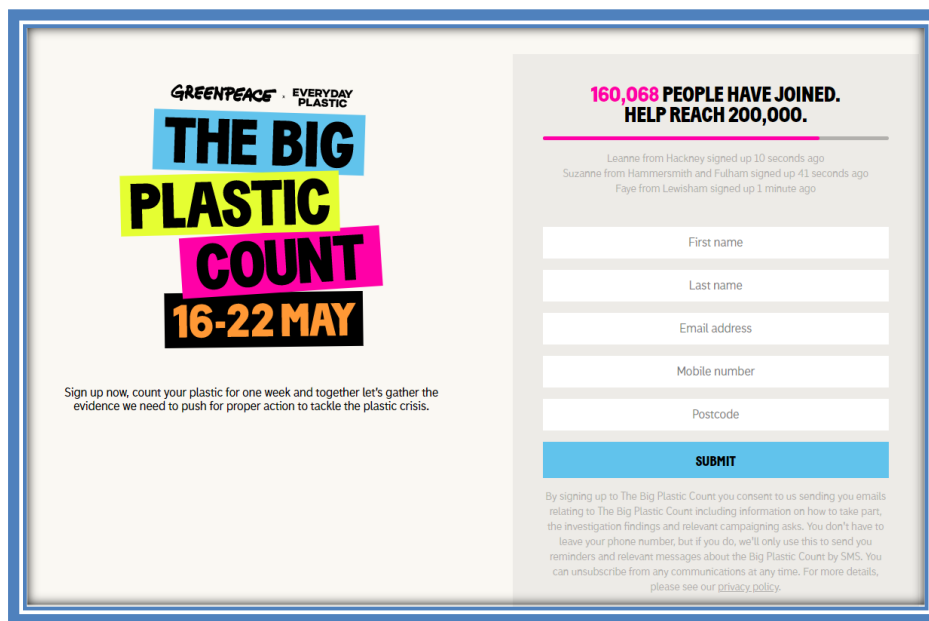
Amazing fundraising

A huge "well done" to Millie in Year 4. You may remember Millie setting a fundraising challenge during the pandemic. She has done it again and set herself the target of cycling or walking 100 miles in 3 months starting in March. Millie hit that target with a seven-mile bike ride on Sunday. So far, she is on track to

raise an incredible £300 for MacMillan Cancer Support. What a great way of showing our virtues of perseverance and humility!

Care for our Common Home

Year 4 have been writing about plastic pollution and the effects it has on marine wildlife. They are determined that no more of God's creatures should be harmed like the whales they have heard about because of the thoughtless dumping of plastic. Please have a look at the materials from Greenpeace that the children used as the stimulus for their writing and take a minute to think how you could help save plastic waste.



Summer Term Reminders

- Summer uniform – but pupils may wear their winter uniform on cooler days
- Closed toe shoes only.
- School PE kit only – no sportswear with logos.
- Bring in a named sun cap and a lightweight coat – all labelled.
- Apply sunscreen before children come to school.
- Plenty of fluids for hot weather (water only – we can refill in school).

Class Photos

The last day for ordering class photos from Fraser Portraits will be Wednesday 18th May. If you would like to make an order, please follow the order instructions on your child's photo proof.

Summer Term Dates

Year 1 Liturgy in school - parents welcome 20th May (please sign in at the school office)

Years 2 and 3 Mass in school- parents welcome 17th June

Year 6 residential at PGL 24th-27th June

Transition Day for all BCP schools 1st July

Year 6 trip to Bovington Tank Museum 6th July

School sports day (KS 1/EYFS a.m. KS 2 p.m.) 13th July

School sports reserve day 19th July

Whole school Mass at Church 20th July

School concert at Church 20th July

Statutory Assessments

The Statutory Assessments continue for Year 2, then the Multiplication Times Table Check for Year 4 and Phonic Screen for Year 1 and 2 in June. Please support you child by ensuring they have a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep, particularly before tests. 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. Remember, attendance and punctuality is essential at this time.

May Celebration of Mary

On 17th of May we will hold a celebration for Mary, children may wish to bring in a Rosary. We would ask that as many children as possible bring in a flower which they will place under the picture of Our Lady in the school hall.



Catholic Life

From the first mention of Mary in the Bible she shows **faith and courage** when faced with the angel Gabriel. Even though she was young and frightened, her belief in God meant she accepted this role without question. Whenever Mary could, she happily showed concern for other people. She didn't expect anything in return.

Blessed Virgin Mary, model of Faith and Obedience

Let Us Pray

Prayer for the Consecration of Russia & Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Most glorious Mother,
Queen of Heaven and Earth,
To you do we turn in our time of need.
Your Heart is most pure,
Your virtues overflow in superabundance,
You are the Immaculate Conception,
You are our Mother and Queen.
In the face of grave evil,
In this time of war,
In this time of devastation and chaos,
We entrust all to you.
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Please pray for us,
Cover us with your mantle of protection,
Free us from violence,
Free us from war.
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Call us to repentance,
Open the eyes of sinners,
Pour down your Son's mercy,
Pour down His abundant grace.
We consecrate to your Immaculate Heart this day,
Ourselves and our loved ones,
Our families and churches,
Our communities and countries.

Most Immaculate Heart of Mary,
 In union with the Holy Father in Rome,
 With the bishops throughout the world,
 With all the faithful at prayer,
 We consecrate Russia and Ukraine to you.
 Receive them into your Immaculate Heart,
 Bring healing and peace,
 Strength and wisdom,
 Love and compassion,
 Mercy and forgiveness,
 Reconciliation to all.
 Through the powerful mediation of your Immaculate Heart,
 Bind Satan and all demons,
 Thwart their evil plots.
 St. Michael the Archangel,
 All angels and saints,
 Pray for Ukraine,
 Pray for Russia,
 Pray for peace in the world,
 Pray for peace in every heart.
 Immaculate Heart of Mary,
 Pray for us.
 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
 Have mercy on us.
 Jesus, I trust in You.
 Jesus, I trust in You.
 Jesus, I trust in You!
 Amen.

We give thanks for:

- Our new families from Ukraine who have joined our school this week.
- Our new children across the school who have settled in beautifully.
- Our Year 6 pupils who have tried their very best this week in their tests.
- The learning that has taken place in school this week.

We pray for:

- The gift of 'Courage' to stand together in solidarity and peace, especially with our brothers and sisters of Ukraine.
- Our Year 2 pupils and all those completing assessments this month.
- Those suffering illness and loss, that they may be comforted.
- Fr John and all of our priests and local clergy.

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

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Executive Headteacher

faith
hope
love

Simon Thomas
Head of School



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

