



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who responded to the 'Book Look' survey last week. Your feedback was very helpful and having discussed it with staff on Monday, we will introduce 'Book Looks' each half term. You said that you valued the opportunity to discuss your child's work with them and to look around classrooms. Equally, we were delighted that so many of you were able to come!

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk

### Our Wednesday Word message

The season of Lent reminds us of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, where he grew stronger through resisting various temptations. In this Sunday's Gospel, the tempter makes three suggestions in an effort to divert Jesus from his true mission.

Jesus rejects the temptations, one after another -

each time with a word from Scripture, which is the Word of God. It is part of the human condition to face temptations in life. But the more familiar we become with the Word of God, the more we too can be strengthened to resist temptations and be filled with new life.

#### Attendance this week

RAB	93.3	RES	99.1
1SW	98.0	1JB	96.3
2HH	99.1	2NG	98.1
3AW	100	3YL	100
4BY	99.6	4AC	97.8
5SR	100	5LM	98.2
6EW	99.6	6HW	98.0

# Minutes missed through lateness this week

RAB	2	RES	7
1SW	0	1JB	10
2HH	0	2NG	142
3AW	0	3YL	0
4BY	23	4AC	25
5SR	0	5LM	0
6EW	11	6HW	3

6EW are off to a great start this half term with excellent attendance and punctuality- well done!

**ABSENCE REPORTING:** 

Text 07719 085 799

Email pupilabsence@stmaryscp.co.uk

# Well done!

A huge 'well done' to our boys' football team who won this week's tournament and will go on to represent Crystal Palace at Vicarage Road next week. We are proud of you Nacho, Lennie, Ted, Jacob, Louis, Jake and Ciaran! Thank you to Mr Verga for his sterling work in coaching the team.



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# St Mary's Science Week 7-11 March 2022

You are all warmly invited to come and have a look at our work we have been during Science Week on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 3.15 - 3.45pm in the extension of the Big Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Thank you,

#### Mrs Harrison

Next wee	Next week at St Mary's				
Monday 7	Science week				
March	Bird man visit- Eagle Heights				
	RAB & 1SW parent meetings				
	3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5				
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6				
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R,1 & 2				
Tuesday 8 March	6EW parent meetings				
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	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6				
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports-				
	Y1&2				
Wednesday 9 March	RES & 1JB parent meetings				
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-				
	4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1-				
	3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6				
Thursday 10 March	Spotlights- Y1&2 -3.15pm- 4.45pm & 4.45-6.15pm:				
Friday 11 March	Lenten devotions at 8.25am (all welcome)				
	Year 3 Forest School District football finals				
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y1-6				

# **PTA** updates

#### Read-A-Thon

Thank you to all those who took part in the School Read-A-Thon. We are awaiting the official final total but it looks like we have raised over £2.5K. 87 children that took part and there were some amazing individual sponsorship collections taken and the children read collectively 26,440minutes. We are sorting out for every child to receive a certificate for their participation and we will be awarding prizes to those that read the most (per class), those that raised the most money (top 7 across the year groups) and 3 individual class prizes for most raised - Reception / KS1 and KS2.

The winners were;-

RES - Ines Zeus-Peters 360mins

RAB - Samuel Mentesh 410 mins

1JB - Cara Beal 390 mins

1SW - Dylan Fendick 455 mins

2NG - Alba Colussi 160 mins

2HH - Erica Vukmanovic 1267 mins

3AW - Milan Mankad Da Cruz 1050 mins

3YL - Matteo Grillo 735mins

4BY - Sarai Sukroom 603mins

4AC - Cataleya Perkins Charlie 600mins

5LM - Henry Jenner 314 mins

5SR - Vasco Mankad Da Cruz 591 mins

6EW - Sophie Woolterton 240mins

6HW - Ciara Conneely 1680 mins

Winners of most money raised were;

Archer Sequeria £120

Alba Colussi £120

Cara Beal £120

Emilio Delmastro £130

Kieran Quinn £147

Erica Vukmanovic £157.50

Isabel Fenwick £190.50

Overall class winners and win £30 per class for the teachers to treat you were;-

Reception - RAB £352.40 (1559 mins read)

KS1 - 1JB £450.35 (1369 mins read)

KS2 - 3AW £440 (3553 mins read)

Prizes will be handed out shortly.

## Quiz night

With little over 2 weeks to go our fabulous quiz night is finally back!!

Journey with us "Around the world in 80 questions...and look out for our special

teacher/PTA baby picture round which will raise a

The quiz will take place in our school hall as usual

and it's our first adult social in quite some time so it would be great to see both old and new faces. The biggest question is will our reigning champions Yr 1(now Yr3) retain their quiz superstar status or will another year group snatch it away! Get your teams together and put your thinking caps on and come on down...all you need are some pub snacks of your choice and we'll provide the Bar (cash only please) with beer, wine, gin and a choice of soft drinks, so whatever your tipple of choice is, there's plenty for all!

Doors open at 7.30pm and the quiz will start at 8pm, get there early to get your drink and settle down before the fun starts!

There will also be a raffle on the night with great prizes to win...what more can we say, it's a win win situation ©

Tickets are £10 each and they are available to purchase on ParentPay now.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!



Your PTA x

### COVID-19: updated guidance from DfE

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

#### On Twitter this week...

Boys' football success Girls' match v Tubbenden World Book Day Year 4 breakdance lessons Pancake races and pancake making

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# Easyfundraising

'Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into donations for your good cause, at no cost to you. How? Just visit your favourite retailers through our website and the shop as normal. Once you've made a purchase the retailer will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you".'

We currently have 93 supporters who between them have raised £2737.14 for the school. Retailers include asos, Sainsbury's, M&S, Asda, Tesco, Sports Direct, Currys Boden and Ocado. Supporters can either download the Easyfundraising app and click through to retailers from there, or go through the Easyfundraising website. The link is here:

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