

Newsletter Issue 11: 9th February 2018

Dear Parents,

We recently heard some wonderful news about a staff member here at St Mary's. Mr Blakely-May one of our hardworking teaching assistants was awarded the Falmouth Community Hero Award! Ashley is undoubtedly an unsung hero, who humbly goes about the amazing work he does for children in our local community as a football coach. He didn't even tell us that he had been nominated amongst hundreds of other nominees for this amazing award! Ashley is an exceptionally dedicated individual who gives his time voluntarily. At school he is equally hardworking and is a wonderful role model for our pupils. We're all so proud of him!

I would like to thank Mrs Heidi Stasiak, one of our longstanding lunchtime supervisors who finishes today. Heidi's commitment, hard work and genuine love for all our children will be sadly missed. Mrs Geraldine Johns who some of you may know as our Crossing Patrol Person, has been appointed to replace Mrs Stasiak.

Mrs Watkins starts her maternity leave after half term, so we wish her and Andy her husband all the best as they prepare for the new baby.

I'm also pleased to report that we have appointed a new teaching assistant Ms Hayley George to join the team. Ms George will begin after half term in Class 4.

There are currently no guarantees due to the Plymouth CAST 'Financial Notice to Improve' that we can reappoint to fill vacancies. Fortunately these posts have been agreed, but we still need to continue the recruitment process to find cover for Mrs Watkins. In the meantime Ms Martin will cover the afternoons.

I hope you all have a lovely half term, free of all the germs and sickness which seems to have affected so many over the last six weeks.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough



Are you able to help?

We're looking for volunteers;

- to hear readers in classes
- to make phonics resources for KS1
- **on the 'Walking Bus'**
- to be on standby to cover for other volunteers who help with supervision on the swimming coach
- to help with transportation to sporting events

DIARY DATES

February

12th -16th

Half term

19th

INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

20th

Pupils return for the second half of the Spring Term

22nd

Dress Rehearsal for Year 5 & 6 Choir members for 'Songfest'

23rd

Choir @ Truro Methodist Church 10:00am to 12:30pm

Go Active Paralympics Festival Years 3 and 4 (14 pupils in total) - Carn Brae

Hockey Festival Year 5 - Falmouth School

Lenten Dress Down day- Rainbow colours

26th

CAFOD Assembly 'Give it Up' @ 9:10am

27th

Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am (new date)

'Songfest' @ Hall for Cornwall @ 7pm

March

1st

World Book Day- Lenten Dress Down Day- book characters or Cornish colours (white, gold and black)

Visit from author Ellie Jackson

6th

Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:30pm

Internet Safety Session for Parents @ 2:00pm

7th

Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am

9th

Lenten Dress Down Day- spots, stripes, bright!

12th -15th

National Science Week

16th

Lenten Dress Down Day- St Patrick- green

13th

Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:30pm

14th

Bikeability - Class 6

15th

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23rd

Reception Class Celebration @ 9:15am

Lenten Dress Down Day - What do you want to be? or Denim

29th

Lenten Dress Down Day - Yellow and wellies for the Easter Egg Hunt

Break up for the Easter Holidays

April

16th

Return to School - Summer Term

SPORTING NEWS

Swimming

Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 girls swimming teams who competed in the Peninsular round at Carn Brea on Friday 26th January. Both teams came second in the relay. Well done to:-

Gracie, Kinga, Edie, Isabel T

Mabel, Isla, Mia, Ella

Cross Country

On Friday 2nd February 52 children- ranging from Yr4-6 took part in the Falmouth/Penryn cross country. It was a fantastic event with over 300 children competing.

The children were a real credit to St. Mary's and their attitude and behaviour must be commended.

A special congratulations to Armel (year 5) who won his race and received a gold medal on the day. Also Chloe (Year 5). Isabel (Year 5). Alfred (Year 6). Josh (Year 5) and Zishan (Year 4) who all qualified for the next round after half term.

Thank you to all the parents who supported this event.

Enrolment Mass for our First Holy Communion Children

Many thanks to all the families who came along to make this such a wonderful celebration!

Internet Safety Day- 6th March 2018

Unfortunately this presentation for parents about safe, responsible and positive use of the technology for children and young people had to be postponed. It will now run after half term on 6th March 2018 at 2:00pm. Class 6 will be leading the session for parents where they will present key messages about how to stay safe online with a particular focus on the responsible use of social media. This session is suitable for parents of children from all classes.

GO ACTIVE - HOLIDAY CLUB

Go Active run holiday clubs with a difference!

Monday 12th February 2018 8:30 to 4:30pm £10

Thursday 15th February 2018 8:30 to 4:30pm £10

For more information see the Go Active website: www.goactivecornwall.co.uk

GO ACTIVE - KS2 GYMNASTICS.

We're delighted to be able to offer a KS2 Gymnastics Club! Hurry though! First Come First Served - Max 25 children - minimum of 12

Location: School Hall.

Times: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Years: KS2 ONLY.

Dates: Wednesdays from 21st February to 21st March

Clothing: PE / Sports clothes and trainers.

Please return Forms & Payment to the School Office by FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY.

Email: paul@goactivecornwall.co.uk Contact: PAUL COX on 07725 834 502.

School Uniform

High expectations in all aspects of school life is a hallmark of our school and this includes wearing the specified school uniform. So many people in the wider community have commented on how smart our pupils look and I would like to thank you all for your efforts in sending your child/ren so smartly dressed in school uniform.

A small minority however are consistently arriving with no ties, leggings instead of tailored trousers, inappropriate footwear and colourful bows in their hair (which are beautiful) but are not in line with our uniform policy.

Details of the correct uniform are included in this newsletter edition, as after half term we will be carefully monitoring this and letters will be sent home if pupils are not wearing the correct uniform. Hopefully the half term period will give you time to sort uniform if your child is missing for example their tie.

The school uniform is as follows:

BOYS

- White shirt long sleeve shirt/short sleeve shirt for the Summer months
- Grey tailored trousers or shorts
- Royal Blue V Neck Jumper
- Clip on or Elastic School Tie
- Black or brown leather shoes (no trainers)
- Grey socks
- Royal Blue PE T Shirt
- Navy PE Shorts
- Long hair tied back

GIRLS

- White shirt long sleeve shirt/short sleeve shirt for the Summer months
- Grey skirts or pinafore dresses or grey tailored trousers or shorts
- Royal Blue V Neck Jumper
- Clip on or Elastic School Tie
- Black or brown shoes (no trainers)
- White socks or grey tights
- Royal blue head bands or school scrunchies
- Royal Blue PE T Shirt
- Navy PE Shorts
- Plimsolls (preferable laceless for infants)
- Long hair tied back
- No jewellery or nail polish is permitted.

All uniform is available from: MC Sports, 29 High Street, Falmouth

Please note that pupils must wear only school caps for easy identification on trips and protection from the sun.

A strong bag to hold PE kit is needed too and all uniform should be labelled.

Harbour Lights

Staff at Harbour Lights saved the day last week as we had a problem with our kitchen appliances. They provided sausages and chips for nearly 200 hundreds children at very short notice and they weren't even open when the request from our school came in!

Spare Swimming Kit

Calling all Year 5 and 6's - last term a number of pupils borrowed the school's spare swimming kits. These have not been returned, so if you borrowed one, please can it be returned to school asap. This will enable the Year 3 & 4 swimmers to have access to spare kit, if needed.

If anyone has a spare towel/girls swimming costume/boys swimming trucks that are not longer needed, the school would appreciate any second-hand kit. Thank you!



Please note that signposting to any activities/services by St Mary's School does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. It is recommended that parents/carers make their own enquiries to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of these. Under no circumstances will either St Mary's School or Plymouth CAST accept any responsibility or liability for any such activity/service.

Trevada Music's Camborne store will once again be taking part in the National Learn To Play Day on Saturday 17th March. We will be offering free taster lessons in our store throughout the day.

Lessons are available to adults and children of any age with the chance to try Guitar, Violin, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, Cornet, Flugel Horn, Tenor Horn, Baritone Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba and Drums!! Instruments will be provided where needed. We are also offering vocal lessons for budding singers.

If you or anyone you know has ever wanted to have a go at a particular instrument then here is your chance to try for FREE with a qualified tutor.

Please book your slot early to avoid disappointment by calling 01209 714353 with your chosen instrument and your contact details.