

st Mary's Catholic School

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Important Items in this newsletter:

- **Diary Dates**
- **FOSMs News**

Hello from Mrs. Draycott

Before half-term we said goodbye to Mrs Stasiak, one of our hard-working lunchtime supervisors. She will be missed and we would like to say a big thank you for all her help and fun at lunchtimes whilst she worked at St. Mary's.

We also said goodbye in our assembly today to our school crossing patrol officer, Geraldine Johns, who is retiring from her role. There will be temporary cover provided until a permanent replacement has been employed. However, please be aware that there will be no crossing patrol on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

Since half-term the children have been very busy in their classes or out and about on class visits. These are things the teachers are particularly proud of:

Reception Class have made a great start with the rehearsals for their very first Nativity! I have first-hand experience of how their singing and dancing is progressing and it looks like it will be one not to miss!

Class 1 have shown such enthusiasm for their 'Space topic'. Mrs. Shailes is especially impressed with their homework so far.

Class 2 have been learning how to add two-digit numbers by partitioning. They have shown great care in the layout of their work, which will help with these more complicated calculations.

Class 3 have been engrossed in fact-finding about the orchestra- showing a real interest in all the instruments.

Class 4 have impressed Mr. Scarborough with how much information they have retained from last half term's topic about the Tudors.

Class 5 have just returned from a great day at Tintagel, in preparation for their Quest story writing. Mrs. Mills was especially pleased with their behaviour whilst on the trip.

Class 6 have approached their work about 'Macbeth' with real energy and enthusiasm and have made Mr. Boyes an extremely proud teacher.

Have a lovely weekend everyone Best wishes Mrs. Draycott Deputy Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

It is such a lovely time of year in the school when the children start to get

excited about Christmas. Please ensure you look at the diary dates on the newsletter for the performances.

As the weather has now turned particularly chilly please could you ensure your child brings a coat to school. We like the children to go outside whenever possible at playtimes and for outdoor learning time so it is important they are adequately dressed.

In new recommendations from our Education Welfare Officer, if your child has been sick please could you make the decision as to whether your child has a bug or has been sick for other reasons. If you feel they are better and ready for school then we no longer ask for you to keep them off school for 48hours, this will be up to parental discretion.

Many thanks to those parents that attended our reading meeting, it was very well attended. If for any reason you were unable to attend, please ask the class teacher for any information shared.

I look forward to seeing parents at the parent consultation meetings next week and hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Demelza Bolton

Executive Headteacher



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Star of the Week

Week ending 1st November

★ Reception: Oliver Harley Class 1: Class 2: Archie Class 3: Lilly Class 4: Duncan Class 5: Millie Class 6: Lennon

Attendance Winners

Week ending 01/11/19— Y2

Gospel Values

★ For week commencing 11th November our Gospel ★ ★ Value is Peace.

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Special events this week are:

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day on the 12th

World Kindness Day - Wednesday 13th

FOSMs

Dress down days and Christmas Fayre collections-

★ Friday 15th Nov - teddies for the teddy tombola

Friday 22nd Nov - tombola items

Friday 29th Nov - bottles for the bottle tombola

Friday 6th Dec - FAYRE DAY Reception Class and Classes 1, 2 and 3 to bring in cakes

Class 4 to bring in Arts/Crafts/Stationary

Class 5 to bring in Ladies Pampering Items

Class 6 to bring in Chocolate/Sweets.

Anyone able to help at the fayre to help set up, man a stall or clear up would be appreciated, so please let the School Office know. Every little helps to make the fayre fantastic.

Bag4school Collection

☆ Collection bags will be distributed via bookbags very soon and the 'Bag4school' collection takes place at
⇒ 9am on Wednesday 11th December. Please leave official bags at the school front gate, extra bags are
⇒ always available from the School Office.

PLEASE NOTE — All donations need to be placed into the official bags. No black refuse bags will be taken. Also, no duvets, pillows, cushions, school uniforms will be accepted. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Sports

St Mary's A and B netball teams played Marlborough School last Wednesday in the local Netball league. Well done to all players, especially to St Mary's B team, who won 2:1. Unfortunately the A team lost 2:4 this time.

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We have 3 watches in the School Office waiting to be claimed; a child's red/blue Marvel watch, a child's neon orange watch and a black men's watch.

Match Funding

Could any parent/family member who is linked to a Bank or Building Society that could offer matchfunding for our Christmas Fayre, please get in touch with the School Office.

FOSMs are looking to boost the money raised at this festive event.



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The Children & Family Service are running a Being Passionate About Parenting workshop at the Lighthouse Family Hub on Thursday 12th December from 9.30-2.30pm.

This is a fabulous workshop for any parents that you feel could do with a little help and support managing their children's behaviour, and covers lots of helpful strategies and tips.

Please email: kyra.marks@cornwall.gov.uk to book a place.

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.

On behalf of the Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank I would like to thank you for your very kind Harvest Festival donation of 61.2kg of goods. These donations are always welcomed by our clients in crisis, especially during the winter months when often fuel bills are so high that affording food can become impossible.

Without donations such as yours we would not be able to help people in this area who have an emergency need to provide for themselves and their families.

Our foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities, as well as across the UK.

From the Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank

Diary Dates

November

12 th	Y4 Cinema Trip
	Odd Sock Day for anti-bullying
	Parent Consultations
13 th	Y1 Act of Worship
14 th	Parent Consultations
15 th	Dress Down Day – teddies donations
20 th	Y2 Act of Worship
22 nd	Dress Down Day – Tombola prizes donations
24 th	Parish Mass 'Christ the King' at St Mary's Catholic Church, Killigrew Street at 10.45am
27 th	Penitential Service Mass
28 th	Reception visit to Falmouth Art Gallery
29 th	Dress Down Day – Bottle donations

December

3 rd	Y1 Hearing Screening
6 th	Christmas Fayre
	Dress Down Day – Wear Christmas Clothes
9 th	Reception Christmas Play 2pm
10 th	Y1&2 Christmas Play 1.30pm & 6.30pm
11 th	Y3&4 Christmas Play 1.30pm & 6.30pm
	Bags for School Collection (morning drop off)
12 th	Last Y5&6 Swim
13 th	Dogs Trust assembly
	St Mary's & Truro Male Voice Choir Concert at St Mary's Catholic Church
18th	School Christmas Dinner
20 th	Last day of Autumn Term