



Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ **Diary Dates**
- ♦ **Fairtrade Coffee Morning**
- ♦ **Active Travel to School Challenge**

Attendance Winners

Week ending 14/02/20 — Year 2

Week ending 28/02/20—Year 3

Community Events — Messy Church

The next gathering will be on SATURDAY 14th March between 9.30 and 11.00am at the All Saints Church, Killigrew Street. It starts with breakfast and is followed by games, activities, songs and a story. Everyone is welcome to attend, but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Entrance is free, but donations are welcome.

MESSY CHURCH is an all-age family gathering. There is plenty of space for the energetic to run around, and we do not expect anyone to sit quietly when they are not in the mood.

Find information at: www.messychurch.org.uk

Star of the Week

Week ending 14th February

Reception:	Daisy
Class 1:	Nadia
Class 2:	Molly M
Class 3:	Arabella
Class 4:	Ella C
Class 5:	Megan
Class 6:	Chris

Week ending 28th February

Reception:	Finley H
Class 1:	Oli O
Class 2:	Finlay
Class 3:	Euan S
Class 4:	Jozef
Class 5:	Charlie
Class 6:	Maisy

Gospel Values during LENT

Week commencing 9th March - Forgiveness



Hello from Mrs. Draycott

There have been so many brilliant things happening at St. Mary's over the last couple of weeks:

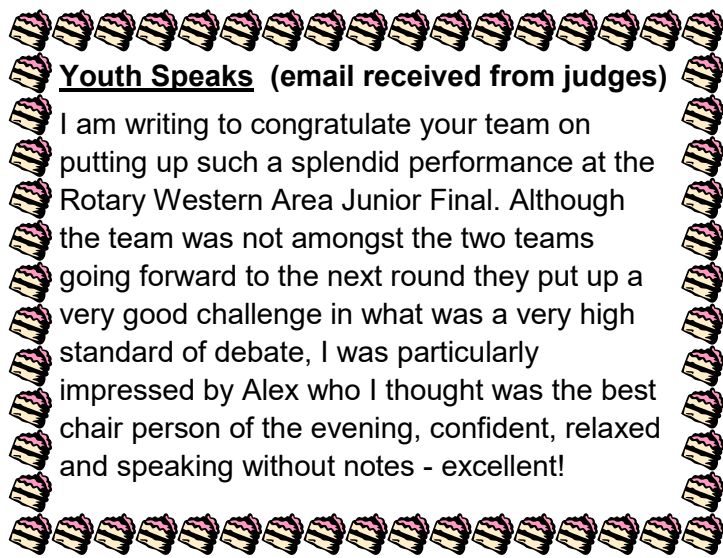
- Class 5's Fairtrade coffee morning was a huge success! They wrote their own compelling speeches, ran their own stalls and showed such great awareness of the countries involved. Well done Class 5 and a big thank you to Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Watkins for preparing the morning.
- Thank you so much for joining in on World Book Day and dressing up as your favourite book character. The children in Reception Class, 1 and 2 were so excited to invite their family in to read with them in the morning. 'Book Worm Club' will be held once every half-term, on alternate days of the week, to allow for working parents to attend.
- Well done to Class 4 who took part in the St. Piran's Day Parade in town yesterday. They had spent a long time learning the dances and performed brilliantly in such cold weather!
- Our fantastic choir took part in the Music For Youth Festival this morning at Truro Methodist Church. They sang their socks off and received extremely positive feedback on their performance. Well done everyone, and as always, a big thank you to Mrs. Austin-Smith and Mrs. Mulcahy for leading our choir so professionally.
- Please continue to donate any items you can for the Foodbank during this season of Lent. The box for collection is in the foyer area. Thank you for continuing to support our charities during Lent on the dress-down Fridays.

I am a very pleased and proud Head of School and can't thank the children, staff and parents enough for your continuing hard work and support.

Best wishes,
Mrs. Draycott
Head of School

Violin Lessons

Mrs Pattinson, the violin teacher has student places available. For more information regarding instrument hire and to arrange a taster session, please contact Mrs Pipkin in the school office.



Youth Speaks (email received from judges)

I am writing to congratulate your team on putting up such a splendid performance at the Rotary Western Area Junior Final. Although the team was not amongst the two teams going forward to the next round they put up a very good challenge in what was a very high standard of debate, I was particularly impressed by Alex who I thought was the best chair person of the evening, confident, relaxed and speaking without notes - excellent!

Love Productions

Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down is delighted to announce that they have recently opened applications for the 6th series of **Junior Bake Off** (a Channel 4 programme) that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. With this in mind, they are contacting schools in hope that they will spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity.

They are looking for young budding bakers aged between **9 -15 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2020, but the applications close on: **Sunday 5th April 2020**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK.

Please contact them on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above.

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.



Active Travel to School Challenge at St Marys

We are excited to announce that we are launching a new weekly travel to school scheme. This inter-class challenge involves pupils getting to school by active and sustainable means. Any journey made to school by either foot, scooter, bike or park & stride (driving *some* of the way, parking *well away* from school and walking *the rest* of the journey) will count towards the class total. Those using the walking bus will count for double!

Staff and the School Council will help collect the class totals each **Friday** morning and the results will be announced in assembly on Monday

The class with the most active journeys to school each week will be awarded with Dave, our Active Travel Bear, to keep for the following week.

There will be a wall chart for the challenge on our School Council board where pupils can see their class's progress.

We are asking parents/carers to support your children with this initiative.

We hope that you will help the school get more children active on the journey to school. It's fun, healthy and the roads around school will be calmer with fewer people driving to the school gate.

At St Marys School we encourage active travel to school whenever possible!

Any queries about this-please contact Mrs Mills - school travel champion.

Many thanks for your support with this.



Lent

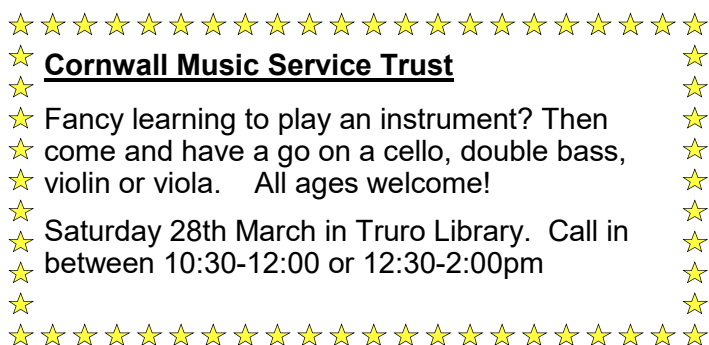
The School Council's chosen charities for this year are Mary's Meals, CAFOD and Children's Hospice South West. All these charities will be supported during our 'Dress Down' days on each Friday during Lent and we would greatly appreciate donations on these dates.

The programme is as follows:

Friday 13th March—Green

Friday 20th March—Cornish colours

Friday 27th March—Pyjama/Onesies/Slippers



Cornwall Music Service Trust

Fancy learning to play an instrument? Then come and have a go on a cello, double bass, violin or viola. All ages welcome!

Saturday 28th March in Truro Library. Call in between 10:30-12:00 or 12:30-2:00pm



Fairtrade

Following another successful Year 5 Fairtrade Coffee Morning, £238.40 was raised for Fairtrade charities. The children laid on a variety exciting activities and entertainment during the morning, all based around the Fairtrade message. Below are some photographs, which sum up the enjoyable morning that was had by all!



Diary Dates

March

- 9th Y4 visit to Royal Cornwall Museum
- 11th 9.30am Y5 Penitential Service
- 12th SongFest! at Princess Pavilions
- 18th Y1 Act of Worship
- 19th Y2 Paint the Town Yellow Day
- 24th Parent Consultations
- 25th 9.30am End of Term Mass
- Parent Consultations
- 27th 9am FOSMS Meeting (All Welcome)
- 27th Last Day of Term
- 30th Mar - 13th April **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

April

- 14th Summer Term Starts
- 20-21st Y5 Carnyorth Residential
- 21st Y3 at Tregullas Farm
- 22nd Y5 at Falmouth Fire Station
- 24th FOSMs Coin Trail

May

- 7th May School Closed – Police & Crime Commissioner's Election
- 8th May Bank Holiday
- 11th Y6 SATs week

June

- 3rd-5th June Y6 at Porthpean

RE: The new dates for Parent Consultations are Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March. There will be no First Holy Communion club on the Tuesday and no Multi Skills on the Wednesday. Forest Schools will run as normal. Thank you