



Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ Diary Dates
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- ♦ Lent

Attendance Winners

Week ending 31/01/20 — Year 5

Week ending 07/02/20—Year 2

A Message from the Mini Vinnies

We would like to collect toiletries for the homeless in Falmouth and we hope to start collecting after Half-Term. Please drop off any donations at the School Office or into Class 5, where the Mini Vinnies will box them and pass them on to the St Vincent de Paul Society ('Big Vinnies') who will then give them to St Petrocs. Thank you for your support.

Star of the Week

Week ending 31st January

Reception:	Alice
Class 1:	Phoebe
Class 2:	Thea
Class 3:	George H
Class 4:	Henry H
Class 5:	Aden
Class 6:	Yash

Week ending 7th February

Reception:	Isla
Class 1:	Ruby
Class 2:	Gia
Class 3:	Isla D
Class 4:	Theo D
Class 5:	Sam L
Class 6:	Joshua

Mrs Slater gave Josh and Oliwier in Y6 bonus Star of the Day certificates for helping in the dinner hall without being asked!

Gospel Values

Half Term - 17th February Random Acts of Kindness Day



Hello from Mrs. Draycott

What a busy half-term it has been! We are very impressed with how hard the children have been working, right across the school.

It gives us enormous pleasure and makes our jobs very rewarding when we see the progress the children make. From our children in Reception class, who are now confidently using their new knowledge of phonics to read and write, to our talented Year 6 children, who are competing in swimming galas and Maths Olympiads, we are extremely proud of all of our St. Mary's children. Keep up the hard work children!

Today we held another 'Exciting Writing' day. The children arrived at school to discover that their chairs had gone on strike due to feeling mis-used and uncared for! All classes wrote persuasive letters to their chairs to convince them that they needed them back and that they would take much better care of them. This inspired some very creative writing and thankfully the chairs were persuaded to be used again as normal!

If you are out and about over half-term and visit a beach, please collect some unusual and beautiful shells or other natural beach 'treasure!' These will then be used for each class to contribute their own design using the objects for the creation of our 'Memory Garden'. More details to follow.

Have a great half-term everyone.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Draycott

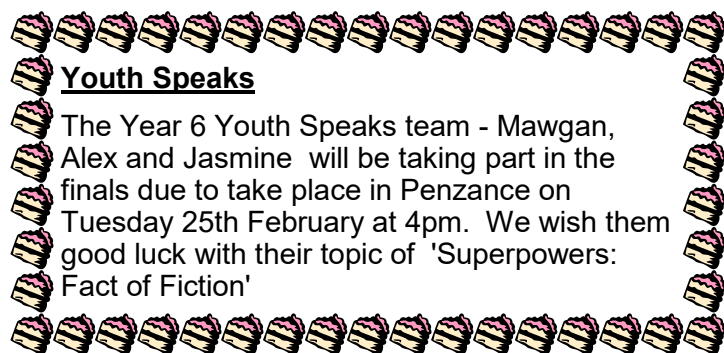
Head of School

CAFOD workshops

On 28th February pupils will be taking part in various workshops with Maggie Gee from CAFOD. She has asked if the children could please bring in empty margarine pots, without lids for this activity.

Change of Address / Emergency Contact Details

Please notify the school office of any change of address or telephone number. The school must also have an emergency contact name and number. This is particularly important should we need to contact you if your child is sick or has an accident.



Youth Speaks

The Year 6 Youth Speaks team - Mawgan, Alex and Jasmine will be taking part in the finals due to take place in Penzance on Tuesday 25th February at 4pm. We wish them good luck with their topic of 'Superpowers: Fact of Fiction'

Wear Red for the Air Ambulance

We would like to thank you all for the generosity shown towards this very last minute request. St Mary's have collected an amazing £186.76 for the New Heli Appeal.

Penryn Gymnastics

Well done to Freddie from Y3, who recently took part in a gymnastics competition. He was awarded 1st place in the Cornwall Squad after winning: Gold in all of the following disciplines: Pomle; Rings; P bars; Floor; Vault and for his overall performance.

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 28th Feb—Denim/blue home clothes

Friday 6th March—Mad Hair

Friday 13th March—Green

Friday 20th March—Cornish colours

Friday 27th March—Pyjama/Ones/Slippers

We will also be collecting for the local Foodbank throughout this time and a box will be situated in the foyer at school for any contributions. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Cross Country Races

The Peninsula round of the Cross Country Races due to be held at Pool School was recently cancelled due to the weather. Parents will be informed of the new date as soon as the school is told. We wish all the 9 qualifiers good luck for this event.

Swimming

Congratulations to Y6 swimming team who qualified for the Peninsula swimming final at Truro Leisure Centre last week. They narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Cornwall Games by coming joint 2nd. We are very proud of Holly, Jasmine, Kaia and Clara.

Year 6 Mathematicians



On Wednesday 12th February Holly, Aubrey, Chris and Oliwier from Y6 attended the Cornish Schools Maths Olympiad at Camborne School. The day was a celebration of Mathematics for over 100 primary school children and included workshops, talks and an exciting competition.

Songfest 2020

Tickets for Songfest 2020 'Spectacular Songs for the Heart and Soul' have now gone on sale, via the Princess Pavilions website. The performance is on Thursday 12th March at 6:30pm. There are plenty of tickets available at present, but please be aware that this show is usually a sell-out. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Diary Dates

February 2020

- 2nd First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
- 5th Y2 Maritime Museum Trip
- 11th E-Safety Day
- 21st Give it Up for Lent Assembly
- 25th Youth Speaks @ 4pm
- Hearing Re-tests Y1
- 26th Ash Wednesday Mass
- 27th Songfest Rehearsal (Yr 6 Choir members)
- FOSMs Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

March

- 5th Fairtrade Coffee Morning
- 6th Give it Up for Lent Fast Day
- 11th Parent Consultations
- 12th SongFest! at Princess Pavilions
- 17th Parent Consultations
- 19th Y2 Paint the Town Yellow Day
- 27th 9am FOSMS Meeting (All Welcome)
- 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

RE: Parent Consultations on Wednesday 11th March and Tuesday 17th March.
There will be no Multi Skills on Wednesday 11th March and no FHC on the 17th March.
Forest School will run as normal. Thank you