



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 20: 12th July 2019

Dear Parents,

Classes 5 & 6 performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' was magnificent. £225.72 was raised towards radio microphones which made a huge difference to the sound quality, so many thanks for your kind generosity. Thanks to Falmouth school for allowing us to loan them.

Of course the performance wouldn't have happened without the dedication and hard work of Mrs French and Mr Boyes, along with the staff team in Year 5 and 6. Thank you!

I would also like to congratulate **Class 6** on their hard work throughout their time at St Mary's and more recently in Year 6. We are very proud of them as their hard work is clearly evident in their SATS results which once again are all above national;

	<u>St Mary's School 2019</u>	<u>National 2019</u>
Reading	88%	73%
Writing	81%	78%
Mathematics	84%	79%
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	81%	
Combined - Reading, Writing, Maths	78%	65%

Of course their academic success is only part of their journey during the years spent at St Mary's. They have grown in confidence, have learnt to become resilient learners and persevere in the challenges they have faced. They have all made a contribution to our school and will be greatly missed next year when they transfer to their secondary settings. We wish them well on the next step of their educational journey and look forward to hearing about their successes in the future. We must also bid a fond farewell to Miss Buscombe, Mrs French and Miss George.

Miss Buscombe started at St Mary's in September 2000 and has nineteen years of distinguished service in our school. Her commitment and devotion to all the pupils who have passed through her classes has been outstanding. Irreplaceable, Miss Buscombe will be greatly missed and we wish her every success in her new role as Deputy Head at Holy Cross School in Plymouth.

Mrs French, likewise has grown professionally at St Mary's. Her journey has gone from strength to strength, teaching in Year 1 to 3 and currently in Year 5, becoming interim Assistant Head as well as Special Education Needs Co-Coordinator over the past two years and has now secured a permanent position as Assistant Head for the Southerly Point Multi Academy Trust. Again, she will be missed and an extremely hard act to follow. We wish her well in her new role.

Miss George joined St Mary's in February 2018 as a teaching assistant in Year 4. It quickly became very clear that Miss George was a teacher in waiting and in such a short space of time she has made such a positive impact in our school and sadly we have to let her go to pursue her training to become a qualified teacher. We wish her every success in her future teaching career.

I've attached a separate letter to this newsletter from myself as a leaver!

I hope you have a lovely relaxing Summer break and the sun shines!

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

Diary Dates

July

- 15th -19th Transition Week for year 6 pupils at Falmouth School and Penryn College
Prayer Space with theme of Transition
Shuffle Up Week for all classes
- 17th End of term Mass
- 18th Teddy Bears Picnic (New Reception)
- 19th Break up at 1:30pm

September

- 4th **INSET Day**
- 5th Start of the Autumn Term

ADVANCE NOTICE OF INSET DAYS- 2019-20

Advance notice of INSET Days for the Academic Year 2019-20

4th September 2019

28th October 2019

6th January 2020

24th February 2020

1st June 2020

23rd July 2020

(Dates are given in good faith but may be subject to change and advance notice will be given of any changes.)

VOLUNTEERS

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



WALKING BUS

We desperately need more adults to help in the mornings in September on the Walking Bus.

Please let the School Office know if you can help, even if it's just one morning a week.

Staffing Next Year

I'm delighted to inform you that we have now appointed Mrs Tuffery as our new TA. The classroom line up has been slightly tweaked with regards to TA cover and is as follows:-

	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception Class	Mrs Austin Smith	Mrs Burton
Class 1	Mrs Shailes	Mr Blakely May
Class 2	Miss Chapman	Mrs Walton
Class 3	Mrs Derrick	Mrs Tuffery
Class 4	Mr Scarborough	Mrs Mulcahy
Class 5	Mrs Mills	Mrs Watkins
Class 6	Mr Boyes	Mrs Higham

All classes will shuffle up to their new classes next week with their new class teacher. A short 'meet the teacher' session will take place after school on the 16th July and will run twice. Teachers will briefly outline the expectations and the PowerPoint will be available on the website for those who can't attend or who have more than two class teachers to visit!

FOSMs

The Summer Fayre raised a whopping **£1,570.25** so thank you for your generosity and many thanks to all our hardworking FOSMs for organizing the event and making it such a huge success.

The following funds were raised this term:-

21/5/19	Bag 2 School	£192
22/5/19	Ice poles at sports day	£41.28
24/5/19	Copper Coin trail	£542.68

Left in School

Two jackets: one is a girls denim jacket from New Look, sized UK 6

The other is a navy bomber-style jacket (showerproof), age 6-7

These are in the school office awaiting collection.

Fundraising

Grace from Year 2 is soon to have her long hair cut short and she has pledged the hair to The Little Princess Trust who will make it into a wig for young people who have lost

their hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. She would like to ask for your financial support in this endeavour so that she can, in turn support the Little Princess Trust to continue to supply free wigs to those who need them and also to support the Macmillan Cancer Support.

All money raised through Just Giving will go to Macmillan and all the money raised through other giving will be split between Little Princess Trust and Macmillan.

Most importantly the 'just giving' link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/grace-louise-snell>

Or she has a paper sponsor form.

Community Events

Shelterbox

This summer we are running free Weather Science Shows every Wednesday in August in our Weather Lab at 11am and 2pm at our HQ in Falcon House, Charles Street, Truro. Our nutty professors will be explaining how cyclones and typhoons are made and will conduct mad interactive experiments to demonstrate the effect of wind, heat and air pressure on our weather systems. A great chance to get a head start on those science lessons and a fab, free holiday homework activity.

Why not drop in with your family and friends this summer holiday? We're a great add-on for a visit to Truro and good for an hour on a rainy day. Introduce yourself to the Visitor Centre team who will be happy to talk through any bespoke primary and secondary school visit ideas.

Find out more at: www.visitshelterbox.org

University of Exeter

This year's Science in the Square event will be held on Friday 16th August from 12-4pm with the theme of "Hidden Worlds" at Events Square, Falmouth. This fantastic **free** event gives children of all ages the chance to experience the wonders of science first hand through a series of talks and interactive sessions, and really explore the world around us in a fun, friendly and hands-on environment. This event is led by scientists from the University of Exeter's Penryn campus, who value the chance to share their knowledge, passion and expertise for science with the local community.

More information about the event can be found at our website:

<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/scienceinthesquare/index.php>

And also on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ScienceInTheSquare/>