

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



21st April 2023



Year 4 enjoying the sunshine & starting practicing for sports day



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term at St Mary's, the sun is shining & it is lovely to have the children back after the Easter holidays.

Today our Maurward (Reception) & Anning (Year 2) classes had a Fire Safety session led by the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, which they really enjoyed & learnt how to be safe.

Our Anning, Maiden Castle & Icenii classes (2, 3 & 4) took part in a 'Meet the Lifeguards' session led by the RNLI. Again the children really enjoyed this session & learnt how to be safe around the ocean.

Help with new Shed

We have kindly be donated a new shed to replace our current Huff & Puff shed which holds all the playtime equipment for the children i.e. tennis rackets, skipping ropes, balls, etc.

The shed was an ex-display model & was taken apart to be transported here but we now need to put this up. If any parents would be willing to help put this shed together for us, we would really appreciate it. Please let the office know if you might be able to help.

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The Golden Padlock winner this week was Esme, well done Esme.

Upcoming Events

Coronation Celebration Day - Friday 5th May – we will be having a celebration day on 5th May for the King's Coronation, children are invited children to wear red, white &/or blue. They will need a **packed lunch on this day, please either order via Local Food Links or supply from home – hot lunches that were ordered on this day have been cancelled.**

St Mary's Sports Day - Thursday 29th June

- again please could children wear red, white &/or blue sports clothes or their PE kits. They will again need a **packed lunch on this day, please either order via Local Food Links when the Summer 2 menu is live or supply from home. Parents are invited to join us at lunchtime, from 11.45am & for the afternoon races.**

| Date | Event |
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| Wed 26 th -Fri 28 th Apr | Iceni class (Year 4) two night residential trip to the Springhead Trust |
| Mon 1 st May | Bank Holiday – School & Pre-school closed |
| Mon 8 th May | Bank Holiday – School & Pre-school closed |
| Fri 5 th May | Coronation Celebration Day – children to wear red, |

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| | white &/or blue – packed lunches needed (available to order via Local Food Links or supply from home) |
| Fri 5 th May | Year 4 start 10 weeks of ukulele lessons |
| Mon 22 nd May | Class photos of Reception to Year 4 & Haycorns' Leavers |
| Fri 26 th May | Children finish for the half term holidays |
| Mon 5 th June | Children return to school after half term holidays |
| Tues 13 th June | Year 4 visit to Shire Hall – Smugglers topic |
| Sun 25 th June | Possible Car Boot Sale at St Mary's - TBC |
| Thursday 29 th June | Sports Day at St Mary's – children to wear red, white &/or blue. Families invited to join children at lunchtime for a picnic lunch (11.45am) and/or to watch the afternoon races from 1.00pm – packed lunches needed (available to order via Local Food Links when their menu is live or supply from home) |
| Thurs 6 th July | Transfer Day – details to follow |
| Fri 21 st July | Children finish for Summer holidays |
| Mon 4 th Sept | Children return from Summer holidays |

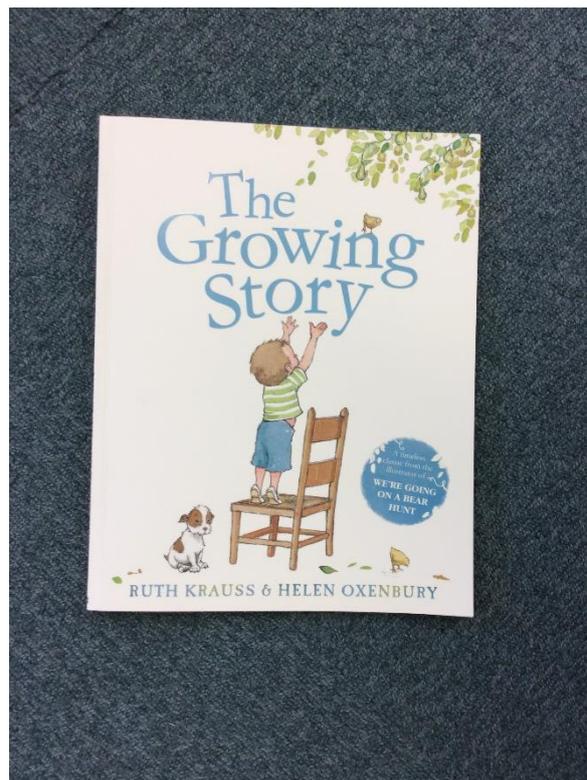
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This week the children have been spending more time outside enjoying the sunshine. There has been lots of discussion about the flowers growing, which is linked to the story 'The Growing Story' that they have been reading within their SEAL sessions.

The children have planted cress seeds together and are looking forward to watching it grow so that they can eat it with their snack.

Kathryn has filled a wormery with the children, which we will continue to watch and look inside the fascinating world of worms. They will be able to watch them mix up the different coloured layers of sand, learn about how they support the ecosystem and help plants to grow strong and healthy.



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This week's Kids Corner comes from Icenia Class (Year 4), letting us know what they have enjoyed learning & doing this week.

I am enjoying drawing my face in the style of Picasso

Ed

I am really liking my French lessons as we are learning about the names of parts of our face

Violet

In Science we have been thinking about sound. We are going to be doing an investigation soon.

Evie

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We have been describing the Iron Man & writing about the spooky wood. I like choosing my words carefully, so it sounds scary.

Elsie

I am enjoying playing football & rugby in school

Kian

Have a lovely weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher