

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



16th September 2022



Dear Parents

This week the children have been enjoying learning inside & outside at St Mary's. The Reception children are continuing to settle in well at St Mary's, when asked what they had enjoyed learning & doing in their first full week, they said:



I enjoyed PE, playing team games with friends
Grace

We restarted our parent's coffee morning, it will run every Friday morning just after drop off time in our Kidszone building at the bottom of the car park.

It is very informal, just parents popping in, having a drink, biscuit and it is a great opportunity to meet & chat with other parents. You can bring your little ones along with you that aren't at school yet. We look forward to seeing you.

I enjoyed learning to sit quietly and playing with water
Ffion

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I enjoyed
drawing a
picture of myself

Lilly Anne

I enjoyed eating
my lunch with my
friends

Jasper

I enjoyed cutting
straws (this was
a fiddly finger
exercise)

Millie

I enjoyed playing
outside & playing on
the pirate ship in
the playground

Timmy

Food Bank donations

We will also be restarting our food bank donations from next week, if you are able to spare items of non-perishable foods, please bring them along as & when suits & drop them at the House of Joy. We will then deliver them to the local food bank – many thanks for any support you can give.



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Celebrating our past pupils

We are very proud of one of our past Pupils, James. After finishing at Harrogate Army Foundation College (which he went to when he was just 16), James started riding training where he conducted 16 weeks training on how to ride a horse in Windsor.



After that he then moved onto Knightsbridge where he then started his 5 weeks training on how to clean, ride and maintain his kit and the horses. During this time he also had to learn many different riding styles and go through some rigorous inspection which put him in good stead for his final inspection which was done by some VVIPs. This inspection is carried out to ensure the troops are to a very high standard and ready to protect and conduct ceremonies for the Monarch. The parade is called the Kit Ride and James is now at Horse Guards in London and taking part in prestigious celebrations at Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace. James is currently the youngest member of The Household Cavalry being only 17.

Over the last week James has had many duties to perform including being in the procession taking the Queen to lay in state & will be part of the Queen's funeral procession on Monday. We are very proud of James.

A **big thank you** to two of our parents, to Mrs Bentley for helping with our new murals, helping Reception with their painting & varnishing all the boards designed & painted by each class. Thank you also to Mr Bentley for putting these up on the fences around the pool. The children loved painting these murals & helping to improve our school.

They look great:



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Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Thurs 20 th Oct	Children finish for half term
Fri 21 st Oct	Staff Training - School closed
Mon 31 st Oct	Staff Training – School closed
Tues 1 st Nov	Children return to school
Mon 28 th Nov	Individual school photos being taken (plus photos with other siblings at St Mary's)



After School Clubs

Our two sports clubs for Y1/2 & Y3/4 started this week & our other clubs will be running from the week 26th September for four weeks. A link is in the newsletter email with more information & a method to register your child for a club.

This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 1, letting us know what they have enjoyed learning & doing this week.

I enjoyed writing my story about Little Red Riding Hood
Sydney

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I found using the
multilink in maths
useful when counting
one more and one less

Maisie

We enjoyed doing
PE on the field in
the sunshine

Donnie & Rowan

I wanted to continue
with my spiral art
picture and found
some spiral patterns
outside in the
playground

Alice

**This week's 'a lot of laughs' comes from
Alice:**

Why are babies good at football?

Because they always dribble!



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State Funeral

As you will know, schools will be closed next Monday 19th September for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

Today, we celebrated the life of the Queen & prayed for her family who have lost their Mother and Grandmother. Mrs Gannon will be travelling to London & laying flowers on behalf of our St Mary's Catholic family.



We will be looking forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 20th September.

Best wishes,

P. Fearn

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