

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



24th February 2023



Visit from the Police & Police Dogs



Rainbow over St Mary's this week



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break with lots of quality family time.

This week was St Mary's Internet Safety Week, the children took part in lots of activities to help them be more aware & safer online. They took part in an online quiz, talked about different scenarios & discussed the right decisions to make. They also made 'spinners' that detailed a range of responses so that they could match these to various scenarios.

Visit from the Police

A big thank you to one of our Dads & his police colleagues who spent time with the children this week as part of our 'career' information days. The children learnt lots of information about policing, tried on helmets & clothing and then outside on the playground met the police dogs. They were then able to watch the police dogs in action & asked lots of good questions.

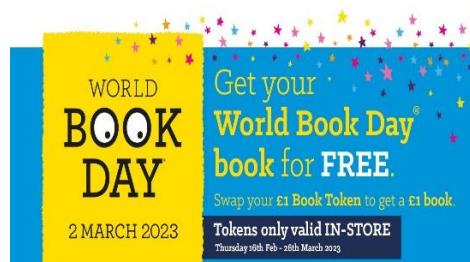
They had a thoroughly enjoyable time & learnt about a possible career & how the police & their dogs work.

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World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day at St Mary's on Thursday 2nd March, from Haycorns through to Year 4 & all the staff. It would be fantastic if children could come to school dressed in items that they have at home to represent a word. If they could write what word they are on a piece of paper & also write their word in another language to celebrate our diversity, that would be great i.e. 'bright', also 'brilhante' (Portuguese).

Children will receive a World Book Day voucher on 2nd March, please keep an eye out for it in their book bags. These can be exchanged for a World Book Day book in either The Works or Waterstones in Dorchester.



PTA Event – Easter Bingo

Please note the slight change of time for our Easter Bingo, doors open at 5.30pm. **Members of the PTA will be selling tickets from next week at drop off time at the front of the school by the House of Joy.**

Children are also invited to wear home clothes to school on Friday 10th March for a suggested donation of £1 to go towards buying Easter Bingo prizes.



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Thank You

This week a St Mary's family kindly donated two brand new goal posts for the children to use for football. Thank you for this kind donation, they will be well used & enjoyed by the children.

Bike it Bear Winner:

Congratulations to this week's Bike it Bear winner, well done for cycling into school & enjoying your cycling. Enjoy looking after Bike it Bear this week.



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Book Swap

Just a reminder of our book swap library which can be found in front of the House of Joy. If your child would like one of the books, please take one & when your child has read it either bring it back, or if they would like to keep it, please just replace it with a good quality book that your child no longer wants. We hope the children enjoy the books.

Upcoming Events

Please note that there is an extra bank holiday in May this year due to the King's Coronation. This is Monday 8th May as well as the normal bank holiday on Monday 1st May 2023. The School & Haycorns pre-school will be closed on these dates.

Date	Event
Thurs 2 nd Mar	World Book Day – children to come dressed to represent a word – we look forward to seeing all the great ideas from items children have found at home
Wed 8 th March	Year 1 & 2 'Festival of the Arts' – Y1&2 children showcasing their art & dance for their parents – 2.30pm at St Mary's Y1 & 2 parents invited

Thurs 9 th March	Year 3 & 4 'Festival of the Arts' – Y3&4 children showcasing their art & dance for their parents – 2.30pm at St Mary's Y3 & 4 parents invited
Fri 10 th March	Home clothes day for a suggested £1 donation towards Easter Bingo prizes
Thurs 16 th March	Year 2 trip to Wagamama in Dorchester
Thurs 16 th & Fri 17 th March	Life Education sessions for all classes & pre-school – parents to pay via Parentpay
Fri 24 th March	PTA fundraising BINGO night 5.30pm-8pm in the school hall
Fri 31 st March	Children finish for the Easter Holidays
Mon 17 th April	Children return to school after Easter holidays
Wed 26 th -Fri 28 th Apr	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 26 th May	Children finish for the half term holidays
Mon 5 th June	Children return to school after half term holidays
Fri 21 st July	Children finish for Summer holidays

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Kidszone Corner

The children have loved making figures using sticks and material and have been getting creative with paint & paper in Kidszone over the past few weeks.



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We did a prayer
about God in RE

Archie T



This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 3, letting us know what they have enjoyed learning & doing this week.

I've enjoyed
Geography, we
drew a map and
named all the
parts of Maiden
Castle

Robert

I like English because
we've been doing a
story about a Stone
Age boy

Teodor

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We get to do a lot
of 'Deepen the
Moment' in English
and lots of writing,
which I like

Grace

This week's 'a lot of laughs' comes from
Isabella & Ruby:

The teacher said, "Simon, can you spell your
name backwards?"

"No Miss!!!!

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Abi
Abi who?
A bee stung me!



Have a good weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher