

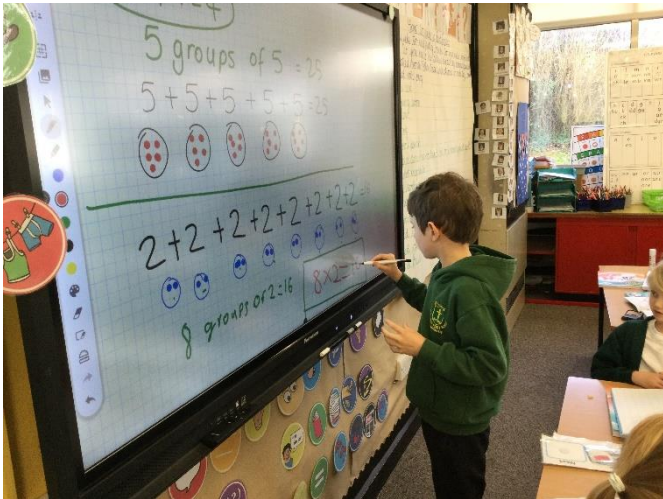
St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



26th January 2024



Anning class doing Maths and following instructions for making bird feeders



Dear Parents/Carers,

Apologies to our Maiden Castle and Icení families for the disruption today due to an unexpected issue with the school heating. We hope the children found the live online lesson useful and the uploaded work. The children were brilliant as normal.

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We have had engineers in today and they have fixed the boiler so the school's heating is now working, so we will be back to normal on Monday. Many thanks for your support today.

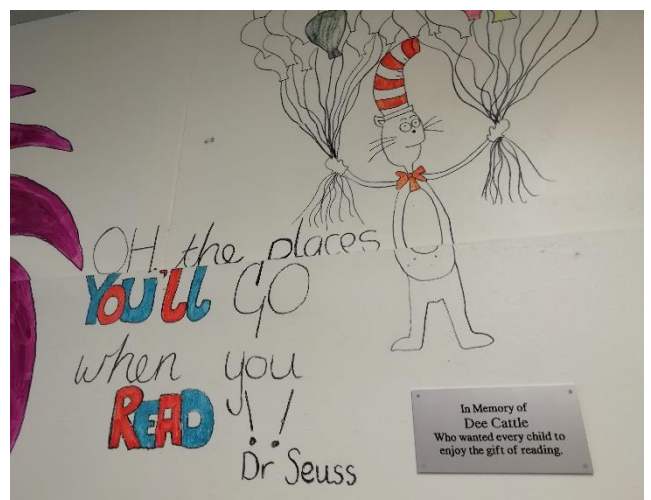
This week, Icení class had another rehearsal for the upcoming Wessex Singing Schools Festival on 12th March. They are really enjoying the sessions with Hanna Trevorrow.

A group of Icení children visited the Culliford House Residential Home and talked with to the residents about when they were a child. This was enjoyed by all.



For information, we have updated some material on our Safeguarding Hub on our website. This can be found under Statutory Information, please do take a look.

We are pleased that Dee Cattle's plaque is now up, in pride of place, in the library.



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Thank you to two of our parents Mrs Packer and Mrs Gordon-Farleigh for providing and fitting two new cupboard doors in Kingston, our preschool. They look great, many thanks.



Please note that Kickboxing is cancelled on Monday 29th January due to parents' evening.

Kidszone

Please note the following:

Kidszone, our wraparound care, has a new email address, it is:

kidzone@stmarysdorchester.dorset.sch.uk

Also, please note that Kidszone will be closed on Monday 25th March after school as all staff will be taking part in mandatory Safeguarding Training.

Please could we ask that for PE days, children come to school in their school PE kit, so dark warm top, black shorts rather than brightly coloured home clothes – many thanks.

Upcoming events

Mass with Father Babu – 20th February at 9am, families welcome to join us.

Event - World Book Day – Thursday 7th March – we would love for children to come to school dressed to represent a 'word' and to also translate this word into a second language.

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Over the half term holiday, if you are able, please take a photo of your child reading in their favourite place so that we can make a display of these photos on the 7th March. Just email the photo to the school office – many thanks.

Date	Event
Mon 29 th January	Parents' evening - face to face at St Mary's 2.30-6.00pm – please note
Mon 29 th January	Kickboxing is cancelled on Monday 29 th January due to parents' evening
Thurs 1 st February	Parent's evening – face to face at St Mary's 3.30-5.30pm
Tues 6 th February	Parent Information Meeting for Icení parents/carers about Year 4 Multiplication Checks – just after drop off time in the hall at 8.45am
Thurs 8 th February	Children finish for Half Term (during half term, please take a photo for our World Book Day celebration of your child reading in their favourite place and email to the school office for our display)
Mon 19 th February	Children return to school after half term holiday

Tues 20 th February	Mass at St Mary's School with Father Babu at 9am – families welcome to join us
Thurs 7 th March	Celebrating World Book Day – children to come dressed to represent a 'word' & translate it into a second language.
11 th -22 nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to School – more info to follow
Tues 12 th March	Year 4 Wessex Singing Schools Festival performance starts at 6.30pm – Icení parents/carers invited – doors open at 6.00pm, children to wear school uniform
Monday 25 th March	Kidszone is closed today for mandatory staff Safeguarding Training



Our golden padlock winners for being a great bike it bears this week are Jessica and Robin in Shire class and Marlie in Anning class. Well done Jessica, Robin and Marlie. Here is one of our proud bike it bears:

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Kidszone Corner

In Kidszone the children have recently enjoyed exploring different art materials to make Valentine's Day and spring art.

On the days that are milder they have enjoyed making use of the kidszone outdoor area and Maurward's outside area as well.

The children have also loved playing board games and doing role play. There is a lot planned for the coming months to keep a varied and enjoyable environment for the children.



This week's kids' Corner comes from our Shire class, telling us what they have enjoyed and learnt this week.

We enjoyed learning
new dances in PE
Iris and Elara

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We enjoyed mixing
colours and using
watercolours in Art

Lilly-Anne and
Jasper

I enjoyed Maths,
counting to 9 and
doing number
factors

Archie

Have a good weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher

I enjoyed sketching
and learning about
shading

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