St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

There will be no Statement to live by as the main focus in RE for the next 10 days in school will be on learning about Holy Week and the events leading up to Easter.

School Easter holidays

Please note our Easter holidays are different to many other local schools. This is because as a Catholic school, Easter is the biggest feast of the year, and we are directed by the Bishop to stay open during 'Holy Week' to help them prepare for Easter. School closes for Easter on <u>Wednesday 16th April and</u> reopens on Monday 28th April at the usual times.

Lenten Charity events

During Lent, we try to put others before ourselves and think of ways that we can help charities. Every year in Lent, each class chooses their own charity to raise funds for and the class that raises the most money wins our annual Enterprise trophy! Best of luck each class—enjoy your fundraising!

Thank you FPTA

Thank you to our FPTA for the Secrets Room last week. They work so hard to raise precious funds for our school. The majority of what they raise is used to subsidise trips. However, they recently contributed towards new sets of ipads for our children and have just also bought some lovely new ipads cases to replace the tatty old ones. Thanks again FPTA and our parents who support FPTA fundraising events.

Easter Gardens

Reminder that The Easter Gardens are to be brought in on Monday 14th April. They will be judged and the winners announced at the whole school Easter mass on the day we break up. We look forward to seeing this years entries! Please see the posters in class windows.

Packed Lunches

Thankyou to our parents for supporting us in our new recycling systems. We have always encouraged the children to take home any rubbish from their packed lunches. This helps parents to be able to monitor what their child has eaten/not eaten. However, from 1st April, new recycling legislation will be in place and to help reduce the waste within school and reduce the cost of school waste collections, we must insist that the children take home **ALL** rubbish and uneaten food. This includes yoghurt pots. We appreciate these can be messy in packed lunch boxes so we advise children either bring the frube tubes, yoghurts with a twist lid or provide a small bag in their lunch box to put used yoghurt pots in. Thank you again for your support here in not only reducing school waste costs, but also promoting recycling of waste.

Paying for school lunches on time

Can we please remind parents about paying for school lunches to Dolce on School Grid. Every day, our office staff are spending precious time chasing up parents for unpaid lunches. Reminders are sent out by Dolce and also on the schoolcomms app from the office. Payments can be made on schoolgrid. If you have payment problems please contact Dolce on 01942 707709

Church News

Year 4 led a beautiful mass this week all about giving to others during Lent. Year 1 and 2 will lead mass next Wednesday at the usual time of 10.00am in church. The whole school will celebrate mass together the day we break up at 10.00am at church. As always, anyone is welcome to attend.

School Council message

Everyone has done really well recycling this week. Thank you for your cooperation.

The girls won an equal access trophy today, well done girls!

Head Boy and Girl message

Well done to all the class champions and to Year 2 for winning class of the week, enjoy your treat! Happy Friday!!





St Mary's Bake Off - Friday 16th May (info to follow)

Break The Rules Day - Friday 23rd May (info to follow)

ASSEMBLIES

The following class assemblies are coming up:

Wednesday 16th April at 2.00pm year 5 Easter Play

AWARDS

Well done to our....

Champions Champion:

Nursery - Noah Reception - Isabella Year 1 - Billy Year 2 - Elsie Year 3 - Jessica Year 4 - Madison Year 5 - Holly Year 6 - Tayte

Winning House this week St George and St. Patrick's

> Class of the week Year 2

