



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 24th February 2023



We have had a busy week after the half term holiday. We had a wonderful Ash Wednesday Mass with superb singing and readings from the children. It was lovely to see so many adults there supporting the school. We will keep you updated as to when the next Mass will be.

As we move into lent we have begun to think about ways that we can support our community and we have decided to run a weekly collection of food, to support the local foodbank. Each week we will place a box outside the school in the morning and after school to collect any donations. Alongside this we will share a list of food which the foodbank is in need of each week – please see list below.

This week, Robins have enjoyed making and eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. On Wednesday we enjoyed our first Ash Wednesday Mass and were very well looked after by children in Kestrel Class. On Friday with Mrs Slade the children have looked at some Van Gogh art – the fruit bowl. We located on a map where Van Gogh was born and we used paints to recreate the picture.

This week in Woodpeckers the children have aimed high in their own versions of 'Could a Penguin Ride a Bike?'. They also have really enjoyed starting their new history unit about trains and comparing pictures of the Rocket and the Mallard.

Owl's have come back this week settled and ready to learn. In design and technology, we have learnt about the food groups carbohydrates and proteins, please ask your children if they can remember what these food groups do. In English, we started our new text 'Jack and the Dream sack', the children loved mapping out Jack's journey using chalk on the playground. We have begun using ScratchJr in computing and by the end of the unit the children will create their own quizzes.

Kestrels have been exploring a new text in English about animals. They have enjoyed reading about many intriguing animals from around the world. They have made bug hotels to encourage insects and other wildlife into our forest school area as part of our PSHE topic on understanding our responsibility to the environment. On Wednesday, Kestrels sat with Robin class and demonstrated our St Mary's Values supporting Robin class during Mass.

This week Eagles class have begun their persuasive writing unit. They have been looking at all of the features that are used when persuading people to visit a place. We will be learning all about Canada in our Geography topic and therefore we will be looking at persuading people to visit Canada. The class have also been listening to music and painting or drawing a response. The art work that the children have produced is a joy!

PE class days- Spring term 2023

- *Robin Class - Monday & Wednesday
- *Woodpecker Class - Monday & Tuesday
- *Owl class - Monday & Friday
- *Kestrel class - Thursday & Friday
- *Eagle class – Wednesday & Thursday

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Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/download/44712>

Dates for your diary

2nd March – World Book Day, book swap and non-school uniform day – more info to follow

7th to 9th March – Parents Evening (*letters have been sent home. Please contact the office if yours has not made it home*)

7th March – superstars club cancelled

22nd March – Sports for Schools sponsorship event – more info to follow

27th to 31st March – Year 5 bikeability course

St Mary's Values			
Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Aim high		
Responsible	Have a go		
Caring	Curious		
Value each other	Self-belief		

Stars of the week!

Robin class – Logan,
Kareem

Woodpecker class – Riley

Owl class - Eliya

Kestrel class - Tola

Eagle class - Blake

IXL Stars of the week

Woodpecker class – Macey

Owl class - Adam

Kestrel class - Jacob

Eagle class – Felix

Head teacher award – Theo H, Ezra, Arlo, Florence, Arthur C,
Mila, Riley, Arthur S, Ben

Music award – Amiyah

Sports star of the week – Skyla

Homework

Robin

Please encourage reading and remember to write your comments in their learning journals.

Woodpecker:

Maths

Year 1 G1-8

Year 2 R9-16

English

Year 1 P1-3

Year 2 M1-3

Owl:

Maths:

Year 2: K 3-7

Year 3: Q 1-6

English:

Year 2: V 1-3

Year 3: DD 1-6

Homework

Kestrel:

Reading at home at least 3 times. Practice all times tables.

We are starting sewing next week, if possible learn to thread a needle!!!!

IXL Maths BB1 Z6

IXL English Y1 Y3

Eagle:

Y5 Maths Q1-9

Y6 Maths X 1-9

Y5 English M 2-4

Y6 English M 2-4

Useful Links

The Catholic Children's Society support funding for essential household items.

[Grant Giving - Catholic Children's Society \(Plymouth\) \(ccsplymouth.org.uk\)](https://ccsplymouth.org.uk)

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

Help with household bills, energy costs and financial assistance

Do you need help with childcare costs? Please click the link below.

[The Government's Childcare Choices lists all the schemes available here](#)

Axminster Foodbank

Contact: Hanover House, Ex13 5Bj Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ · 01297 32331

Sports update

On Tuesday afternoon our cross country team competed in their last race of the season at the Stockland Cross Country event. The children ran really well and improved on their places from the last meet. Some exceptional performances from Isabelle who came 13th, Blake who came 1st, Harry who came 7th and Eli who came 12th. Overall results from the season are being worked out by Stockland Primary School and we will share these with you next week.

Good luck to our netball team who represent the Axe Valley in the East Devon Finals next week.



Year 3/4 and 5/6 Girls



Year 5/6 Boys



Year 3/4 Boys

Food bank list

Tinned food – potatoes, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, rice pudding and custard.

Also:

Meat (large & small)

Tomatoes

Pasta sauce

Microwave rice or small packets of rice

Jam/spreads

Biscuits

Jars of baby food

Bags for life

Washing up liquid

Toilet rolls

Bleach

Multi-purpose cleaner

Cleaning cloths

Toilet cleaner