



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Well done to Kestrel class who shared a wonderful class assembly it was lovely to see what they had been learning. Next Term we will be inviting children's adults to come and share in their assemblies. These are not extensive productions but help to build confidence in presenting short pieces of information to larger groups of people.

We have a very exciting week coming up with lots going on. We have the athlete Rich Parker coming into school to support our fund raising event with Sports4School which will provide sports equipment for the school and help to sponsor professional athletes to continue to compete at a professional level. All children will need to come in PE kits in the morning, then we will then complete our sponsored circuits and have a special demonstration assembly from Nick.

We are continuing to take collections for the Foodbank and Easter Eggs for the raffle please bring these into the office.

This week, Robins have finished their work on The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers by doing lots of talking around the story. We received a postcard telling us all about the Martian. He asked us some questions about friends and what we like doing with friends. Robins have been planting cress and sunflower seeds as part of their work on growing and were excited to find that some of the cress has germinated already. Thinking about coming into springtime they have been learning the names of baby animals and matching them to their mothers. Well done!

In Woodpeckers we have been doing some end of term quizzes and all of the children have aimed high, been respectful of others doing their quizzes and had a go at all questions. They have been superstars! They are all still really enjoying learning about trains in history, animals in science and using the bee bots in computing.

Fantastic learning by all this week in Owl class. They have cooked cheese straws in DT, practising the skills of following a recipe as well as cutting the straws. In Geography, they have looked at different human features that are in Devon compared to Île-de-France, ask the children if they can remember any human features. They have also tested the strength of different magnets in science to see which magnet could hold more paperclips.

Kestrels explored the force of gravity in science this week. Ask them how they aimed to use a force greater than gravity to stop a ping-pong ball from falling! In English, they completed their page for our class book about animals. They are very proud of their page and the book is a wonderful mix of animals and intriguing facts!

This week in Eagle's class all of the children have been completing teacher assessments under test conditions in order to prepare for SATS. The children have been outstanding and we have been really proud of their resilience. Well done, Eagle's class!

## PE class days- Spring term 2023

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

## Ten:Ten Resources

Please follow the link below to the parent's newsletter.

[Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources](#)

## Dates for your diary

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Sports for Schools – Rich Parker event

**27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Year 5 Bikeability course

**w/c 27<sup>th</sup> March** - No after school clubs

**31<sup>st</sup> March** - Last day of term and non-school uniform

**31<sup>st</sup> March**- 2.30pm stations of the cross assembly led by kestrels. All welcome

**17<sup>th</sup> April** - INSET day, school closed to children

**18<sup>th</sup> April** - First day back for children – no after school clubs this week

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** - Joshua

**Woodpecker class** - George T

**Owl class** - Lillie-Rose

**Kestrel class** - Jacob H

**Eagle class** - Noah

## IXL Star of the week

**Woodpecker class** - James

**Owl class** - Lillie-Rose

**Kestrel class** - Freya

**Eagle class** - Gracie

**Music award** – Adam

**Sports star of the week** - Harriet

### Homework

#### Robin

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

#### Woodpecker

##### IXL

Maths:

Year 1 W3-6

Year 2 M1-5

English:

Year 1 Q review set 1,2,3, set 4, 5, 6

Year 2 O1-4

#### Owl

##### IXL

Maths:

Year 2: BB 10, 15, 16

Year 3: W 14-19

English:

Year 2: U 1-4

Year 3: Y 1-4

### Homework

#### Kestrel

Reading at least 3 times a week to someone.

##### IXL

Maths- DD2, Z9, BB5

English- Z5, DD2

Practice times tables

using [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) or <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> Your target this half term is to get more than 18/25

#### Eagle

##### IXL

Y5 Maths: E1-6

Y6 Maths: R1-6

Y5 English: DD1-4

Y6 English: CC1-4

## Useful Links

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

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

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

[Financial Support and Advice - Help with household bills - East Devon](#)

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, Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ Tel:01297 32331

School office email: [admin@stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.co.uk) School tel: 01297 32785

School website: [www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk](http://www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk)

## Sports and other news

### Stopline Way Junior Park Run

Don't forget the Stopline Way Junior Park Run is every

Sunday morning at Axminster Town Football Club.



Chase away the winter blues at the...  
Stopline Way Junior parkrun

- Free, timed 2km run for 4 to 14 year olds
- Every Sunday at 0900
- Start & finish at Axminster Town FC (Go Tigers!)

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/stoplineway-juniors/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/stoplinewayjuniorparkrun>



- Run, jog, walk, volunteer...
- Make new friends, have fun...
- And don't forget your barcode!

This week Lillie-Rose has received multiple awards. She has also shared these wonderful trophies and medals that she has won for her skills in fishing. Not only did she catch the biggest fish but also the largest range of species.

What a talent!



The School Gift Team has decided that the charity that we will support for the rest of the academic year is The Flamingo Pool.

Bridget and Leo shared:

The Flamingo Pool has been shut down for quite a long time, as they have had to complete lots of work to make the pool safe. We thought that as lots of people like the pool, that we should raise money for it. Because it a nice place to go in our community, we would like to keep it open. We want all children to have a place to have lessons to swim and have a splash around.

All funds raised from events, such as the upcoming non-school uniform day on the last day of term, will be presented to the pool at the end of the Summer Term by the wonderful Gift Team. They will be planning a range of events throughout the summer to raise further funds.

