



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 21st April 2023



Welcome back, it was lovely to see everyone after the Easter break. We have had a lovely Mass this Friday and again the children excelled themselves with their singing and readings. The gift Team delivered the last of Lent collection to the foodbank, who were so grateful for the support from St Mary's.

As I am sure, you are all aware the Government has had a drive this year in improving school attendance post Covid. As a school, we faced many challenges around sickness, especially at Christmas time. We know that due to these medical issues, children were not always able to be in school and as such, we have no children who have been in everyday this year. We therefore look at the best possible attendance, which is times when children could have been in school, and we are so pleased that so many of our families are working with us to ensure this is happening. I know that there has been a high level of anxiety around illness after Covid but I wish to reassure you that your children are cared for in school and if we are aware of any unwell children, we can do a variety of things to support them throughout the day. We are able to: administer paracetamol and other medicines to children if needed; limit time spent outside and provide indoor playtimes for your child and a friend; provide quieter activities or time during the day; have regular check-ins with them to see how things are going; contact yourselves to keep you updated or to collect your child if needed. As a school, we do need to improve our attendance so if there is anything that is a challenge for you please let us know as we can offer a range of support for our families.

One of the highlights of the week has been the children's first lesson on the balance bikes. They learnt how to pick up the bike safely from the left hand side, how to walk the bike by holding the handle bars, how to put their right leg over the back wheel to get on the bike and to sit and ride the balance bike. As well as this they also learnt how to get off the bike and put it safely on the floor. Also this week, they have had the weather we need to plant the potatoes. They have been planting lots of seeds in the garden, including beans, peas and flowers. They will continue their planting next week if the weather allows. On Friday, the children studied Dandelions with Mrs Slade. After observing the plants, the children drew them from observation. They named the parts of the plant and learnt the function of each part.

This week Woodpeckers have had a super return to school after the holidays. They have thoroughly enjoyed starting their new English book 'the day Louis got eaten'. They have also been curious about all of their new topics, especially when they went on a wild plant hunt in science around the school grounds.

Owl's have been fantastic this week; they really have all come back from Easter ready to learn. The children are showing great interest with their new learning. In History they have begun learning about significant individuals such as Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. They have started their new science unit; they focussed on what makes a fair test this week so that they are ready to start exploring light.

PE class days- Summer term 2023

- *Robin Class – Swimming 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

- 24th April** - Clubs start back this week.
- 24th April**- Robins first swimming
- 1st May** - Bank holiday
- 5th May**- coronation celebrations- more info to follow

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		

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Kestrel class have settled in well after the holidays. They have begun their art topic on collage and they experimented with using cut and torn paper. At the end of the term they will be giving a presentation about something they are passionate or curious about. They will need to research and write this as part of their homework. The presentation can be read and have PowerPoint slides to go with it. They should aim for it to be a couple of minutes long.

The children in Eagle class have made an excellent start to term 5. They are all excited about the next few weeks of learning- the sunshine has been contributing to their good moods! This week they have begun their new science topic on the circulatory system and the Y6's are having a big push on grammar. In class we have been talking about what they can learn from groups of migrating geese. These skills include, supporting

Homework

Robin

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

Woodpecker

IXL

Maths

Year 1: BB1-5

Year 2: O1-5

English

Year 1: Q2-4

Year 2: Q1-4

Owl

IXL

Maths:

Year 2: O 6, 10-11

Year 3: Maths Flex - Fractions

English:

Year 2: NN 1-4

Year 3: DD 1-6

Homework

Kestrel

IXL

Maths C2 M2 K5

English I1 DD3 NN1

Keep working on times tables, they should be aiming to get over 20 on the test this half term.

Eagle

IXL

Y5 Maths: BB 1-5

Y6 Maths: CC 1-9

Y5 English: LL1-4

Y6 English: LL 1-4

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

[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 School tel: 01297 32785

School website: www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk

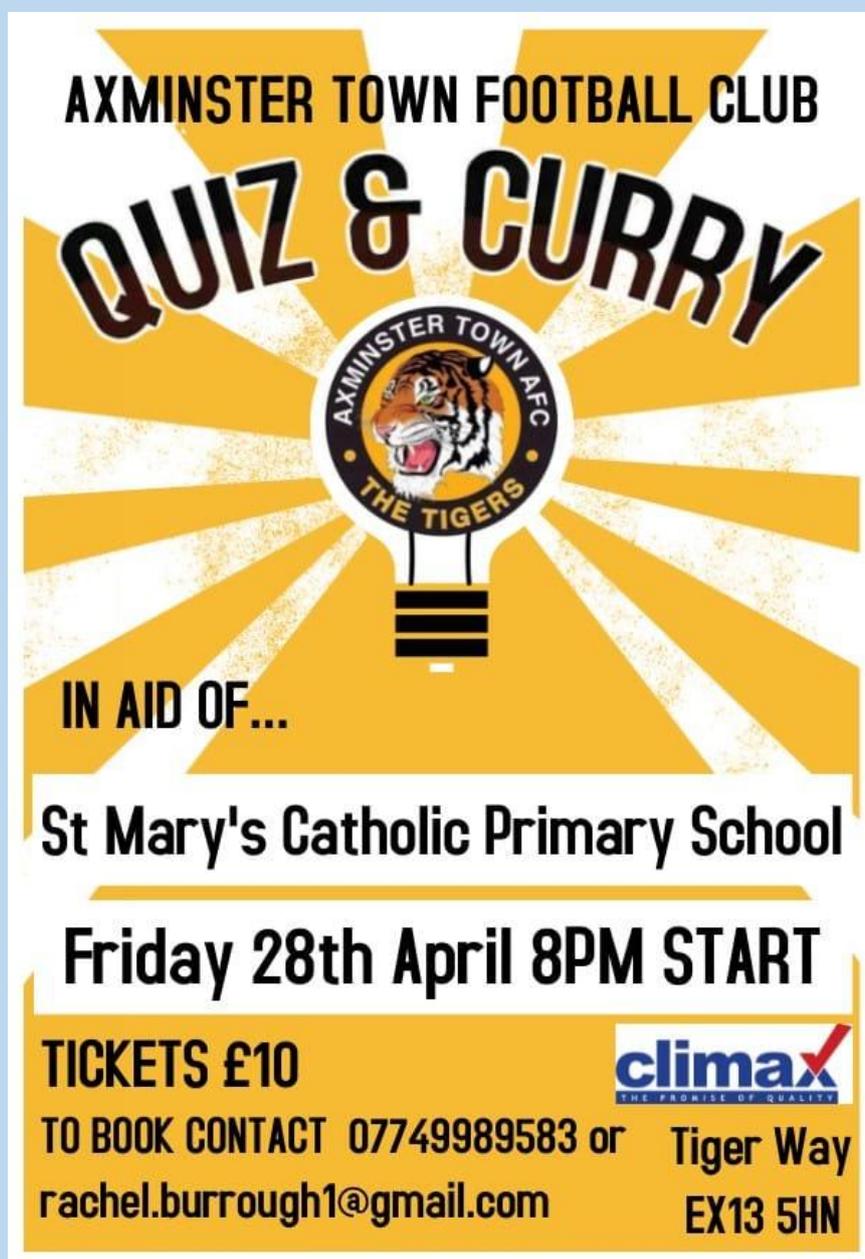
Sports Newsletter

Gymnastics Celebration

On Wednesday, 29th March, Owls and Kestrels took part in a gymnastics celebration at Colyton Grammar School. Both classes worked hard in their gymnastics lessons creating and refining a routine to perform at the celebration. It was a wonderful afternoon and both classes were exceptional and focussed on their routines during their performances. As well as watching other schools perform their routines, the children were given the opportunity to watch some club gymnasts from Colyton Grammar School perform a routine and they were inspirational. What a wonderful afternoon!

Quiz and Curry Evening

Axminster Town AFC have organised a charity quiz and curry evening at Tiger Way on Friday 28th April to raise money to go towards supporting St Mary's Catholic Primary School. If you haven't entered a team yet, please think about doing so as it is always a fun evening. During the evening a raffle is held to raise more money for the chosen charity. Please can you donate some raffle prizes next week for the raffle that takes place during the evening?



AXMINSTER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

QUIZ & CURRY



IN AID OF...

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Friday 28th April 8PM START

TICKETS £10

TO BOOK CONTACT 07749989583 or **Tiger Way**
rachel.burrough1@gmail.com **EX13 5HN**

