



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 6th January 2023



Welcome back! It was lovely to see everyone so happy to be returning to school after the Christmas holiday. We started the Term on a high with a Mass on the Friday to celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the Three Kings. The children all sang and read beautifully and it was lovely to have some parents and carers join us. Please keep looking at the diary dates for the next Mass as we would love for more of you to be there.

Please ensure that we start the new term with the correct school uniform on. You can find, on the website, a list of the clothes and colours required for school. If you are having any difficulties getting the right uniform please let the office know. We can also help any family, who might be struggling after Christmas, to purchase any required uniform. There is a lot of uniform in the lost property box in the reception area so please take a look if you have lost any items.

Robin class- In RE this week they have been learning about the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah which is celebrated in December. The children have watched a family celebrate Hanukkah and they have learnt a song about Hanukkah. They have also made potato latkes and tasted them for snack time. The children listened to the Jewish story that tells us why Hanukkah is celebrated and the children made pictures of the menorah which has eight candles and they are lit during Hanukkah.

Woodpecker class- This week, they have been learning their new story which is Snow White. They have compared this to the Disney's version and said how it is the same and how it was different. They have also decided on their class success criteria of how to speak and listen well with each other; they are now making sure they are doing this all of the time in school.

Owl class- have loved having children back and ready to learn. They have begun their new English unit; they are looking at the story Ratpuzzel. They will be writing their own animal versions of traditional tales. They've had a great start to their maths unit of addition and subtraction. In science, they have begun their unit of forces and magnets, do ask the children if they can tell you something about friction.

Kestrel class- This week they have started their art topic. They have explored the paintings of the Roy Henry Vickers, a First Nations Artist from Vancouver Canada. The class loved his use of bold colours and silhouettes. In history they investigated the reasons the Romans departed England and where the Anglo Saxons came from.

Eagle class- It has been lovely being back together again after the holidays. They have begun their English topic, which is based on the book Flotsam by David Wiesner. The children have explored bits of Flotsam from Sidmouth beach and have mapped out the story of an underwater camera that gets washed up on a beach.

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.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Dates for your diary

9th January – clubs start this week

18th January- Owl and Kestrel class at Gymnastics festival at Colyton (1pm – 3.15pm)

20th January- Year 3 and 4 morning concert trip to Exeter Great Hall – please be at school for 8.30am.

10th February- last day of term

20th February- Children return to school

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		

Homework

Robin:

Please keep encouraging reading and remember to right your comments in their learning journals.

Woodpecker:

IXL:

Maths:

Y1- N1-8

Y2- T1-9

English:

Y1- J1-4

Y2- G1-3

Owl:

iXL Maths:

Year 2: E 18-21

Year 3: I 1-3, 5-7

Homework

Kestrel:

Maths Q1, Q2 and continue with practicing times tables.

English F1, B1

Eagle:

English

Y6: FF 1-9

Y5: EE 1-7

Maths

Y6: W 1-7

Y5: Y1-10

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

Email: admin@stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.co.uk Website: www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk Tel: 01297-32785