



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



How lovely to end the week with the sun shining. We have had a wonderful week and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces for the school photos. Thank you to everyone for your help in keeping our children safe and car park clear. I know parking can be a challenge but we really do appreciate your support. Our shoe boxes were collected on Thursday and our Gift Team helped organise them all and collect the donations from the church. If you look on the Gift team page you can see the astounding amount we collected altogether.

In Robin class this week the children have taken part in World Nursery Rhyme week. For this they have learnt songs and played singing games. In maths they have begun to tell number stories to help find one more than a number. Please look on their tapestry for photos and videos of the week.

This week in Woodpeckers, a lovely time was had at Colyton Grammar School for the multiskills festival; all children had a go in the activities. They have also started writing their own stories based on 'Augustus and his smile'; the children are really enthusiastic about these and cannot wait to share them.

In Owl class, the children have begun writing their own chronological report, ask them what they have chosen to write about. Everyone has been working hard on their times tables in maths lessons and at home and they are seeing huge improvements. The children have shown their creative side in DT this week by making their next page for their pop-up book, where they have made a stained-glass window style picture.

This week Kestrels explored digital maps of Axminster to find out how old St Marys is. It was very exciting to discover that there has been a school at St Mary's since before 1890! They have improved and perfected their measuring skills in DT by weighing out the ingredients to make pastry. They rolled out the pastry, choosing a design for the lid of their apple pie, some choosing stripes others a circular lid with a shape cut out if the middle.

This week Eagles' class have enjoyed making their DT prototypes for a fairground ride. A prototype is a model of a product that is made before the finished product. It is a way of spotting any problems before using more expensive materials to make the real thing and allows a chance to see what the product will look like. They used cardboard, straws, split pins and masking tape to make the prototypes. It was great fun!

## PE class days- Autumn term

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

5<sup>th</sup> December- Last week of school clubs

7<sup>th</sup> December- band in school to perform for children

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity for Woodpecker and Owls

13<sup>th</sup> December- Eagle and Kestrel Advent Assembly & evening music concert

14<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Lunch & afternoon carol service

16<sup>th</sup> December- Last day of 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		



The Waffle House have a selection of clothes for St Mary's Children. Please take a look.

## Sports and P.E

We have been enjoying dance for our 15 minute activity on Wednesdays and have been lucky the weather has been kind to us! It has been lovely to watch the children develop their co-ordination and fitness in a way that is slightly different to the daily mile! This week we repeated our dances and are planning for some of our sports leaders to help lead the dance moves at the front next week. We hope the younger children will enjoy learning from their peers too.

In our gymnastics units this week we been looking at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games legacy. We appreciated some of the outstanding talents of the gymnasts in the games and how it has inspired us in our lessons. We looked at how many medals the gymnastics team won too.

### Homework

#### Woodpecker:

##### **Maths:**

Year 1: Z1-11

Year 2: K1-9

##### **English:**

Year 1: G1-4

Year 2: F1-10

#### Owl:

##### **Reading**

Year 2: R Section

Year 3: O Section

### Homework

#### Kestrel:

Continue with IXL homework - Please practice column addition C1 and C2. If you are feeling confident have a go at C18, And keep practising those times tables.

#### Eagle:

##### **Maths:**

Year: 6 L4 and 5 – Maths

Year: 5 L4 and 5 - Maths

##### **English:**

Year 6 H1-3 – English

Year 5 H1-4 - English

### Useful Links

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