



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

"a place of educational excellence  
with Christ at its centre"

Spring 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

Thank you everyone for completing our most recent surveys, we have been busy making suggested changes to our after school provision and making plans for our future Pre-school. I have been working on our consultation document for the Pre-School. After the consultation period is complete we then expect the local authority to approve our Pre-School which we hope can open in September. With 10 in reception the planned structure for next year will be as follows: Reception/ Pre-School, Year 1/ 2, Year 3/ 4, Year 5/ 6. We are very excited about this proposal. We will keep you informed and will make registration documents available when we have been given the green light!

Mrs Morgan will be sending out the new support plans for children on the SEND register. Here at St Marys we work incredibly hard to ensure that we have access to the best support and even seek private consultations (at a huge cost to the school) when we are aware that the waiting list in the local authority is so long. Please ensure that you have completed the SEND parental agreement that can be found on our school website so that we are able to speak with professionals swiftly ( Please note that this is for children on the SEND register).

Have a lovely weekend,  
Laura Concannon

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary

- Friday 9th February- Movies and Munchies night 6-8pm. Dress down day.
- Monday 12th February- Cake sale 3:00pm
- Tuesday 13th February- Everdon trip for Years 3-6. 9-6pm.
- Wednesday 14th February- Ash Wednesday Mass 10am.
- Friday 16th February- School closes for Half term.
- Monday 26th February- School reopens to all pupils.
- Tuesday 27th February- FHC sessions start in school.
- Wednesday 6th March- Oxford Science Centre Trip- Fishermen
- Tuesday 12th March- Northampton Active Trip- Shepherds
- Monday 25th March- Easter Celebration Week
- Tuesday 26th March- Sunflower Seed planting- House event
- Thursday 25th April- Compton Verney Trip- Carpenters

Good luck Year 1-3 at the Bob Moore Football event this weekend!

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon  
Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale  
Mental Health Lead: Mrs Morgan

### Everdon

The children in KS1 had a fantastic day at the Everdon Centre. The children in KS2 are looking forward to their turn next week! Weekly forest school sessions restart in school on Wednesday 17th April and these are initially just for Fishermen Class. Please do check out the gallery link attached to this email.



### Cake Sale

To start the Lenten period off the school will be hosting a cake sale on Monday 12th February (thats this Monday!). Please send in cakes or biscuits to be sold straight after school on the school playground. All funds go to CAFOD.



### St Joseph's Trip to the Cinema

The reading challenge continues to be a huge success! Please encourage your child to read every day and colour in a square each time in their reading passports. We will be sending another group of avid readers next term to the Light Cinema!



### Value focus: Honesty



It is now, more than ever, necessary that political leaders be outstanding for honesty, integrity and commitment to the common good.

— Pope Francis —

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### Easter Competition: The Sacred Heart Church presents 'New Beginnings'

#### Art competition. What does Easter mean to you?

Palm Sunday 24th March 2024 at St Marys Primary School 9.15-10.30am  
Join us for a morning of art to share our idea of 'What Easter means to me' We will be drawing, colouring and sticking pictures to show to the congregation at Mass. This is open to the children of the school and village. Parents are welcome to stay with their children and then join us for Mass at 10:45am to present each masterpiece. Each child will be presented with a prize by Fr Jose at Mass. Please contact the school at [Head@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:Head@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk) to book a place (no charge for the session).

Keep in contact: Tel: 01295 660258

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