



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,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. The young leaders met last week and have planned many exciting competitions and events for the Spring Term. Listening to pupil voice the children have requested a vote on the film choice for the next movies and munchies night coming up. The children will be voting this week and I will share the chosen film with you as soon as possible.

We have a number of very exciting trips coming up this term, letters are being sent home each week and permission and payment will be uploaded onto parent pay as soon as possible. Trips this term include; Everdon Learning Centre days, Compton Verney, Science Centre and Northampton Active Water Centre. I have attached the final Curriculum overview so that you will be able to follow your child's learning closely. We haven't had many slips returned for the SATS information session, please do let the school know if you are able to attend.

Mrs Vale please requests donations of aged 4-7 joggers, underwear, school trousers and socks as we are running low in our 'spares' stock.

Have a lovely weekend,

Laura Concannon

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale

Mental Health Lead: Mrs Morgan

Important dates to note...

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 18th January- Year 5 and 6 Young Sports Leaders Training. FHC talk in church at 3:15pm.
- Friday 19th January- 10am Mass in church Years 3-4 to lead.
- Sunday 21st January- 10:45am Induction Mass for the First Holy Communion children.
- Thursday 25th January- Year R, 1 and 2 Multi skills event with the young sports leaders in Year 5 and 6 also attending.
- Wednesday 31st January- Year 6 SATS information session.
- Friday 2nd February- Mass Presentation of the Lord 10am Years 5 and 6 to lead.
- Monday 5th February- Mental Health Awareness Week begins
- Tuesday 6th February- Everdon trip for Years R, 1 and 2. 9-6pm.
- Wednesday 7th February- Reading Challenge Cinema Trip
- Friday 9th February- Movies and Munchies night 6-8pm. Dress down day for Mental Health awareness.
- 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.

Mental Health Awareness Week

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School is taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week to raise awareness and support our children's understanding of Mental Health. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they may feel that they don't have a voice and they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

That's why we are raising awareness through Mental Health lessons, activities and events throughout the week of 5th-11th February to show young people that we're with them. We're showing them that their voice matters and they deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

We'll be joining thousands of other schools by taking part in this year's theme: 'My Voice Matters' in conjunction with Place2Be

As part of this Week, we are having a non-school uniform day. To take part, students can wear non-school uniform to school on 9th February 2024 and we ask parents and carers to consider making a donation to Place2Be.

Here is Place2Be's donation page where you make a donation if you'd wish: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/support-us/donate/>

Lent and Easter Celebrations

Monday 12th February-Lenten cake sale 3pm

Tuesday 13th February- Shrove Tuesday- KS1 will be making pancakes and KS2 will be at the Everdon Learning centre

Wednesday 14th February- Ash Wednesday Mass 10am in church

Through Lent the children in school will once again be taking part in the Big Walk, please sponsor us if you can using the link in the email

Easter celebration week

Monday 25th March- KS2 Easter Passion Service in church at 1:30pm. 3pm KS1 Art Gallery display- Easter pictures produced by the children to be sold to parents as a fundraiser.

Tuesday 26th March- Sunflower Planting House activity. Children will all bring home a sunflower to grow at home as a symbol of new life. The children will then have the opportunity to enter the sunflower growing competition which ends on Monday 3rd June.

Wednesday 27th March- Easter Tide Mass 10am. Easter Egg Hunt in school. Easter Raffle drawn at 1:15pm.



Value focus: Commitment and Perseverance



Cake Sale

As part of our charitable work during Lent the children will be holding a cake sale on **Monday 12th February** straight after school. It's a great opportunity to use up all those sweet treats before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Please could all donations of cakes include a list of ingredients. Just a polite reminder that we are a nut free school.



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