



# 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,

Wow! What a half term. The children have all now been to Everdon for their outdoor adventure day. Please see the details below. We have lots of trips next half term and the permission and payment for all have been uploaded to Parent Pay. As always I would like to thank the Friends of St Marys for offsetting the cost of each and making them more affordable for our parents.

The building works in the Snug have almost been completed and the room will once again be used for interventions after the half term break. The remaining old doors in the junior toilets and cloakroom areas will be replaced during the half term and all the outside electrical lighting has now been updated. If you are in a position to support the school and donate to the works please do get in touch. The Fresh Start Literacy area looks fantastic with the new works station in place! We are always striving to make improvements to our already excellent school environment.

This is the final call for the Easter craft session that the church will be running in the school hall on Sunday 24th March at 9:15am. The art work that the children produce will be displayed in the church and the children will be awarded prizes after the Mass. Please email to book a slot (no charge).

Have a lovely half term,  
Laura Concannon.

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary

- Friday 16th February- School closes for Half term.
- Monday 26th February- School reopens to all pupils. Swimming begins for years 3-6.
- 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
- Monday 25th March- 1:30pm Easter Service KS2 in church. 2:30pm Easter Gallery KS1 please visit and purchase a painting.
- Tuesday 26th March- Sunflower Seed planting- House event
- Wednesday 27th March- Easter Mass 10am. Easter raffle draw 10:30am, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the whole school.
- Thursday 28th March- School breaks up for the Easter break
- Monday 15th April- School reopens for the Summer Term- Summer uniform
- Wednesday 17th April- Forest School begins for years R,1 and 2.
- Thursday 25th April- Compton Verney Trip- Carpenters

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

### Everdon

The children in KS2 had a fantastic time at the Everdon outdoor learning centre. The rain didn't stop us spending the entire day outside! We started with team building games such as bridge building, in the woods which was about at 40 minute walk away. The afternoon was spent in small groups navigating through fields and villages orienteering. We only got lost once! The diner was fantastic and the children loved staying late. Please follow the gallery link for more pictures.



Shrove Tuesday was the inspiration for this weeks cooking class.



### Pre-School

The Pre-School consultation period has begun and the documents can be found on our school website! We are hoping all will go through quickly. We already have permission from the DfE, Diocese and Parish. Once the consultation period ends we will then be in a position to make registration forms available. The school will be able to accommodate 12 pre-school children (3+) with 10 reception children.

## Value focus: Honesty



### 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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