

Newsletter



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

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Friday 15th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy few weeks at St Mary's! World Book Day was a huge success with children dressed as animal characters. The school was full of lions, tigers, bears - oh my! The children wrote some beautiful poetry using the book 'The Lost Words' that complements our Wonderful World topic. Thank you to all for the effort made on costumes!



The children really enjoyed sharing work with parents at consultation meetings this week. It is always lovely to see the progress children are making. Thank you for all the supportive and positive comments too! If you didn't manage to get there, please make an alternative appointment with your class teacher.



We welcomed Katrina Hart, a para-olympic sprinter, to school on Monday 4th March. She instructed all the children in a sponsored circuit training event to raise money for sports equipment in school. She gave an interesting assembly afterwards. The school was buzzing with enthusiasm and many children were inspired to aim high and hopefully represent GB in sport in the future. If your child has any sponsorship money from this event, please could it be sent into school by Monday.

Father Martin joined us last week Ash Wednesday. The children thought carefully about how they could help others during this period of Lent before having ashes marked on their forehead. It was a lovely way to begin our journey towards Easter.

Thank you for all of the donations made for Comic Relief! We managed to raise £91 with no effect on the environment and £32 more than would have gone to Comic Relief if we had sold that many red noses! Well done all!

Best wishes,

Charlotte Targett

Headteacher

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with our efforts to increase our attendance across the school. It is crucial that your child's attendance is good for them to fulfil their true potential. Following the attendance data being shared at parents evening, please see the information below showing the learning missed over a year.

Attendance %	Missed sessions	Days absence
95%	19 sessions	9.5 days
90%	38 sessions	19 days
85%	56 sessions	28 days
80%	75 sessions	37.5 days

You can ensure good attendance in the following ways:

- 1) Take holidays outside term time
- 2) Make appointments (where possible) outside of school hours
- 3) Always arrive at school on time
- 4) Half a day is better than none - if your child is feeling better in the afternoon, you can always bring them in.

Dates for Spring Term

Fri 22nd March - St Mark's assembly

Fri 22nd - Swimming Gala

Fri 29th March - St Anthony's assembly

Thurs 2nd April - KS1 cricket taster session

Thurs 4th April - Day of Faith

Thurs 4th April - Fundraiser for Princess Trust 3:15pm

Fri 5th April - Break up for Easter