



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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*'Happy are those who hear the word of God
and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another action packed week in school in which we have celebrated the Chinese New Year and National Handwriting day.

We have learnt a lot about the special traditions when celebrating Chinese New Year, such as sweeping away any bad luck, wearing new clothes and the lucky colour red! Have a look at some of our exciting activities below.

Roadworks and road closures continue to develop and I know these are still posing challenges for many of us. On our website you can see a letter which details proposed changes to the school bus route. I shall, as ever keep you fully informed if we receive any additional information.

Celebrating Chinese New Year



Class 4 designed Red Envelopes which would traditionally be given out. Red being a Lucky colour these envelopes would be filled with coins...Ours were filled with CHOCOLATE coins, mmmmmmm !!



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Long ago in China the Jade Emperor decided to pull a race. All of these animals will compete in a race to get a year named after them. So as he spoke the animals started swimming across. The cat and the rat went on to ox's back, but the rat pushed the cat off the ox's back and he fell in the water. but everyone carried on. when the ox nearly reached the other side the rat jumped and won the first years and the ox second. but following on behind the tiger came in third "I thought you would of won" said the Jade Emperor "I didnot because of all the strong currents" said the tiger following on behind the rabbit came in 4th and the rabbit was sport he/she hopped across some logs. The dragon came in 5th "why didnot you win" said the Jade Emperor "I was helping other animals" said the dragon. In 6th came the Snake who jumped in front of the horse and made him come in 7th. behind came the goat, monkey, and rooster came on a raft but the goat came in 8th the monkey and 10th the rooster. In 11 came the dog "I came in 11th because I had a bath on the way cause why not?"



In others classes pupils have written about the special animals and worked hard to practice Chinese writing!!

RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch



Starting today (Friday 27th January) until Sunday (29th January) marks the start of the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch campaign. This campaign is to help gain a better picture of the population of birds within our local area and to help identify species of birds which may be on the verge of extinction. This week's homework is a family orientated piece, asking you to spend just an hour watching out for the birds that visit your garden/area and using the recording sheet, which will come home today, to record the number and the species that visit. Then, if you can, upload your information to the RSPB website (all the information is on the homework sheet on how to do this) to help the RSPB keep track of our native species.

https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/rspb-news/rspb-news-stories/Big-Garden-Birdwatch-ID-guide-round-II-common-garden-birds/?sourcecode=BWMBBE0074&utm_source=notes_on_nature_20220121&utm_medium=email&utm_term=notes_on_nature&utm_content=4&utm_campaign=notes_on_nature

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to come and speak to me. Thank you for your support. Mr C

Children's Mental Health Week....Coming Soon



Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12 February 2023. This year's theme is **Let's Connect**. In school we will be completing a wide variety of activities across the week to promote the awareness and importance of Children's Mental Health and to raise awareness of it.

We are very blessed to also have the support from our weekly Counsellor, Leigh from Child Action North West (CANW). If you or your child would like to speak with Leigh please do get in touch. Classes will explore topics from their class Teachers and Leigh throughout this week.

****COMPETITION TIME**** On Friday 10th February it is 'Wear Your Scarf To School Day' (No charge) to help promote Children's Mental Health Week, with all children and staff being encouraged to wear a scarf to help show our awareness and support.

There will be a competition open to all pupils to design a new scarf, with the winning entries winning some AMAZING prizes! These designs can be coloured, painted, decorated

however you like, just remember you need to WOW the judges to be in with a chance of winning!

Posters will go out soon and all entries MUST be back in by Thursday 9th February 2023 so winners can be announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday 10th February 2023.

Teachers Strike - Proposed for 1.2.23

I am sure you be aware from the media/ local press, the Teaching Unions are proposing a series of strikes. I know all staff care deeply about the education and welfare of all our pupils and I am proud that all staff go above and beyond. Any decisions to strike are not made lightly and I fully support the staff in making decisions to support their Unions, should they wish to do so. At present I can share that no class closures are expected. Should this change I will update families giving as much notice as possible.

School Vision – Parent and Carer session

If you were unable to come along and would like to add your views have a look at the large posters in our entrance foyer and add any thoughts, feelings and views. We really want this to be a team effort!

We have reflected on our Mission statement ...

*“Live our lives as Jesus taught us,
Work hard together to achieve our best,
Respect each other and the world around us,
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Is it still us?

Does it celebrate what is unique about St. Mary’s school?

Is it unique to St. Mary’s or could it be any other school?

We also wish to reflect upon our distinctive Catholic nature and look for inspirational scripture quotes.

Dates for your diary

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| 27.1.23 | The Big Birdwatch Day |
| 30.1.23 | FOSM meeting in school 9.10 ALL welcome |
| 6.2.23 | Mental Health Week
- Baby Beat Charity special assembly within school |
| 8.2.23 | Wear your own clothes day £1.00 for Baby Beat |
| 9.2.23 | ‘After School Club’ - Valentine Themed Party |
| 20.2.23 | Spring Parents Evening (Booking forms are available in Reception) |

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Ria Swali Kaur	Elijah Heslop	Freddie Phoenix
Class 2	Dougie Pye	William Barton	Harry Shaw
Class 3	Meeya Patel	Elliott Williams	Elliott Williams
Class 4	Ella Mullarkey	Georgia Purkis	Elliott Capper

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