



St Mary's News

Friday 11th March 2022

Spring 4

Dear Parents and Carers

We have made a flying start to this half term with our topics and Science week this week which reached a pinnacle with the Science Fair and assembly run by Mr Haskell today. The children were intrigued by the live experiments and the gravity-defying tea-bag!

We are all thinking about the people of Ukraine in prayers at liturgies at school – particularly as many families have relatives in bordering countries. Pope Francis has released a special prayer for Ukraine which we ask you to say at home with your children:

Loving God

*We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength
and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may
reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality
for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.*

Amen.

There will be an FSA cake sale to raise funds for Cafod's Ukraine appeal next Friday, 18th March.

Children's Liturgy has restarted at the 11am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows. The special liturgy for children will be on the first and third weeks of every month and includes drawing, craft and Bible activities. Also, on the first week of every month, there is music from the parish band with hymns the children know well. It was fantastic to see so many children from St Mary's at Mass last week and we hope the number will grow as Covid numbers continue to reduce.

The School Council have requested additional books for our KS1 and KS2 libraries and I was delighted to be able to give them some good news this week. Mrs Guy has donated the profits from the 'Ice Pop shop' and we raised £110 at the cake sale last Friday which means that we will be able to buy plenty of new books for the Libraries this term. I am delighted that the children are so keen on reading and I know that many of you visit Bognor Library at the weekend and after school. They are open until 6pm every weekday and until 5pm on Saturdays and have over twenty thousand books!

The Spirituality Garden is taking shape on the school field and the FSA have agreed to fund some of the planters and benches requested by the RE and School Council. When finished this will be a peaceful area where children can meditate or pray and improve their wellbeing. The FSA have great plans for fundraising in the pipeline including a Jubilee Disco, a Summer Fair circus and an Easter Egg hunt – more details to follow!

Finally thank you to all the parents who attended the Y2 and Y6 Sats information and Cyber-safety evening last night. If you weren't able to make it we have put the powerpoints on the school website.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and hope to see you soon.

Best wishes Mr Edgington, Headteacher

Science Fair Photos



Henry Adams Flag Competition

A number of children recently entered a competition run by Henry Adams to design a flag for world book day based on their favourite book. Winners were then chosen for each local school.

Well done to our winners:

EYFS – Elsa A-W

Year 3 – Lexi-Mae T, Hanna P and Melanie W

Year 4 – Sienna B, Zsolt Z

Year 5 – Harriet C

And a huge congratulations to St Mary's overall winner, Lexi-Mae, with her wonderful Gruffalo flag!



House Points

Our current house point totals are...

St Francis: 4460

St John Bosco: 3316

St Bernadette: 2955

St Catherine: 2719

Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th March – EYFS Maths afternoon – 2.15pm

Friday 18th March – Cake Sale

Friday 25th March – Year 5 PE Deanery day at St Phillip Howard

Thursday 7th April – Class Photos

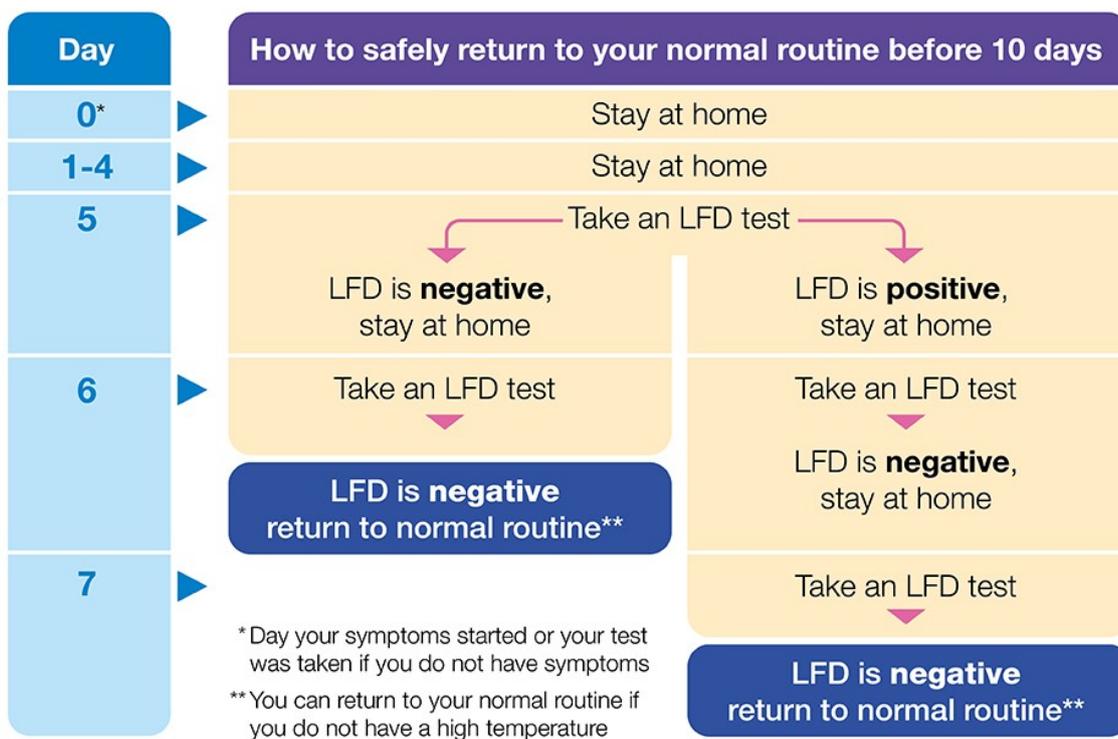
Friday 8th April – End of term Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows, led by Hotham class – 9.30am

School Council and the RE Council worked together to design the new Spirituality Garden on the School Field. They would like raised beds with wild flowers, trees, circular benches and some colourful Perspex to create an area suitable for meditation. Aarna, Dante, Maisie, Benjamin, Lucy and Zofia presented their ideas to the FSA who will decide which parts to fund. We are hoping the Spirituality Garden will be ready in time for summer this year!



If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they can return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.



Parents should also follow guidance on [People with COVID-19 and their contacts](#) and public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

If you insist on your child attending school when they have symptoms, St Mary's can take the decision to refuse your child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Their decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice