



St Mary's News

Friday 6th May 2022

Summer 1

Dear Parents and Carers

A belated welcome back after the Easter break and bank holiday – I hope you enjoyed the spring-like weather and were able to find some time to relax.

The Curriculum Newsletters will soon be with you detailing all of the activities for the summer term. The phases have started their new topics with a stunning start and we are making the most of this short half term. The topics this term are as follows: KS1 – Beneath the Sea; LKS2 – The Rainforest; UKS2 – Saxons and Vikings. Our Chair of Governors, Tony Lucas, led an archaeological dig for Years 5 and 6 so they could experience searching for historical evidence. The children's imaginations were fired and they were able to unearth some remains of 'The Den' which was a large house underneath the school field. It was a large house built by the Earl of Strathmore (Bowes-Lyon) in the 1860s and was demolished in the 1940s. The children found roof tiles, remains of foundations and some pottery on site and were keen to find out more.

We are also very proud of our Year 3 and 4 children who performed their passion play, Here Comes Jesus, beautifully this week. We had two sell-out crowds and it was fantastic to have parents back inside the building to share our celebration of Easter. The children sang, danced and acted beautifully and told the Easter story in a memorable and thoughtful way. My thanks goes to the staff teams in Marine, Blake and Craigweil for their hard work. Wheatland Class led our *Mass of the Risen Christ* last Friday and the children filled Our Lady of Sorrows church with their prayers and singing. It was a lovely way to start what promises to be a very busy and interesting term!

St Mary's was also represented at the *Big Sing* this week which was held at the Regis School. Mrs Morreale led our choir and they performed beautifully. You can read more information about the experience overleaf. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service last week and were able to see a fire engine up close as well as meet some real life fire-fighters. Many of the children told me afterwards that they would like to be fire-fighters when they were older and they were very thankful for our hardworking local crews. Early Years had their chance to meet the crew this week and were similarly delighted. Mr Robinson, our Premises Officer, has also been hard at work on the field over the holidays. He has constructed a raised flower bed in the shape of a cross as designed by our School and RE Councils. We have been provided with top soil, timber and seeds by a generous parent and Wickes in Bognor so we are really looking forward to planting and nurturing our new Spiritual garden.

The coming week will be very busy in school with our Year 6 children taking their Sats tests. This is the first time the tests have taken place since 2019 so the children have asked plenty of questions about the days ahead. Our *Families and Staff Association* have kindly agreed to provide breakfast for the children next week to give them a head start before their tests. As usual, the tests are kept strictly under lock and key until one hour before each test so we will have to wait and see what lies ahead. The children have prepared well and we know they will do their best but please keep them in your prayers!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes

Mr Edgington, Headteacher

Fire Visit

On Wednesday the 27th April, KS1 were delighted to have the Bognor Fire Service visit us.

They came to each class to explain what they do to help others and what emergency number to call, should we need it. They wanted to check we all had smoke alarms and how important they are in saving lives. The children were able to ask and answer lots of questions.

Following this, they were then taken outside to the field to explore the Fire Engine and discover what was inside and what each part was used for. The children got to see the blue lights flash, witness a fireman get into his full kit in under 30 seconds and discover more about how they use the hose in an emergency!



Cup win for the Felpham Colts!

A huge well done to the Felpham Colts who have won Their Second cup final 5-0 last weekend!

Four of our year 4 boys play in the team, which is coached by two of our parents. They played incredibly well and were a tight team.

Congratulations!



Inset Days for Academic Year 2022/23

1. Thursday 1st September, 2022
2. Friday 21st October, 2022
3. Thursday 9th February, 2023
4. Friday 10th February, 2023
5. Monday 19th June, 2023

Please note: The end of next academic year is Friday 21st July 2023

Sponsorship Day

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Thank you for your very generous sponsorship. You helped raise an amazing £969 for CAFOD's 'Share the Journey' walk.

The Big Sing!

“ Wednesday was a jam packed day, full of great songs and laughter. Our main focus was the Lion King and musicals. We had a great time, although one of our songs 'I just can't wait to be King' was the wrong backing track but we kept singing and we got a massive applause! There were so many schools there, the arena was a rainbow of jumpers, it was amazing. We all sang 'Circle of Life' together which is a hard African song, but a teacher from the Regis school helped us and it sounded incredible! We all enjoyed it so much and saw loads of friends from other schools, encouraged each other and sang along. The last thing to mention is that we have not done a Big Sing for 3 whole years so it was extra special!

By Harriet C - Year 6



FSA News

Our FSA have been busy organising events for us over the last few months, with plenty more to come! Thanks to all their hard work, we have raised the following money:

- Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt - Ticket sales and raffle and refreshments raised £700
- Cake Sale raising funds for CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal £321.15

Don't forget our upcoming events...

Jubilee Disco!
Wednesday 25th May
EYS & KS1 – 3.00 – 4.00pm
KS2 – 4.15 – 5.15pm

Circus
Wednesday 13th July
4.30pm
Last few tickets remaining!

You can find more information about these events via ParentMail and our social media.