



St Mary's News

Friday 20th May 2022

Summer 2

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely seeing the improvement in the weather over this week – long may it continue!

The May Procession today was very moving. The church was filled with flowers and the children sang beautifully. The children understand that May is the month of Mary and we have been running Rosary Prayer groups throughout this month for both key stage 1 and 2. Yesterday the School council and RE Council went to Arundel Cathedral with Mrs Hogan-Hussein to explore the history and symbolism of this wonderful place. There is a report by RE Council later in this Newsletter.

On Tuesday Years 3 and 4 attended *Quad Kids* at the Arena where they got to participate in sport with children from across Bognor and Felpham. QuadKids has been a major part of the school's athletics in Primary & Secondary schools across the country for the last 15 years. Hundreds of thousands of children have competed either in intra-school / inter-school competitions or much larger events at the School Games. The children represented St Mary's very well and enjoyed the event immensely.

This week Year 2 have been taking their Sats tests and they have worked hard and concentrated well. Year 6 took their Sats last week and began each day with a hearty breakfast provided by the FSA. After croissants, yogurt and fruit the children were ready to do their best and they worked hard all week. We wish them every success and are very grateful for the FSA's time and hard work in setting up the breakfast. We are all looking forward to the Jubilee celebrations next week including discos, a street party on the front playground and special gifts to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee! Remember to wear red, white and blue on Wednesday and sports clothes on Friday when we have our visit from a Paralympian!

We had a meeting of the Governing Body on Monday evening. They are aiming to produce an *Annual Report* which should be with you by the time you receive your child's report in July. The governors are working very hard to ensure work on our new front playground is underway by the summer holidays and that the new play equipment for Early Years is finished by October. The governors will be in school on Tuesday talking to children about their learning and getting to know the new topics this term.

Finally, that you to everyone who has made a contribution to our *Just Giving* page for the five of us who are running the Bognor 10K on Sunday. We have raised over £300.00 so far for new computer equipment for the school and we are hoping to reach our target of £500 by the weekend. We are hoping it will be dry and warm...but not too warm! If you want to contribute, there is still time on our page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/team-st-marys-bognor>.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and hope to see you on Monday.

Best wishes

Mr Edgington
Headteacher

THE DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS AT ST MARY'S

Mr Edgington and Mrs Beaven are Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). The designated safeguarding lead is the person appointed to take lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. All schools must have a designated safeguarding lead in place to deal with child protection concerns. Our role includes ensuring that safeguarding is at the heart of the school ethos and that all staff are supported in knowing how to recognise and respond to potential concerns. We also liaise with staff on matters of safety and safeguarding and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies and act as a source of support, advice and expertise for staff.

As part of our role we sometimes have to refer cases of suspected abuse to Children's Social Care, and support staff who have raised concerns about a child or have made a referral to Children's Social Care. Where there are concerns about radicalisation, we make referrals to the Channel programme and offer support to other staff who have concerns about radicalisation. To keep children safe we detailed, accurate and secure records of concerns and referrals. We also work with the governing body to ensure the school's child protection policy is updated and renewed annually and that all members of staff have access to it and understand it. All our policies are on our website and we encourage you to read our schools Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd May

- Cake Sale from 3.00pm

Wednesday 25th May

- Non school uniform day
- EYS & KS1 Jubilee Disco 3-4pm
- KS2 Jubilee Disco 4.15-5.15pm

Thursday 26th May

- Jubilee Lunch on the playground (weather dependent)

Friday 27th May

- Break up for half term

Monday 6th June

- All children back to school



KICKING OFF THE JUBILEE



WITH A CAKE SALE!



**MONDAY 23RD MAY
AFTER SCHOOL**



The FSA are holding a JUBILEE cake sale after school on Monday 23rd May to help raise money for our school.

If you would like to donate any cakes for the sale could you please kindly bring these into school on the morning of the 23rd May.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Arundel Cathedral

The R.E and School Councils were invited to go to Arundel Cathedral on Thursday 19th May. We were Pilgrims on our journey to Arundel. Paul and Nikki helped us learn more about the cathedral and its history.

We did an explorers worksheet with fun activities and learnt facts about the Cathedral. We learnt about St Phillip and his wife Anne Dacre. Overall, we had an amazing and extraordinary time and we would be happy to visit again.

Aarna and Zofia, Year 6.

West Sussex Early Help Services

Have you heard of Early Help?

The Early Help team are able to support families with a range of difficulties by providing advice and signposting to local services. Sometimes, an Early Help Plan may be put together for you by the professionals supporting you. This makes it easier to know what needs to happen and you can also see how much progress you are making.

You and your family work together with Early Help so that you can make positive changes to your life and your circumstances, helping you to be the best that you can.

They can give you help with sorting out any problems, with agreed actions and lots of help to achieve them, and help coordinating the different services you receive.

They can help you to:

- sort debt and housing problems
- talk with different services
- look for work
- reduce family rows
- tackle problems at school
- build your confidence
- find voluntary work and hobbies
- resolve worries about your children

Your Early Help plan will explain what's happening for you and has agreed actions. It gives information about support and explains how you will make changes for yourself. You and your family write the plan and a named worker will give you practical support and encouragement alongside school and any other services that you work with.

If you would like more information about Early Help, please come and see Mrs Kale, our Family and Pupil Mentor.