



St Mary's News

Friday 23rd September 2022

Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a busy couple of weeks with lots of work happening on the Early Years Playground and three beautiful maple trees arriving on the front playground. We hope the work will be completed by the end of the month and playground markings will be added during the October half term. A huge thank you to Tony Lucas, our Chair of Governors, for coordinating the project and ensuring the best quality for our children.

By now, you will have received your class curriculum letters and will see the exciting topics the children are studying this term. Although we have plenty of books in school it is always good to have a look around Bognor Library (opening times overleaf) for some extra information books.

It was amazing to see so many of our new parents at the Early Years liturgy on Wednesday morning. Our new children listened beautifully and Fr Chris taught them a simple prayer to remind them that God loves them. Several of our children are recent arrivals from Ukraine and it was wonderful to see how much they have been welcomed by the rest of their classes.

St Mary's made the *Bognor Observer* this week with coverage of the *Great British Dig*. Channel 4 are likely to show the programme sometime in January or February but we will keep you up to date with the exact details when we receive them. The bathing machine that was discovered as part of the research is now available to see in the Bognor Regis Museum.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mr Edgington, Headteacher

Local Food Banks

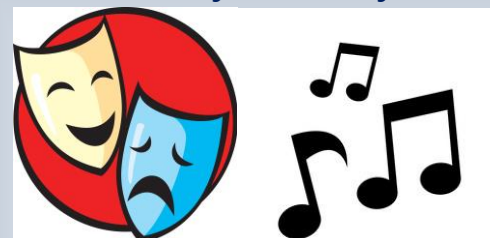
Jeneses Community Centre, Linden Road – 10am-4pm

Family Support Work – Tuesdays 9-11am at St Wilfred's Church
and Fridays at Bersted Green Community Hub

Grandad's Front Room and ECO Swap Shop – Both in High Street
Bognor.

If you are struggling financially, please do come and speak to us at school to see if we can offer any support.

Creativity at St Mary's!



This week we are delighted to have begun music lessons from West Sussex Music Service with all of key stage one. We have also started ukulele lessons with Marine Class and clarinet lessons with Regis class. All children in key stage two will have the opportunity to develop their musical talents this year and we are very grateful to the FSA for a big donation that has helped to fund this.

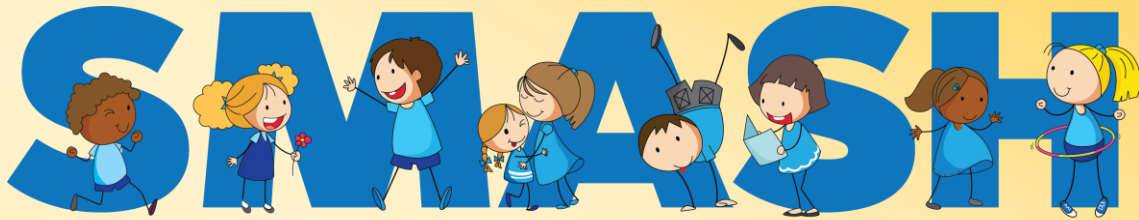
Also this week our Year 5 and 6 classes have worked with Suzy Duxbury in drama workshops about Ancient Greece. The children have worked on voice projection and acting skills and this will help them with their writing skills too.

FSA Cake Sale – save the date!

The FSA have organised a cake sale to raise funds for school on **Friday 30th September**. They will be selling cupcakes and cookies and all money raised will go towards subsidising school trips to interesting locations! The children love a cake sale - please come along if you can.

Housepoints this week

St John Bosco	361
St Catherine	311
St Francis	273
St Bernadette	313



ST. MARY'S AFTER SCHOOL HUB

Open Monday - Friday, term time only
from 3.15 pm - 5.15 pm

Priced at £5.00 per child per hour

Children play together in a familiar environment and are cared for by St Mary's teaching assistants.

The £5 fee includes snacks and a drink.

Please phone the office team to find out more: 01243 822287



*Democracy
 *The rule of law
 *Individual liberty
 *Mutual respect
 *Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Congratulations to our new School Councillors and House Captains

School Council 22/23		
Seagull	Jack	Etta
Beach	Samuel	Erin
Ocean	Alice	Oliver
Marine	Anna	Alexander
Blake	Florence	Matty
Craigweil	Ella	Ruby
Regis	George	Sophia
Hotham	Ema	Samuel
Wheatland	Ray	Lucia

House Captains 22/23		
St John Bosco	Martyna	Donna
St Catherine	Oskar	Cerys
St Francis	Isla	Jasmine
St Bernadette	Beatrice	Mirabel

Grandparents' Afternoon Tea

All grandparents of children in the school are welcome to join us from 2.15 pm – 3pm in the Parish Hall next **Friday 30th September**. There will be tea and cakes and prayers and memories from the children. Please let the Office know if you are a grandparent and can join us by phoning 822287



Bognor Regis Library Opening Times

Monday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm
 Tuesday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Wednesday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Thursday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Sunday - Closed



Tickets are £6.50 per adult and £4.50 per child.
A family ticket (2 adults & 3 children) is £24.

Get your tickets online at

<https://st-marys-bognor.co.uk/shop/>

Step Forward

The Step Forward project is for women who want to develop the skills, experience, and confidence necessary to move into training, education, volunteering or employment.



Step Forward provides women with a holistic package of support and learning opportunities based on their personal ambitions and priorities, supporting a stronger and brighter future!

Please contact our office on 01243 697800 or email to office@mysistershouse.info to start your journey.



The Step Forward Project is funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund

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Faith in the Family

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Last year, Our Lady of Sorrows Church invited families who had expressed an interest in finding out how they can be supported in helping children grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments to be part of a Parenting for Faith course as the first step towards sacramental preparation. There will be an Information Evening on Tues 27th Sept, 7pm, at the Parish Centre, for families who would like to know more. The course will then run on Tuesday evenings, 7pm, from 11th Oct – 6th Dec (not half-term). All families are welcome to these meetings, regardless of whether you're thinking of sacramental preparation for children this year or in years to come. One mother who took part in a course previously said she wished she'd done it earlier! We look forward to seeing you and supporting you and your children in your journey of faith.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**OPEN
AFTERNOON**

November 15th - 2pm

PLEASE EMAIL
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TO BOOK YOUR PLACE