



# St Mary's News

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic start to the new term and you will soon be receiving knowledge organisers to detail what the children are learning. Mrs Boniface sent the date list out yesterday and you can see we have a packed term ahead!

Mrs Beaven completed the London Marathon on Sunday and raised a huge amount of money for JDRF who are committed to eradicating type 1 diabetes. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to Mrs Beaven for her training and dedication – we are truly blessed to have such amazing staff here at St Mary's.

I was bowled over by the wonderful performance of *Resurrection Rock* by Year 3 and 4 this week. The singing, acting and dancing was very impressive and the children have developed great confidence with speaking and listening. Many thanks go to Mr Haskell, Mr Eyres, Mrs Flaxbeard and Mrs Lockwood for their hard work and to all the teaching assistants too! The Hall was full of very proud family members and these memorable experiences will be something the children will treasure in the future. Year 4 continued to use their considerable talent at the Deanery Sports Festival this week. St Mary's gained first place in the event beating teams from Chichester and Arundel. We are delighted that the children are enjoying sport so much and thank you to parents and carers for your support.

The FSA are busy fundraising for school (as always) and the summer term events kick off tonight with the FSA Quiz in the Parish Centre. The children will then enjoy a special *Coronation Picnic* on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May when they can eat on the school field (pray for sunny weather!) and celebrate the new King. The children are asked to wear red, white and blue non-school uniform for the day and bring a contribution of £2.00 which includes the cost of an ice cream! Planning for the Summer Fair is also well underway. If you can help out on 16<sup>th</sup> June please contact Sarah Austin-Peggs [fsa@stmarysbognor.co.uk](mailto:fsa@stmarysbognor.co.uk). Thanks to the FSA we have been able to buy more ICT equipment for the school and a new communication system for the school called CPOMS which will help us to keep the children safe.

Early Years have begun their term with a trip to Staunton Country Park and Beach School. They are enjoying using their new playground and have impressed Mrs Lauder and Miss Stevenson with their hard work and kind play. Years 1 and 2 are looking at Carnivals and Festivals this term and have great plans for *Passport to the World Fortnight*. Meanwhile Year 5 and 6 have begun their Mayan topic which will include the history of chocolate! Year 6 will take their Sats on the week of 8<sup>th</sup> May and the FSA have kindly agreed to provide a lovely breakfast for them each day.

Mr Haskell shared the news of his promotion with Marine Class this week. He will be leaving us at the end of term to take up the post of Deputy Headteacher at a large junior school in Hampshire. We are happy for him but he will be hugely missed by parents and staff and has made a massive contribution to St Mary's over his nine years with us.

I hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes, Mr Edgington, Headteacher



We are delighted with the stunning and vibrant new cross in our school hall depicting Jesus as the Good Shepherd, in a bright and colourful design. It has been very kindly made for us by Mrs Boniface's family. We are very grateful to them for this wonderful gift which perfectly represents the Catholic ethos of our school.

## Thank you from Mrs Beaven

I did it! Thank you all so much for the overwhelming support for me for the London Marathon. The fundraising from the sponsored event day and personal sponsors on my fundraising page had raised an enormous amount for JDRF, for which I and they are so grateful. It was wonderful to meet the team on Saturday and I will let you know the final amount raised as soon as possible.

The Marathon itself was an amazing experience which I will always remember, tough at times but so worth it. Thank you all so much for your wonderful support and good wishes.

## Year 4 Deanery Sports Festival

This week all of Year 4 attended a Deanery Sports Day at St Phillip Howard. We travelled by train and lots of the children were very excited about the journey and day ahead. The children were split in to groups and competed against the other deanery schools, St Richard's and St Philip's. The children took part in a range of activities which included basketball, cross country running, gymnastics, handball and football. All of the activities were led by Year 9 pupils at SPH and there were some familiar faces. I am pleased to say that one our pupils, Ted Geall, was selected as the 'athlete of the day' out of over 100 other children, we were also declared the overall winners beating St Richard's by 6 pts. The children were fantastic and had a brilliant day. Well done to them.



## Some Photos from the year 3/4 production of Resurrection Rocks!



### Knights of St Columba

*An enormous thank you to the Knights of St Columba for very generously donating £200 towards our Grotto Fund for the Spirituality area on the field. We very much appreciate their support of the school; we are blessed to have these strong links between the school and the parish. We had some great designs from School and RE councillors, and the project will be begun soon. Huge thanks to Anna Claveria, one of our Governors and mum of Sophia and Noah, for all her work to make this a reality.*



### Housepoints

St Catherine – 6865

St John Bosco – 6825

St Bernadette – 7041

St Francis – 6770