



St Mary's News

Friday 12th May 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been very busy in school this week with the Year 6 Sats papers. The children have been working very hard and they have tried their best, which is all we can ask. The week was helped by our wonderful FSA volunteers providing a wonderful breakfast of strawberries, cereal, smoothies, pancakes and pastries, which set the children up for the day. One of them told me that they wished every week could be like this!

The Coronation Picnic last Friday was a great success. The rain held off and the children were able to eat their fish and chips on the field in the sunshine. We even had a visit from Pinks ice cream who provided lollies or ice cream. The children were decked out in red, white and blue and they all enjoyed the chance to celebrate King Charles III. The FSA cake sale after school was also a wonderful event with strawberries and cake selling to raise much needed funds to support our music and reading offer in school. A massive thank you to Sarah Austin-Peggs and the FSA for their hard work fundraising.

The younger children are very much enjoying playing on our newly painted playground. *'What's the time Mr Wolf?'* is a firm favourite and the older children have also begun to use the 100 square for times-tables practice! Mr Eyres has been around the front playground and school field adding orienteering signs with QR codes. The children will be using these signs to help them to find their way around the outside areas by following clues. There are even some clues that help the children with their phonics and maths so we are delighted that our outdoor learning has been taken to another level.

Our Mental Health parents' workshop on Friday mornings is proving to be very popular. Mrs Kale invited NHS professionals to discuss strategies to help when children struggle with their emotions. Parenting is never easy and these sessions are aimed at providing parents with strategies and alternatives to try when children feel dysregulated. There is a very useful video about children's mental health on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPh4-DU6MDU>. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Kale, our Family and Pupil Mentor.

Mrs Beaven is supporting the Leadership Team at St Richard's this term and will be in Chichester two days each week, usually Monday and Tuesday. If you would like to meet her this term, please make an appointment with the office to ensure a suitable time can be found.

On Monday the children will be learning about, then voting on, new Saints for our Houses. They may decide to stick with St Francis, St Catherine, St John Bosco and St Bernadette or they may decide to choose a new saint for the next few years. This gives them the opportunity to find out more about holy men and women from around the world who set great examples for us to follow. The results will be shared in the next newsletter!

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

Best wishes, Mr Edgington, Headteacher.

Our Coronation Celebrations!



Thank you to everyone involved for making this such a great celebration!





SATs Breakfast

A huge thank you to the FSA for providing such a lovely breakfast for our year 6 children each morning this week before their exams. They certainly seemed to enjoy themselves!



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