

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Spring 3 - 1st March 2024



FROM MR EDGINGTON

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring is trying its best despite the wind and rain and we have daffodils blooming across the school site in time for Mothers' Day.

Early Years are very much enjoying Drawing Club which started after Christmas. They watch a short piece of video and then have the chance to draw out the story and add speech or description. The children are beginning to form their letters beautifully and we already have a few story writers in Shell and Starfish classes. The children also enjoy the chance to use talking and drama in Helicopter Stories where they let their imagination run wild and thrill their classmates with stories of dragons, princes and far away lands. If your child is in Early Years you will already have seen examples of this via Tapestry.



The half term was a busy time in school. Firstly we are very grateful for the lovely planting in our Spirituality Garden carried out by the Austin-Peggs family. The cross of flowers is a beautiful reminder of Lent and the journey towards Holy Week and Easter. Seagull Class has a brand new carpet and we are very proud of the way the children are looking after it so carefully. We hope to re-carpet Beach classroom over Easter. Also over the holiday the parish pantomime, Mother Goose, took place. This raised much-needed funds and involved adults and children from across the parish. We were delighted to see so many children from St Mary's as dancers and actors. Rehearsals for next year's production begin in October.

You should have now received your Lent Mission boxes. Please fill them with coins so we can help children in less fortunate areas around the world. We are also receiving donations for the Bognor Foodbank. They have asked for jams, spreads, tinned fruit, UHT milk instant coffee and toilet rolls. If you can bring them to the school office we will make sure that the Foodbank receives them. You can also download the Bank The Food App to check what is needed. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public and every donation will help our neighbours in the local area.

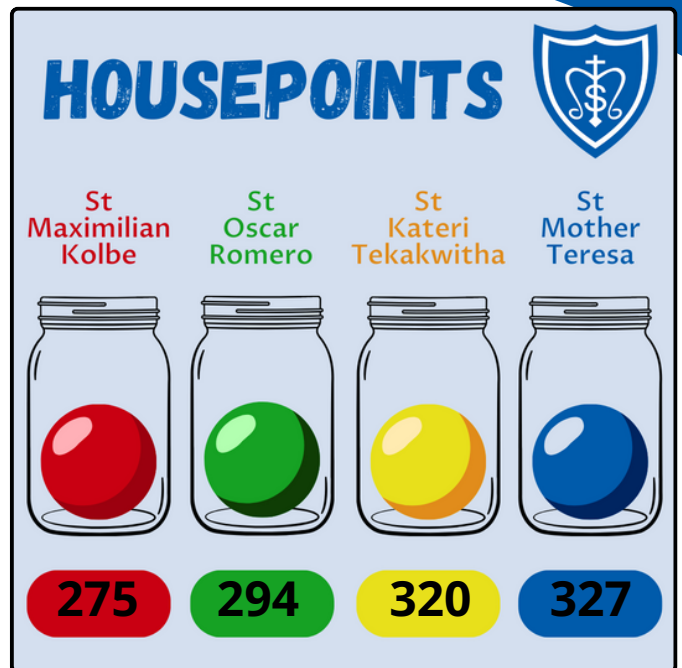
We have plenty event ahead of us in March including World Book Day, trips to high schools by Year 5 children, locality football and netball tournaments and, of course, Spirituality Week beginning on Friday 22nd March. Please make sure you look at 'dates for the diary' to stay in the loop about events on the horizon. Just this week we have had a Dance House performance in Worthing (details elsewhere in this Newsletter) and Year 5 and 6 children travelled to St Anthony's in Rose Green to support the world day of prayer through dance and song. If your child is in Year 6 they have Bikeability next week too!

Thank you to the huge number of parents who met with teachers last week and yesterday for parent consultations. If you did not manage to see your child's teacher, please phone the office to request a telephone appointment.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Mr Edgington
Headteacher

PARISH PANTO!



This year's production, Mother Goose, certainly saw the goose lay the golden egg: after all expenses has been accounted for we are pleased to report that a record profit of £2,265.56. Raising money is not the principle reason for putting on our annual show, that remains, as it always has been, to draw people of all ages together from across the parish for months of fun and laughter in rehearsal and, hopefully, to share that joy with our wonderful audiences.

Thanks to everyone involved in the production but most of all thank you to everyone who filled the auditorium for each performance, you made all the difference: oh, yes you did!

FOOTBALL ACHIEVEMENTS!

We are excited to hear that some of our children who attend the Elite Pathway Football Academy have been chosen and sponsored to go to the Netherlands for a European Football Tournament over the Easter weekend. Congratulations to Tom, Lucas, Mason, Anghel, Martin (U11 team) and Morgan and Edward (U9 team). This is an exciting opportunity to play against European teams and only 3 teams were selected to go!

Job Opportunity

St Richard's Catholic Primary School are looking for a School Business Manager.

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Juno Childcare Club Ltd is an Ofsted Registered wraparound club created with you in mind. We know how important it is to have quality childcare where you can be reassured that your children are being looked after in a safe environment and by qualified, experienced staff.

We also know how costly childcare is and that is why we are offering you a high standard of care at a great price with discounts for siblings and full week bookings.

We opened our Breakfast Club (Breakfast Buddies) in 2010 to cater to children from both Edward Bryant Primary School and St Mary's Catholic School. In late 2022, after moving the Breakfast Club over to Edward Bryant Primary School, we decided to rebrand and this is when we became Juno Childcare Club Ltd.

At Breakfast Club, your child will receive a healthy breakfast, with choices such as cereal, toast, fruit and yogurts (and, on occasion, pancakes, crumpets and croissants) and plenty of themed activities and toys to play with, to encourage growing friendships to bloom.

Contact us

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DANCE HOUSE



Well done to all of the children who performed at the Dance House event this week, you did a fantastic job!

Upcoming FSA Meetings

Wednesday 6th March - 7pm at the Waverley Pub

Friday 8th March - 8.30am at St Mary's

The aim of the meetings will be to discuss the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Disco and the Circus. We really can't run our events without you!

If you would like to join our FSA WhatsApp group please email fsa@stmarysbognor.co.uk and we will ensure that you are added to the group.