

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Spring 5 - 15th March 2024

## FROM MR EDGINGTON

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much for your support for our sponsored event day today. We are splitting the proceeds between the Red Cross working in Gaza and Chestnut Tree Hospice which cares for local children. We raised an amazing £235 and we are once again very grateful for your generosity.

On Tuesday some of our school governors were in school to monitor our provision in RE. As a Catholic school we devote 10% of our curriculum to RE and hold it as a core subject alongside maths and English. The governors took the opportunity to talk to some of the children who explained their learning and spoke about their experience of the new curriculum. The governors were delighted to have been able to spend the time in lessons and will report back their findings at our full governing body meeting next Monday evening. We are always looking to talented people to serve as governors so if you would like to become a governor, please contact our chair, Tony Lucas, via the school office.



## HOUSEPOINTS

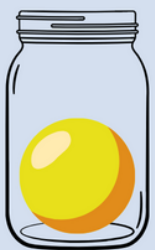
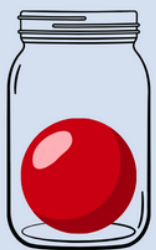


St  
Maximilian  
Kolbe

St  
Oscar  
Romero

St  
Kateri  
Tekakwitha

St  
Mother  
Teresa



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I wanted to give you an update on our progress towards joining the Bosco Catholic Academy Trust. The governors will decide on Monday evening whether to make a formal application to join the trust having consulted parents and staff. If this vote goes in favour, an application will be made to the central trust board who will then consider the school's application alongside the applications from other local Catholic schools. We will have a 'due-diligence' visit in June to evaluate standards of teaching and learning in the school and a report will be submitted to the CEO, Dave Carter. If all goes to plan and there are no issues around premises or land ownership the school should be on track to join by the end of 2024. I will keep you informed of each step in the process as it happens.

Our footballers were in action at the Felpham and Bognor Area tournament a few Saturdays ago. The played very well, despite the rain, and displayed resilience and teamwork. Sadly, our netballers were unable to compete as their part of the tournament was cancelled because of the weather. We are hoping that the netballers may have another opportunity later in the year and will let parents know when we have confirmation.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to Spirituality Week which begins next Friday. The children will be following the stations of the cross as Jesus journeys towards his death and resurrection. You would be very welcome to join us for the liturgies in the week ahead.

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

Best wishes

Mr Edgington  
Headteacher

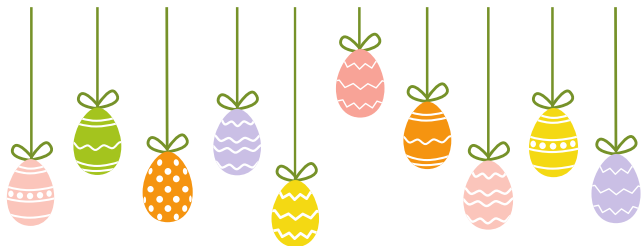
# EASTER

## scavenger hunt

Thursday 28th March 3-4pm

£2.50 per child

Children who successfully collect all the letters and find the word, will receive an Easter egg. There will also be a cake sale, teas & coffees available and a raffle!  
Tickets available on Parentmail.



## Get Into Teaching: South East event.



Portsmouth Guildhall  
Tuesday 19 March 2024  
5pm - 8pm

Teaching   
Every Lesson Shapes a Life.



# Out Of School Awards



## CLERK TO GOVERNORS VACANCY

The Governors here at St Mary's are seeking to appoint a Clerk to Governors to begin in the Summer Term 2024. This post is part time, term time only, 5 hours per week, with the need to be flexible on times.

Grade 4 £23,500 - £23,893, £12.18 - £12.38 per hour, pro rata.

Please do get in touch if you would like more information.

Coffee & Croissants  
Alpha Coffee Morning  
Wednesday 20th March  
8.30am  
St Mary's Parish Hall.



**Be Curious!**

What is the meaning of life? Why are we here?  
How can we live a good life? Why do bad things happen to good people?

If you are looking for answers to life's big questions then the Alpha course is for you, so come and find out more next Wednesday, 20th March, after drop-off.



WORLD

BOOK

DAY



**THURSDAY  
7TH MARCH  
2024**