

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Summer 3 - 24th May 2024



FROM MR EDGINGTON

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a lovely few weeks with some real highlights. The school field was packed on Sunday for the Pentecost picnic. Our beautiful new grotto was blessed with the new statue of Mary all the way from Poland. Enormous thanks to Mrs Claveria and her friends for building this wonderful grotto. Our Spirituality Garden is almost complete and we are hoping to site benched there for the children to sit for meditation and prayer. The children prayed and sang beautifully and enjoyed mixing with members of the parish. After Mass there was a chance to play on the inflatables as well as the clamber-stack. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Pentecost!



HOUSEPOINTS

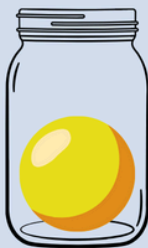
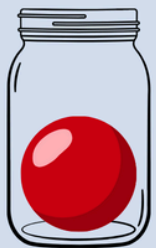


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Maximilian
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St
Oscar
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Kateri
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Mother
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Thank you to all families for making our May Procession so special this year. The children bought flowers in the playground, or brought them in from home, and then processed to church to decorate the altar. The highlight was the crowing of Mary which was carried out by two children wearing their First Holy Communion outfits. The parishioners commented on the beautiful singing and excellent behaviour and the teachers felt very proud of the children. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the patron of our school and church.

Year 1 and 2 had a visit from Sussex Underwater this week and learned all about the reef which sits just off the beach in Bognor. They saw videos of the kelp forest and how it has grown back since trawling was banned in 2021. This morning key stage one walked to the beach to collect evidence of sea life. They were very lucky with the weather and were able to experience the beach at very low tide. Thank you to all our helpers who joined us.

Our Year 6 children have now completed their Sats and are hard at work on their production. They had an excellent attitude to Sats and enjoyed the wonderful breakfasts provided by the FSA. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for giving up their time and energy!

Don't forget that the school is closed on Monday 3 June for staff training. The children return on Tuesday 4th June.

Have a wonderful half-term break and see you in a week or so.

Best wishes

Mr Edgington
Headteacher

POSITIVE PARENTING – UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR

DON'T MISS OUT!

**Tuesday 11th, 18th & 25th June
8.40 - 9.40 am**

OPPORTUNITY!

Our Dedicated Schools Team link worker, Chloe Watkins, will be coming in to school to deliver this course over 3 weeks. It is available to anyone who would like a little support in understanding their child's behaviour.

Being a parent can be difficult!

Children don't come with manuals, and it is ok that sometimes on our parenting journeys we ask for a little help to know how to do the best for our children. We are here to listen and offer a space to reflect, where we can think together about what is behind the behaviour that you see in your child and allow time for you to think about what might help.

Please contact the school office to sign up

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The FSA will be there with cold drinks as well as food stalls and snacks for everyone before the event from 4pm.



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

Monday 3rd June - Inset day, School Closed

Wednesday 5th June - CIRCUS!!

Friday 7th June - Year 5/6 Quad Kids at The Arena

Friday 7th June - Beach Class Forest School

Tuesday 11th June - Year 3/4 Jaws and Claws visit

Friday 14th June - Hotham and Regis class Mass at OLOS

Friday 14th June - Blake Class Forest School



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