

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Spring 3 - 28th February 2025

FROM MRS COLE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term and enjoyed the extra long break with the INSET days. It's been a good start to the half term in school; this week we welcomed Alison Wright from Accept, Listen, Learn for workshops in every class. Alison lives locally and her workshops help children to understand and accept differences, think about how it feels to be different and not to be scared of those around us with disabilities. Children had great fun trying to draw with their feet- quite a skill for most of us!

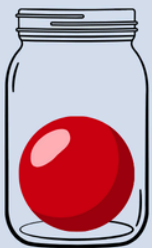
The Yr5/6 Dance Club performed 'Unwritten' at Dance House at Worthing Pavilion on Wednesday evening- they were fantastic and we were all very proud of them. They will be performing again at the SPH Dance Festival in a few weeks time. A huge thank you to Mrs Lauder and Mrs Jeffries for running Dance Club this year and enabling the children to have the opportunity to perform on stage.



HOUSEPOINTS



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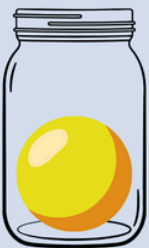
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This Saturday is the Felpham and Bognor schools Netball and Football tournament. Good luck to the teams taking part and a huge thank you also to Mr Eyres, Miss Wing and Mr Plymen for running the football and netball clubs this year.

Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday on 5th March, details of how we prepare ourselves for Easter during Lent will be sent home early next week, but please do join KS2 for Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows at 10am if you can (and let us know if you can walk with us). EYFS and KS1 have their own liturgy in school on Wednesday afternoon where they will have the opportunity to receive ashes on their forehead.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cole

This past Christmas season, the Knights of St. Columba held a Christmas poster competition which was won by Yasmin in Wheatland class. Her winning design graced the doors of the Church from the first Sunday of Advent, symbolizing the warm welcome and unity of our community. To celebrate Yasmine's artistic achievement, she received an art craft box and a certificate signed by Nick Moyart the Grand Knight. The Knights of St. Columba and the Our Lady of Sorrow's Church initiative not only celebrated Yasmine's talent but also fostered a sense of togetherness and shared celebration.



In the week before half term, we had a visit from Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice, who spoke to us in assembly about the wonderful work they do.

The St Mother Teresa house captains then presented them with a cheque for their winning house donation as part of our Catholic social teaching in paying their hard work forward.

**DEDICATED
SCHOOLS TEAM**

SEND Coffee Morning

**FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

08:30 AM - TUESDAY 4TH MARCH

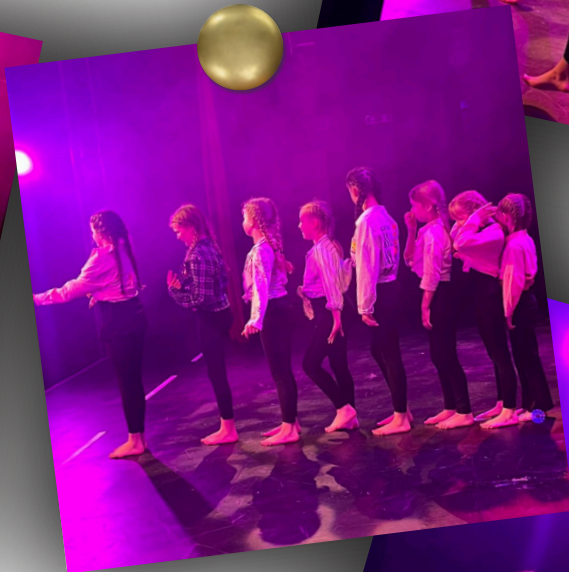
IN THE PARISH HALL

Our Dedicated Schools link workers will be hosting a coffee morning to share resources from their SEND toy library and to talk about the local SEND offer.

Dance House

I really enjoyed dance house because we all worked really hard on doing it and I really like dance, but now it is finished. We did our dance to the song 'Unwritten' and I had my own solo type thing and it was really fun. it kind of felt like I was on TV!

- Maddie, Wheatland Class



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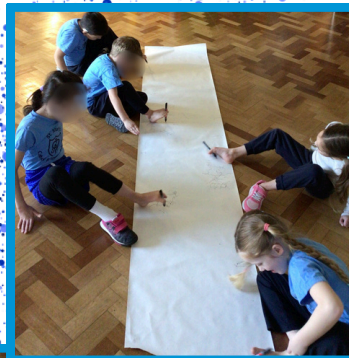
LITTLE RED BOXES

Today the Faith Leaders led an assembly about Mission Together and raising money to support this year's campaign 'Together in Cameroon'. Please ask your children about it!

Please keep your Little Red box at home until after Easter and encourage your children to put in small amounts of money instead of spending it on sweets etc. Mission Together is one of Pope Francis's official charities and is all about children helping children.



Alison Wright visit



FUTURE FLYERS

Yesterday, some sporty students went to a sport event called Future Flyers which took place at The Arena. my favourite activity was boxing since its a good way of relieving stress. I also enjoyed it because you never know when you might have to defend yourself.

-Ted, Regis Class

My favourite thing was Spikeball because you got to have a ball and you spike it on a net and it went back to a different person. We also demonstrated as we played the game before (we were the favourites).

In boxing, we learnt the proper stance along with where to put your hands. We also got to jab at the boxing bag with really sweaty gloves.

When we played ultimate frisbee we learnt to throw in various ways such as over our head, inside wrist flick and the normal back hand way of throwing which gives an incredible curl.

- Zac, Regis Class