

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Spring 4 - 14th March 2025

FROM MRS COLE

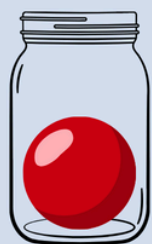
Yesterday the school took to their feet to take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk! As part of our Jubilee journey, we walked as Pilgrims of Hope, we walked in solidarity and we walked to raise money to end global poverty. Thank you to everyone for your efforts to collect sponsors, we have raised £518.90 so far. This money will make a big difference to our global neighbours in other parts of the world, as seen by the children in assembly yesterday. Linking with the Jubilee Year we are also delighted to have our very own Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Bear, all the way from the Vatican. Faith Leaders have chosen some possible names for him and classes will be voting for their favourite next week.



HOUSEPOINTS



St
Maximilian
Kolbe



604

St
Oscar
Romero



578

St
Kateri
Tekakwitha



580

St
Mother
Teresa



608

It's been a great fortnight for sporting events at St Mary's. We were very proud of both netball teams and the football team during the FAB Saturday tournament, the football team came joint third after making it to the semi-finals, and our netball B team also came third in their tournament. Following that, swimmers from Yr5 and 6 attended the Swimming Gala for the Bognor and Chichester areas, winning 4 gold medals, a number of silver medals and a bronze. The boys came 3rd out of 16 schools. An incredible achievement, we are super proud! We were very pleased to welcome Oliver (Blake Class) and his family to St Mary's at the start of this half-term. Next week we will welcome Cody (Beach Class) and his family to our school community.

For those of you who are concerned about your child's smartphone use, now or in the future, there is a great website called Smartphone Free Childhood. I will be sharing more about this in the coming weeks and months as it is such an important topic. Yesterday they hit 100,000 parents signing their pact to delay giving their child a smartphone, including well-known celebrities such as Joe Wicks, Paloma Faith and Emma Willis to name a few. Fantastic Finishes and music performances are coming up in the next fortnight so please check the dates list carefully and come along if you can. It means a lot to the children to have you there, and gives an important message to them about how much you value their education. We are hoping that with spring well and truly on it's way winter viruses will start to lessen. Please do all you can to bring your children to school unless they are far too unwell to be here. We will always send them home if they are not up to it. Spirituality Week is only a fortnight away....information will be sent home early next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cole



Congratulations to Julia, Leonora and Gemma-Lily who won the Henry Adams World Book Day competition. Their prizes were awarded in assembly this morning.



Congratulations to our swimmers!



SPONSORED WALK



BABY NEWS!

We are delighted that Mrs Golledge is expecting a baby in the summer. She is hoping to be with us up until the end of the summer term-we hope so too!