



Our school is a friendly and vibrant community, where all of God's children flourish and gain the knowledge, wisdom and skills needed to care about themselves, their community and their world.

Friday 6th October 2023

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in the life of the school but we have been blessed by this golden, autumnal sun, allowing all the wonderful activities like Forest School, PE, outdoor play and lunchtime football and basketball to go ahead.

It has also been brilliant to hear the Young Voices Choir getting 'In the Mood' as they rehearse their Glenn Miller song, among others, ready for the O2.

All sorts of wonderful clubs are now taking place at lunch times and there's an excited buzz in the dinner hall at lunch times as children share funny stories and enjoy time with their friends as they eat together.

I have had the privilege of showing a number of visitors around the school this week and they all remark on what a calm and friendly environment it is. Any child that visits the school immediately falls in love with our 3 chickens - and everyone comments on how much space we have and how lucky we are.

St Mary's is a wonderful place to be and the teachers are working really hard to make the learning fun and to make it stick. It's also been fantastic to pop in on Years 1 and 2 as the children learn all about caring for their planet and making the world a better place.

Our theme in worship this week has been resilience and after a bouncing back competition, we heard how people like Albert Einstein, Nelson Mandela, J K Rowling and Michael Jordan had to overcome some really big rejections before they reached success. The children have responded brilliantly to this and all around the school, children are not giving up on their Maths Challenges, Longer Writing Tasks or swimming that extra length. I am so proud of them all, as I know you are. Let's hope we continue to see some of that resilience in our own Rugby team this weekend in the World Cup!

See you all on Monday.

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God

Thank for this wonderful life and this school.
May God bless you every day of your life.
May the Holy Spirit be with you and bless you.
Please bless the whole world, even the homeless.

Amen

Mary-Jane (Year 6)

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER



ON THE 11TH OCTOBER, WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR FIRST UNIFORM SWAP SHOP. IT WILL BE AFTER SCHOOL IN THE KS2 HALL FROM 3:15 UNTIL 4PM. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COME AND VIEW ALL THE PRE-LOVED UNIFORM THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE AND TAKE WHAT YOU NEED. WE ARE NOT GOING TO CHARGE FOR THESE ITEMS BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE SCHOOL, YOU CAN.

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNIFORM THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED, THAT IS IN GOOD CONDITION THEN PLEASE BRING IT INTO SCHOOL.

WE WILL HAVE COLLECTION BINS OUT NEXT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY - 28TH AND 29TH SEPTEMBER - AND ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY AND TUESDAY - 2ND AND 3RD OCTOBER.

WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPEAT THIS EVENT DURING THE YEAR.



Wear it, love it, share it!

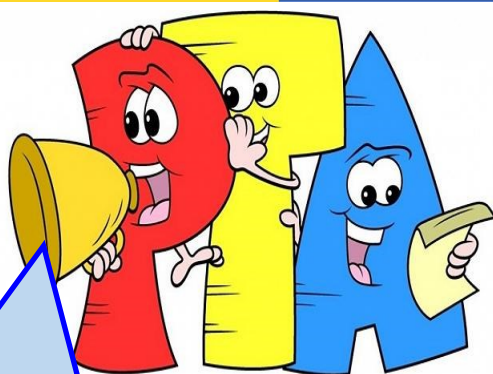


The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 19th October to take individual photos of the children. Further details to follow.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evenings are on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October.

Details on how to book an appointment will be sent out shortly.



Calling All Parents and Carers

We would like to invite you to be part of the PTFA this year, in whatever capacity you can. We shall be running a series of events and would love to have you come along and help us run them. Please don't feel you have to help out at everything, as we know how busy life can be. But if you could spare a couple of hours occasionally to help out, please contact the PTA using this email address:

pta@st-marys-folkestone.kent.sch.uk

Thank you.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

It's that time of year again when we celebrate Harvest and remember to be thankful for all that we have. Next week, we will be collecting food donations for the Rainbow Centre in Folkestone who run a Food Bank. If you would like to contribute to this, please can you place items in the collection containers in the school grounds, alternatively the children can take their items straight into class.

Currently, the Rainbow Centre is in urgent need of meals in a tin, tinned tomatoes, fruit juice, UHT milk, spreads, tinned meat, tinned fish, cooking sauces, snacks, gluten-free foods, ketchup, mayonnaise and BBQ sauce.

They currently have a surplus of baked beans and pasta, but would be grateful for tinned tomatoes, instant noodles and pasta in sauce as an alternative.

All contributions soon add up and make a huge difference to us being able to help those who are struggling to buy food at this time.

Thank you as always.

