



**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 12th April 2024**  
**Headteacher's Update**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a lovely Easter break! I trust you had some great family time together.

So, we started the week with a Worship time all about Reunions and it was so good to be back together again. I'm not sure what you've been feeding the children on over Easter but some of them have grown in just 10 days! Perhaps it was all that chocolate?

Anyway, it has been straight back into some lovely learning and the children have been so settled. It has been wonderful to welcome Mrs. Laslett into the team as she returns to Year 4 and it has been great to have some wonderful Forest School sessions. I want to particularly thank Terry, one of our community, who has kindly been building some things for the Forest School, including a mud kitchen and a little house for the children to play in; he is currently creating some boxes we can grow herbs in and some others, to plant some climbers which will embellish the site. He is a blessing to us.

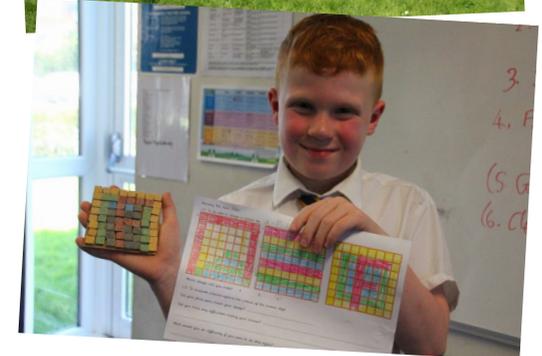
Year 3 had a wonderful time on Monday when they started their topic on the Romans. Their costumes were wonderful and during their day of fun, I had the pleasure of seeing some of the fantastic mosaics they created. And then, the Year 5's started their new topic of the Greeks, which they are loving and finding the lessons really engaging. Thank you to all the staff for making these learning experiences so much fun.

On Wednesday, we had a very special visitor to the school – Mrs. Rebecca Swansbury, who is the Deputy Director of Education for The Diocese of Canterbury. It was with a lot of pride that I showed her around the school and introduced her to all the children. She was thrilled to be with us and join us in Worship, as we discovered ways of turning challenging days into amazing ones! She then visited the classes, talked to lots of children and looked at their books. She loves our school vision: to enable God's children to flourish like lilies (linked to our school logo) and was impressed with how friendly and open everybody was. She commented on how inclusive we are and how we treat everyone with so much kindness.

And so, we come to the end of our first week back. There are so many lovely things being organised for the children in the coming weeks and with the longer hours of sunshine, warmer days and increasingly exciting learning opportunities, we are set for another great term ahead.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amanda



**Prayer of the Week**

Dear God,  
Thank you for letting us all have food and shelter. Thank you for school and that we can get a good education.  
Please help people who don't have food and don't have a shelter.

Amen  
Ellie Yr5



**Can you help us?**

If you have any pre-loved, good condition waterproofs that your child has grown out of, we would love to have them for use in our Forest School.

We are looking for puddle suits, waterproof coats and trousers. The ones we have are being used daily at the moment and are wearing out.

Thank you in advance.

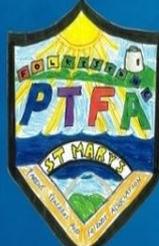
## Reading Volunteers

We are looking for Parents/Carers to come in to school to support the children in developing their reading skills.

Listening to a child read is important for many reasons and plays a crucial role in their overall literacy development.

If you have some time to spare and would like to help, please contact the class teacher or speak to Mrs. Harrison.

Thank you

# ST MARY'S SUMMER FAYRE

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The School Summer Fayre raises funds to purchase school equipment and help finance educational visits. This year, the PTFA's goal is to provide transport for a whole school trip.

The PTFA are seeking prizes that would be suitable for the Summer Fayre Raffle to help raise funds.

If you, or perhaps a local business that you may know of, are able to donate a prize, we would be extremely grateful.

Please can we ask that any prizes are taken to the school office or contact the PTFA to arrange collection.

For any further information please contact the PTFA at the email address below  
[pta@st-marys-folkestone.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-marys-folkestone.kent.sch.uk)




# UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Thursday 18th April  
2:45 - 3:30  
KS2 Junior Hall

**Wear it, love it, share it!**

