



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 19th April 2024
Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have been so settled this week and have had a fantastic balance of work, fun and play. A Learning Walk on Writing demonstrated some incredible examples of progress in children's ability to structure and create wonderful stories, letters, instructions and poems. Mrs Coull and I saw so much creativity around the school and so many wonderful ideas put to paper. What was equally pleasing was to see the pride children were taking in their work, as pen licences were awarded and children proudly showed us their books.

As I walked along the corridor, I heard some distant sounds of the song 'Electric Avenue' and was thrilled to observe Year 4 on their Ukuleles sounding so good and playing so rhythmically and accurately together. They are growing in skill and musical understanding and the better they get, the more confident they get and the more they enjoy playing.

Speaking of music, we had the most incredible afternoon on Tuesday when we had our Playground Prom! It was absolutely magnificent and incredibly entertaining. Who'd have thought that classical music could be so much fun? So, four brilliant and very talented musicians, playing 2 violins, a viola and a double bass, took us on a magical mystery ride through Brahms, Beethoven and Mozart, to name but a few, while dancing, prancing, twerking and wearing tutus! I've never seen or heard anything like it – but it was totally brilliant and the children were enthralled. The children had written a verse to an anthem calling us to love the earth and care for our planet and we had the privilege of performing it to the composer of the music. She loved it and it was a very special moment in the life of the school. A big 'Thank You' to Mrs Cotter for organising this but also to Mr Warner for his enthusiastic rendition of a sea shanty – a performance I will never forget!

And finally, we have been in the midst of royalty this week as the Year 2s have paraded in their glorious crowns, celebrating their topic of Kings and Queens and as one of the children walked past me, they asked, when was a King like a piece of wood? I said I didn't know and they replied, 'When they're a ruler!'

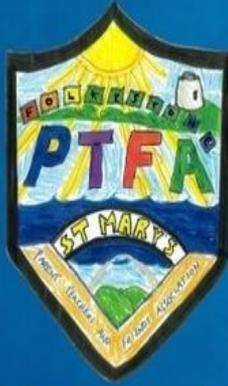
Have a fantastic weekend,

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for the world and for all the buildings and the houses. Thank you for food and for our clothes. Thank you for all the love in the world and for the love we feel.
Amen



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



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