



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 1st March 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wonder whether you, like us, sometimes hear the phrase, 'It's not fair!' from one of your children? Well, all week, we have been considering the concept of fairness and have been exploring what that looks like. Alongside this, we have been looking at Fair Trade – so you might find your child looking for the logo on some of the products in the supermarkets. As Easter approaches and shelves get filled with mini eggs, we were all delighted to discover that Cadbury's is one of many companies that support Fair Trade – and that is the only reason why I buy chocolate in lorry-loads!

I was lucky enough to pop in on the PTFA meeting this week and to hear of some of the lovely things that are being planned for the children. I am so grateful to all the parents who support the PTFA, no matter how big or how small the contribution. You all make such wonderful and lasting memories for the children and really do enrich the curriculum with the activities and equipment that you provide for them.

Speaking of enriching the curriculum, the Year 6 children had a great time at The Battle of Britain Memorial on Tuesday; this is a monument to aircrew who flew in the Battle of Britain and it's sited on the White Cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne. The sun shone on the boys and girls as they had a tour of the planes, met Bob the dog, enjoyed a virtual flight and dressed up in pilot gear and World War Two uniforms.

We also wanted to let you know that once again, St Mary's has participated in the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch, which takes place every year in January and February. During some of the Forest School sessions, the children have been identifying a variety of birds, making bird feeders and using binoculars to make a record of the birds they've seen. This has been a great way to encourage a wider understanding of 'Life on Land' and the relevance of 'Climate Change' - just 2 of our Sustainable Development Goals. We are so grateful to Mrs Judd and all the staff that help to make these sessions happen as the children absolutely love them.

Have a great weekend,

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for all the people that make us happy. Thank you for the smiles they give and please look after our Mummies.

Amen

Year 2 child (From Worship today)

