



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 23rd February 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so, Term 4 begins – and it began with a very special moment when we had our Ash Wednesday service with the Reverend Gill; she helped the children understand the tradition of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. It was a time to be reminded of how loved the children are and how important they are.

Then, some wonderfully magical moments happened in class. Year 1 designed floats for a parade and Year R made some delicious smoothies. One of our very compassionate children kindly donated some of his cars to Forest School after hearing that several had gone missing and Christmas came to Year 1 when they received some big boxes of goodies. The children had been trying to find ways to support child refugees who had to leave their homes and start school in another country and so they wrote letters to stationery companies all over the country, asking for donations of pens, paper and other resources. Well, this week, the donations arrived and the children were absolutely thrilled.

I have shown some more visitors around the school who have all commented on how delightful the children are; they were impressed by their kindness and friendliness – but also by how focused and calm and settled they were in class. I am so proud of each and every one of them and also so proud of my staff.

On the last Friday of term, we had an amazing Staff Training session with the other schools in our FESI group on how to adapt the learning for children with different needs – and different attention spans! We have all returned to school energised, inspired and equipped to try out a variety of strategies that make learning fun and make learning stick. I am so grateful for this brilliant, teachable and hard-working staff who put so much time and effort into the learning and make school such a great place to be. In a recent pupil survey, 93% of KS1 children said they were happy at school and enjoyed learning new things and 90% of KS2 children said the teachers help them to improve their learning.

We now look forward to longer days, shorter nights, warmer temperatures and flowers blossoming all around us.

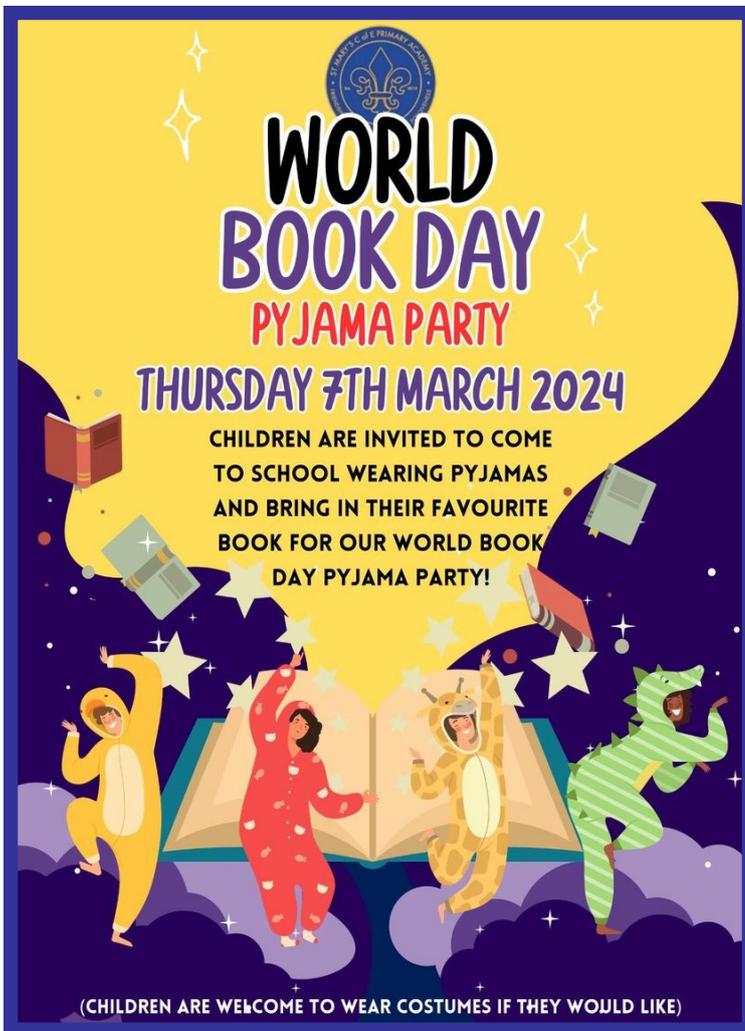
Have time to breathe it all in over the weekend, and enjoy those short bursts of sunshine on your face as you start to feel its warmth.

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for family, food, water and our life.
Thank you for all the clubs we have and the people who run them. Thank you for all the people who help the world to be saved.
Please take care of the homeless and give them a home.
Please help people who are making the wrong choices.
Amen
Arthur and Jack Year 4



Huge Congratulations to our PTFA Logo Competition winner.
Well done to everyone that took part.

School Term Dates 2023/2024	
Term 4	
Start of Term 4	Monday 19 th February
End of Term 4	Wednesday 27 th March
Staff Development Day	Thursday 28 th March
Term 5	
Start of Term 5	Monday 8 th April
End of Term 5	Friday 24 th May
Term 6	
Start of Term 6	Monday 10 th June
End of Term 6	Friday 19 th July
Staff Development Day	Monday 22 nd July
Staff Development Day	Tuesday 23 rd July

