



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.

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful time this week, preparing for Easter. On Monday, the children were put into mixed age groups and did a variety of activities – some in different classrooms around the school and some at Harbour Church. We are so grateful to the team at the church for their generosity, hospitality and kindness. The children had a wonderful time and the teachers asked if they could have days like this more often!

There have been several Easter Bunnies around the school dropping off anonymous gifts of chocolate and children are confessing to having eaten some of their Easter Eggs already! Easter songs can be heard ringing out from the classrooms and we have received some incredible Easter Egg entries for the PTFA competition. The children have been so creative and imaginative; one of my favourite entries was an entire Egg-cellent School Classroom with Mrs Omelette replacing me as the Head Teacher and Egg Sheeran being a notably well-behaved pupil. Nice to see him taking his education seriously rather than Sheeran sheep on a farm all day.

The Term was finished beautifully by the Year 3 children leading the Easter Service, ably assisted by the Year 4 children as their chorus. The children did a magnificent job and it was so lovely to see so many parents and carers attending. Thank you again for the wonderful support you give your child – and our school; we are so grateful.

And so, Term 3 comes to an end and we can celebrate all the amazing learning that has gone on across the school. The children have worked so hard and are making lovely progress and we prepare for next term's SATs, Tables Checks and the Phonic Screener. Do please keep the reading up over the next 10 days with your child and don't forget to return to school on Monday, April 8th so that we can enjoy that blissful extra week's holiday in June when the sun always shines!

Have a wonderful Easter everyone and see you in Term 5!

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for the sunshine, for the food on our plates and the joy in our hearts. Thank you for nature and for life. Thank you for football and for sport and for Easter. Thank you for Fortnite and for Spotify.

Please stop all the wars and help the people in Africa who need your help - and prevent world hunger.

Amen

Ronnie, Max and Ethan

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

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



CYCLING AROUND THE WORLD FOR GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL



Hi, my name is Jacob Zintel-Warner and on the 5th of April, I will be starting an around the world cycle trip to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. This trip will take me over 18,000 miles, starting and finishing in London at the hospital. With your support, I hope to raise £20,000 to help this amazing organisation that helps so many children from around the world.

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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.

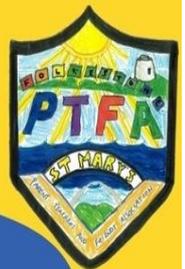
If you, or perhaps a local business that you may know of, are able to donate a prize, we would be extremely grateful.

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



UNIFORM SWAP SHOP



The PTFA will be holding a Uniform Swap Shop on Thursday 18th April.

Further details to follow.

If you have any uniform in good condition that you would like to donate to the Swap Shop, please can we ask you to bring it in to school after the Easter Holiday.

Thank you



Wear it, love it, share it!