



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 23

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all had a lovely first week back with all the children, here at St Marys. We have been thoroughly impressed by the children, their positive attitudes and the way in which they have adjusted to school life once more. It has been lovely to welcome back so many smiling faces each morning and we really hope everyone has enjoyed their first week back.

Today was World Book Day in school and it was wonderful to welcome in a wide and varied range of book characters. Children enjoyed spending the day taking part in activities related to their favourite books and making their very own books. Each child should have come home with a book voucher which can be used to purchase a new book.



Pippin Class

This week in Pippin class we have been really focusing on coming back to school and the children have settled in beautifully. We have discussed how we can be good members of the class, which has linked well with our collective worship sessions. We have created a tree of kindness this week and all the children have come up with some brilliant ideas about how we can show kindness. Year 1 and 2 have produced some amazing persuasive work in their English lessons. The Reception book of the week is "Oi, get off our bus!" and this focus has been clearly seen within their independent learning time, with the children creating the most fantastic structures in both the inside and outside construction areas. As a little treat for coming back to school so well, the children had some time outside with bubbles which they really enjoyed, as you can see!



Reading: Please can you write in your child's reading book every time you read with them and make sure they have this in school every day. We change reading books every week, but without having complete sets back in school this can be difficult. Please can you have a look around at home and see if there are any of our school reading books at home. Thank you.

Positive Relationships and Behaviour

This week in school, we have reinforced with the children our Positive Relationships and Behaviour code which reinforces the following:

At St Marys we... Aim High

Show Respect

Make a Difference

Each week, we really want to recognise the children that we feel have had a 'golden week' and we will award 'golden apples' to these children. Congratulations to Abraham, Marley, Danica and Agnes who have received the first set of golden apples this week. Each week the golden apples will be taken home and a second apple will be added to our 'Living, Learning and Growing Together' tree in the hall.

PFA

A huge thank you to the PFA who have kindly purchased a version of One Hundred Steps: The Story of Captain Sir Tom Moore for each family. We really wanted each child to own one of these books as a reminder of his outstanding work and service during the COVID pandemic. We have shared this book with children this week and have enjoyed discussing some of his inspirational, wise and hopeful words. We hope this book will be enjoyed in families and reinforce some positive messages to the children now and in the future.

"We will get through it in the end but it might take time, but at the end of the day we shall all be OK again... the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away"

- Captain Sir Tom speaking about the coronavirus pandemic in April 2020.

Pupil Premium

We have been asked to remind families that they may be entitled to Pupil Premium, which enables you to claim free school meals for your children and also means the school receives an additional payment. If your financial circumstances have changed due to the current situation, you can easily check to see if you qualify via the following link: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx> Please let us know if you would like any further information about Pupil Premium.

Finally, we wanted to share with you that this week we have had 100% attendance which we are thrilled about. We have also been really impressed at everyone's punctuality in the mornings so please keep up the good work!

Best wishes to you all,

Miss Smith

Head of School