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Attendance Update

For period 8th May—25th May

Whole School Attendance: 95.5%

Class with highest attendance: **Year 2 = 96.5%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year R = 94.8%**

September Staffing

Following my message to you in our last newsletter, I am delighted to be able to inform you that my maternity leave cover arrangements have now been confirmed. From September, Mrs Alison MacDonald will be seconded by The Saint's Way Multi-Academy Trust to take on the role of Headteacher during my period of leave. Alison is an experienced school leader and is currently in post as 'Head of School' at St. Mabyn C of E Primary School. Furthermore, Mrs Maria Anderson, Headteacher of St. Paul's Catholic Primary School (Plymouth CAST), will also be working closely with the school as we continue our school improvement at St. Mary's.

Mrs A McGovern

Zoo Lab

Pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two were lucky enough to take part in a 'Sense and Texture' workshop run by Zoolab. The children had a hands on experience and met a giant African land snail, a giant millipede, a snake, an emperor scorpion and two mice named Frankie and Benny. The children learnt how each of these animals use their eyes and ears to see and hear the world around them. The workshop was provided free of charge by Specsavers to encourage children to look after their own eyes and ears!



Reception parents came into class over two afternoons to share in their children's learning. Parents and children worked together to construct a model of a minibeast and then decorated them. The children were very proud of their models and we have made a super display with them.



Dates for your diary

Inset Day: Fri 26th May, school closed.

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Fri 2nd June

Mass Dates: In school at 2.40pm – all welcome!

Weds 21st June –St Peter & St Paul, Year 5

Weds 5th July—Sacred Heart of Jesus, Yr 1

Weds 26th July—Leavers' Mass, Yr 6

Sunday Mass in Church at 10.30am- all families welcome.

Friends of School

Thank you to everyone for Supporting Bag 2 School again, we made a massive **£216!**



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Non-uniform day on 25th also raised **£223.50**
- All money raised will go towards resources to help your children in school.

Many thanks

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Football Tournament



St Mary's football team, which included 20 players from years 3, 4, 5 and 6, were delighted to welcome Robartes ACE Academy for a game on Tuesday. The game started in frantic fashion with Robartes attacking strongly. Despite St Mary's defending excellently throughout, the away team scored three good goals before half-time. The second half was a different game with St Mary's having numerous chances to score. However, they faced a determined goalkeeper who made many fine saves. Eventually, St Mary's got the goal that they deserved. Robartes won 3-1. Every player played one half of football and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. We look forward to the return game at Robartes next term.



Sports Days

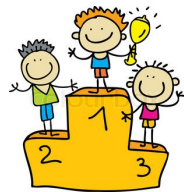
Key Stage 1 -

Monday 19th June pm (back up date Tuesday 20th June)

Key Stage 2 - Monday 26th June pm (back up date Friday 30th June).

Nursery - Thursday 22nd June AM session and PM session (back up date Friday 23rd June).

More info to follow in next newsletter



Lobster Hatchery Visit to Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed a free outreach visit from the National Lobster Hatchery, Padstow. The children learnt all about the life cycle of a lobster. Our thanks go to the National Lobster Hatchery for this wonderful experience at no cost to us.



Year 6 Residential next September

Gentle reminder that full payment for the London Residential needs to be paid by 15th September 17 - It's not too late to join us if your child didn't sign up!



Headteacher's special mention :

Awarded to Rhiannon in Year 6 for having her hair cut off and donating it to charity!