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### Attendance Update

For period 18<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Whole School Attendance: 95.4%**

Class with highest attendance: **Year 6 = 96.9%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year R = 93.3%**

### September Staffing

Many parents and carers have been asking who will be teaching their child from September. This is something that parents, children and teachers alike are always keen to know! Staffing for any new school year cannot be confirmed until the last week in June at the very earliest. For recruitment reasons, this can be delayed until early July. Please be assured that I will share the staffing for September with staff, parents and children as soon as I possibly can.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity in letting you know that I will be returning to school in September for a short period only before taking leave to have a baby. My husband and I are expecting an arrival from Baby McGovern in early October. Please be assured that myself, governors and leaders within Plymouth CAST are working hard to ensure the position of Headteacher be suitably recruited for my maternity leave. We will keep you informed of any further news as and when we can. Mrs McGovern



### Year 3

We had a visitor named Daya, who came and spoke about Sikhism. We completed role play activities and did some cooking. The children really enjoyed this workshop and found it extremely informative. Daya also worked with Year 5 pupils.

### Dates for your diary

**KS2 SATs Week:** Next Mon 8<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> May

**Inset Day:** Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May, school closed.

**Half Term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May—Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> June –St Peter & St Paul, Year 5

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July—Sacred Heart of Jesus, Yr 1

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> July—Leavers' Mass, Yr 6

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

### **Bag 2 School**

Please bring in your bags by 9am Weds 17<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting good quality adults' and

Children's clothing, shoes, hats,

Belts, handbags, ties and

Soft toys.

No beddings, curtains, towels

Household linen or bric-a-brac.

Thank you—Friends of School



[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)

**St. Mary's Catholic Primary School**

# After School Clubs



Potting and planting in Gardening Club



Beanbag Word Challenge and Sumo Word Association in Active Literacy and Maths.



"Wide Games gets you active while having fun. Catch the Flag is a great team game" says Michael

**Daily Mile** - Next week marks the start of the reintroduction of The Daily Mile. From Monday 8th May the children can join with friends to walk, jog or run a mile each day around the school field! We have been inspired by the children and staff at St. Ninian's Primary School, Stirling in Scotland. They have found that the mile has helped them improve their fitness, behaviour and concentration. We will be logging the distances that the children run and once they have run 26 miles (a marathon) their achievement will be celebrated in school with the presentation of a medal. We are all very excited about improving our fitness over the summer term.



## Children's University Graduation



On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 12 children from St Mary's attended the Children's University graduation at Penryn College. These 13 children have all received a gold certificate for extra-curricular learning, ranging from 100 hours to 300 hours! Children have taken part in a range of activities from after school clubs to Beavers, visits to museums and beach cleans.

Keep collecting those hours as I will be collecting passports in for counting of hours

w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> May with certificates awarded after half term.

Isla in Year 3 attended the graduation ceremony at Plymouth University and spoke to the audience about how she has collected the massive 365 hours of extra-curricular learning she has completed. Well done everyone! If you would like to know more about this scheme, please see me or ask in the office. Thank you, Mrs McNulty (Year 1)



### Headteacher's special mention :

Year 6 for the hard work and resilience shown in preparation for SATs next week.