

Headteacher's News

It is wonderful to see the daffodils and the primroses appearing, it's a definite sign that spring and summer are on their way.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents who have responded to the parent survey. We had some very good responses, the results of which are attached to this newsletter. We always welcome new ideas to improve our school, so please do let me know. We have also agreed our INSET days for next year; they will be more spread out over the year to accommodate our training needs. The Summer term will be a busy term; Key Stage 2 SATs take place in the week 13th –17th May and our Key Stage 1 pupils tests and tasks will take place from the 16th until 24th May. Please ensure your child attends school during these dates as these tests are statutory. Year 6 and Year 2 are very well prepared and we wish them all the luck in the world. I am sure they will do their teachers, their school and their parents proud. Mrs McDonald

Staff Changes

After many years of being part of our school family we say goodbye to Paul Beards, our Site Manager of 9 years and Lesa Potts, our Senior Administrator of 10 years. We wish them all the very best for their future and they will be greatly missed by us all.

Mr Adrian Kutassy has been appointed as Caretaker to replace Paul and Mrs Susie Farmer will be stepping up to be our School Administrator. Mrs Jemma Andrews will be replacing Susie as Administrative Assistant. The Office will be covered from 8am—4pm daily but there will be times that only one member of staff is on duty so please be patient and try to minimise calls by checking the school website as much as possible. We also welcome back Mrs Langton, our Year 3 teacher, who is returning from maternity leave and say goodbye to Mrs Ruddick who has been covering in Year 3 while Mrs Langton was away. We wish Mrs Ruddick good luck for the future.

We are also pleased to inform you that the governors have appointed Mr Tim Moran to take over from Mrs Lucy Draycott next year as Deputy Head. He has a wealth of experience and is very excited to be joining us as our new deputy. Mrs Draycott will be returning to St Mary's School in Falmouth from next September. We have really enjoyed working with her and we shall miss her so very much.



Music Assembly

Our musicians held a school assembly showing all they have been learning over the year. They gave an impressive performance. Well done and thanks to Tom & Ross, their drum & guitar tutors.



Fundraising Thank you for supporting the Book Fair, £273.18 will be given to the school in books and resources. Red Nose Day also raised £183.39. A huge thank you for your continued generosity.

Barnecutt's Bakery

On Wednesday Reception children visited Barnecutt's in town, where they had a Gingerbread Man and drinks.

Our topic this half term has been traditional tales, and this week has been the gingerbread man. We wanted



Washing of feet

As part of Holy Week, Mrs Morse has bathed the children's feet to symbolise when Jesus bathed the feet of the disciples at the last supper.





FUN TENNIS SESSION FOR GIRLS AGED 5 to 10 YEARS OLD
WEDNESDAY 10th & 17th APRIL 1pm – 2pm
£5.00 per session
SIGN UP NOW!

Jackie & Karen have been trained at Judy Murray's She Rallies workshop to run this GIRLS FUN SESSION. No membership required. Booking is advisable. All equipment is provided, just come in comfortable clothes and remember your drink.

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Bodmin Leisure Centre
 Loshweth Road
 Bodmin
 PL31 1DE
 Tel: 01208 757115
Jacqueline.lever@gpc.org



Rainforest Ranger Workshop



Year 3 went to the Eden Project to learn more about how Rainforest Rangers protect the rainforest environment. We then explored the rainforest biome to get a real feel of what it would be like working in a rainforest!



School of Joy

- Year 6 pupils got creative to make money for the School of Joy. They painted stones, made cards and book-marks to raise money for orphaned and adopted children in Bethlehem. The Parish Centre also did a cake sale. Between us we raised £ 304.17 Well done to you all.



Attendance -

Whole school to date: **96.3%**

Classes with highest attendance:

22nd Mar —Yr 3 = 98.8%

8th Mar—Yr 4 = 99.7%



Please remember—Term time holidays cannot be authorised. Parents taking their children on holiday in school time may be subject to fines.

Parent Governor

The governors of St Mary's School wish to find a parent governor who can contribute to the life of the school. If you feel you can support us with making a difference to our school please do let us know. You can email: head@st-marvs-



Mass

School Masses are continuing to be held in St Mary's Church. Please find dates and time below—everyone is welcome to join us!

Mass in Church at 10.30am