



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum”

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## YEAR SIX FUNDRAISING

Congratulations to Year Six who have made a really terrific start to their fundraising for the Big Top. This week's Cake Sale raised over £280. I don't know who made the lemon drizzle cake but it was absolutely delicious – thank you!



## CONGRATULATIONS

Three Vine Leaves have been awarded in the last couple of weeks. Lydia K and Daniel V have both earned Vine Leaves for showing Friendship and Service whilst on the Year Five visit to Lodge Hill and Tilly H has been awarded one for so clearly and consistently showing that a true friend always looks out for other people.



## ST MARY'S CHOIR VISIT TO THE O2 ARENA

Firstly a very big thank you to Mr Rogers for preparing the children for this hugely memorable occasion, to Mrs Lees for taking care of all the coaches and ticket bookings, to Mrs Copus who did all the risk assessments and of course to all the parents who came along to support us. Thank you also to Mrs Castle, Mrs Gabriel and Mrs Evans for all their help on the day.

At this year's event as well as singing beautifully and behaving impeccably the children and parents were wowed by amazing performances from Urban Strides, Alfie Sheard and Vanessa Williams from Clean Bandit.

I do believe that this type of event is the kind of thing that children remember and are influenced and inspired by for the rest of their lives. We must remember that not all learning takes place in the classroom and if the O2 experience raises the self-esteem of just one child then all the hard work has been worthwhile.



## CELLO LESSONS



We had a special treat this week when Mrs Parry came into school and gave a short cello recital for children in Years Three, Four and Five. If your child would like to learn the cello please ask at the school office for more information.

## CLASS PHOTOS

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Please remember that next Wednesday (7<sup>th</sup> February) is Class Photo day.

In order to get each class done before lunchtime the photographers do need to start promptly so you need to be aware that if your child is late to school on that day they may not be in their class photo. Please make sure that your child is looking their best as these photos provide a lasting reminder of their time at St Mary's.

## INTERNET AND E-SAFETY

We would like to draw your attention to the **Roblox app**. We are aware that a number of children are accessing this app and we would strongly recommend that parents look at it very carefully as some of its contents are not appropriate for primary age children.



## BBC2 SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION

This year BBC2 are holding a short story writing competition for no more than 500 words. If you would like your child to enter this amazing short story competition, please go to website address:

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4h26FXFQ4KfMV7VVSbJxY3q/500-words-2018](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4h26FXFQ4KfMV7VVSbJxY3q/500-words-2018)

Here you can read all about this and register your child and submit their short story of no more than 500 words no later than Friday 22nd February 2018 7pm sharp.

The final will be broadcast live from Hampton Court Palace on BBC2 Radio on the Chris Evans breakfast show on Friday 8th June 2018.

There are lots of prizes to be won which you will see and can read all about this with the above web site link.

Regards

Ms V Frances



## NUMICON RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Several parents have asked how to help their children with Maths, please see the Maths section on the school website for further detailed information. We have also added '100 things to do with Numicon' to the website too as an additional resource.



## MORE PICTURES FROM THE O2



**Please remember that Friday of next week (9<sup>th</sup> February) is an INSET day and children should not attend school on that day.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the half-term break on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Joanna Brown  
Headteacher