



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all the kind messages this week, knowing that I am in your thoughts and prayers is going to help me get through this difficult time. My school family is very important to me and I thank you all for helping me to be strong.

Mrs Wrann's reading video was a great success and really helped us to think about how we further develop the teaching of reading skills across the school. As you know we are also focussing on developing the children's vocabulary bank in school which will enable them all to access more challenging texts. On the subject of books thank you to those of you who have sent in books from home for our library they are very much appreciated. We are welcoming all donations of picture, books, novels, and information books. Please just leave them at the office.

Last weekend Miss O'Donoghue took a group of children to watch AFC Bournemouth. They had a coaching session and some small matches against the other schools. Then they watched the match. At half time they went on to the pitch for a penalty shootout against the Bournemouth mascot.

On Wednesday our Year 6 football team played in a competition.



They won one game and lost two. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

You may remember that our Junior Choir sang at the hospital during Advent for the 'Elf Appeal', I am pleased to share with you that they helped to raise £58 in the short time that they were there. Thank you to Mrs Wilson, the choir and the parents who helped.

Congratulations to Noah who participated in a South West trampolining competition. He competed in a new level and was the youngest in his category - he has only just turned 7, whereas all the others were 8. Noah did an amazing job and won a bronze medal!



Yours faithfully,

*Helen Armstrong*

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