

St Mary's News



24th February 2023

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term, where the days feel “longer”, the spring bulbs begin to bloom and the days become warmer – hopefully! This term is incredibly busy with heaps going on so please keep up to date with us and ensure you have the full lowdown of what’s going on...

Lent

Ash Wednesday saw the start of Lent and we were incredibly fortunate to celebrate as a community both in our parish church and in school. Years 2,3,5 and 6 attended Mass with the parish where F. Anthony and his assistants anointed the congregation with the ashes. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 4 celebrated in the school hall in the same manner – being anointed with ashes. The ashes symbolise penance for our sins and our mortality as we enter into the season of Lent – a time for spiritual fasting so that we can cleanse our souls and renew our faith as we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. An interactive Lenten calendar can be found on the CAFOD website to help guide our prayer.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

Please keep your eyes peeled for information from the Faith Council regarding their Lenten_Fundraising.

Lego Day

Tuesday was a Lego Day – an opportunity for our children to practise their STEM skills – science, engineering, technology and maths – with a hands-on approach. The children described the event as “brilliant” and “great fun”.





Parents' Evening

We look forward to welcoming you on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February 2023 for Parents' Evening; please ensure that you have booked a slot with your child's class teacher.

Industrial Action - Wednesday 1st March

Please see the separate letter regarding upcoming Industrial Action.

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

Following Mrs Rodriguez' letter we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March with the theme of Bedtime Stories. Children can dress up in as a book character if they wish to or their pyjamas in preparation for their bedtime story! All pyjamas must be suitable, weather appropriate and modest enough to wear for school. Children cannot wear pyjama shorts, strappy tops, slippers, sliders or flip flops to school.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs V L McBrown
Headteacher



Lord God Almighty, shaper and ruler of all creatures, we pray for your great mercy and that you guide us towards you, Strengthen us against temptations and shield us against our foes, seen and unseen.

Teach us to do your will, that we may inwardly love you before all things with a pure mind.

For you are our maker and our redeemer, our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope; praise and glory be to you now and forever.

Amen.