



# March 17th 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

***SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD***

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Red Nose Day, I would like to say a massive thank you for all the donations that have been brought in to support a very worthy cause. The children looked amazing wearing something red to raise money and help those across the country and the world that need additional support to shine as lights in the world.

You will have read in the newsletter recently that out of the 3,500 schools that are signed up to Modeshift STARS (the organisation that promotes road safety and safe travel to and from school), St Mary's was one of just 125 schools across the country that had been nominated for the 2023 National Awards. In Buckinghamshire there were only 10 Primary and 1 Secondary Schools nominated. Last Friday, we were invited to attend the virtual Modeshift STARS Regional Awards for the region along with the other nominated schools in the area. Mrs Clark, our School Travel Plan Co-ordinator, the JRSOs and Year 6 all tuned in to the awards ceremony, watched with bated breath, and were overjoyed when St Mary's was announced as the winning primary school in the region! We will now be put forward for the National STARS School Travel Awards of the year. I am so proud of all the hard work that our JRSOs and Mrs Clark do to promote safe and sustainable ways to travel to and from school. I am sure that you will join me in celebrating with them and please keep your fingers crossed for the upcoming national awards.

Attached to this letter is a flyer for an upcoming charity event organised by Harry in Year 5. The event is to raise funds for the Sands charity that has been very important for Harry and his family as well as many other across the country. Sands is a charity that supports anyone affected by pregnancy loss and the death of a baby to offer and work to improve the care, discover why babies are dying and reduce inequalities in healthcare. If you can support the event, I am sure that Harry, his family and Sands will be extremely grateful. All of us at St Mary's hope that the event can raise lots of money to support this important charity.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend whatever you have planned with your family and friends.

David

## Star of the Week



Each week a child, who has exemplified our Christian Values (Love, Hope, Respect, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth) from every class, is chosen to receive the Star of the Week Award.

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Tommy T, Lucas C, April H, Dylan M, Pippa H, Ianis P, Elsie R, Olivia D, Dexter B, Lila-May M, Tommy P, Zara S.

## Learning Power Awards



We use Learning Powers to develop our 'Language for Learning' in school and this enables us to engage all pupils in a dialogue using a common language to support and develop our understanding of how we learn.

It is our intention that the children use the language for learning to explain ways in which they achieved or approached tasks and how they can move on to the next chapter in their learning.

These learning powers are; have a go, don't give up, concentrate, be curious, keep improving, ask questions and cooperate.

Congratulations to the children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Harrison W, Thomas S, Ruqayya K, Sienna G, Aizah A, Zoya W, Holly S, Charlie M, Lily C, Ben T-W, Sara K, Isabella S.

## Volunteer Helpers



If any parents are interested in volunteering with reading at St Mary's, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Bennett via the school office for more information.

## Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal



As you will be aware, a series of devastating earthquakes have hit southern Turkey and north-west Syria killing over 44,000 people and injuring many more. The first deadly earthquake struck while people were inside their homes, asleep in their beds, with no warning signs. More than 54,000 buildings, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or damaged. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions. DEC charities (Disasters Emergency Committee) and their local partners are among the first responders providing urgent aid. The DEC brings together 15 leading UK charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas.

Following the search and rescue operation, immediate priorities are access to healthcare, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heating in safe spaces, blankets, warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water.

If you feel that you could help the people affected by the crisis by making a donation, if you haven't already, this will help the DEC appeal. Your money will help the DEC charities and their local partners to scale up their response and reach more people.

DEHTTPS://DONATION.DEC.ORG.UK/TURKEY-SYRIA-EARTHQUAKE-APPEAL<sup>1</sup>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

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<sup>1</sup><https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>



### Name Labels

With the amount of lost property in school growing on a daily basis in mind (how can they lose so much!), the PTA have links with the following companies that provide us with commissions from each sale. These are also useful for Year 4 and Year 6 parents thinking about preparing for the residential trips.

- MyNameTags.com<sup>2</sup> - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.
- <https://www.stikins.co.uk><sup>3</sup> - School code 20765
- <https://stamptastic.co.uk><sup>4</sup> - School Code HP197WF

### Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising.co.uk is a quick and easy way to raise money for the school whilst doing your online shopping. All you need to do is register as a member of our school on easyfundraising.co.uk, then go through them to your normal shopping sites. This then earns the school money and does not cost you a penny more!

### Dates for your diary:

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<sup>4</sup><https://stamptastic.co.uk/>

16th June - Someone Special Shop (Fathers' Day)

24th June - Summer Fayre

7th July - Leavers Disco (Year 6 only)

**Contact us:**

stmarys.pta@hotmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share>

## Easter Holiday Swimming Courses



**Swimming Crash Courses**

Progress your Childs Swimming by booking onto one of our Easter School Holidays Crash Courses.

Cost – £33.60

3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Stage	Stage
10:00am	Stage 1 – Jeanetta	Stage 5 – Hannah
10:30am	Stage 2 – Jeanetta	Stage 4 – Hannah
11:00am	Stage 4 & stage 5 Breaststroke & Butterfly clinic	Stage 3 – Hannah
11:30am		Stage 6 – Hannah

  

11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Stage	Stage
10:00am	Stage 1 – Emily	Stage 4 – Millie
10:30am	Stage 2 – Emily	Stage 5 – Millie
11:00am	Stage 3 – Emily	Stage 2 7+ – Millie
11:30am	Stage 6 – Emily	Stage 1 – Millie

Crash courses are a great way to accelerate your child's progression.

Book now by calling

01296 488555



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Please see attached details regarding Aqua Vale swimming lesson crash courses that are being run in the Easter holidays.

