



# March 3rd 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

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

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week for us all at St Mary's with the noise of learning and laughter filling the corridors.

As you are all aware, we held our Spring Term Parents' Evenings this week and we hope that you found them useful. Next week, as a follow up to your meeting, you will receive a copy of the notes from the meeting for your records. These will come home with your child, so if you haven't received

it by the end of the week please get in contact and we can provide you with another copy. As always, if you do have any queries or concerns that you would like to follow up from the meetings or at any time, please get in contact with your child's class teacher.

Miss Flower has had a busy week with our sports superstars. On Wednesday a small group of pupils represented us at the Aylesbury Vale Swimming Gala. The pupils really did their best and once we receive the results, we will let you know. The KS2 football team played a cup game against St Louis School on Thursday. As always, they played really well and despite a final score of 2-1 to St Louis they did St Mary's proud.

It was lovely to hear the buzz about books on World Book Day on Thursday. The teachers planned an exciting array of activities to enthuse the children as well as introduce them to some new stories and revisit some classics. I was very impressed with the standard and variety of the costumes this year from both the students and staff. I hope that you all received the £1 book token and use it to find a new favourite book. Reading is a fundamental life skill and key to help support your child's learning. Remember if you read more, you know more!

In staffing news, as some of you may know, Mrs Avery has decided to leave St Mary's at the end of the term. Mrs Avery has worked at St Mary's for over 20 years and has supported countless numbers of children across all year groups as a teacher and as our Distinctive Christian Ethos Leader. The Governing Body, staff and I would also like to thank Karen for all her hard work and appreciate what she has done for our school and the wider community. We wish her well with her next adventure, wherever it takes her!

Tonight, we have our first school disco since 2019 and I know that the children are very, very excited. Due to this, today's Celebration Collective Worship will be held on Monday and we will let you know who has been awarded the Learning Power and Star of the Week awards in due course.

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

Take care and stay safe.

David

## Junior Road Safety Mascot Competition



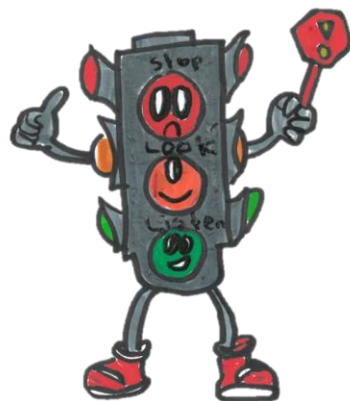
The Junior Road Safety Officers would like to announce the winners of the Design A Mascot Competition that they introduced before half term.

Due to the large number of entries they decided to award a KS1 and a KS2 winner to represent the JRSOs.

They would also like to thank everyone that entered. There were so many amazing designs, it made their job very difficult.

Congratulations to Thomas (1H) and Lily-Mai (5S)

Please meet:



## 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.

As stated earlier, the winners of this week's Star of the Week will be announced on Monday.

## 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.

As stated earlier, the winners of this week's Learning Power Awards will be announced on Monday.

## 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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17th March - Someone Special Shop (Mothers' Day)

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>

**PTA Someone Special Secret Gift Shop Friday 17 March 2023**

The PTA are to hold a 'Someone Special' Secret Gift Shop at school on Friday 17th March, where children will have the opportunity to independently choose a gift for their 'Someone Special' for Mother's Day (Mum, Grandma, Auntie, etc)

All gifts must be pre-ordered, so please make sure you place your order by **Friday 10th March** to avoid disappointment!

If you would like your child to participate, please **complete the form and make payment on MyChildAtSchool app by 10th March.**

Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept late orders due to having to purchase enough gifts in advance. This includes taking money on the day.

If you are having difficulty accessing the MyChildAtSchool form or payment, please contact the PTA or school office before the deadline.

## School Website



**Please remember to check the school website<sup>5</sup> for the school calendar and other useful information.**

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<sup>5</sup><https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

## Safeguarding & E-safety



### **Safeguarding**

If you have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bennett, or the Deputies, Mr Liddle, Miss Rolfe or Miss Ilyas via the School Office on 01296 482094 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays, visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

### **E-safety**

Unsure about what apps or games your child is accessing? Need some advice on how to support your child online? Visit the NSPCC Net-aware website by clicking here<sup>6</sup> to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup><https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.st-marysaylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>