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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We have had another exciting and busy week in school with some particularly inspiring visits and events.

It was fantastic to see Y5 come back from their Space Centre visit so full of enthusiasm and new facts. Then, later this week, Y1 had a wonderful day at Blists Hill Victorian Town, immersing themselves in a step back in time, with a look at traditional life, industry and the Victorian school system. I know the children took part in a school lesson and I hear the cane made an appearance. Ouch! There are some lovely pictures of both days on our Twitter page.

I am so proud to frequently reference and congratulate both sporting and musical achievements of children in our school. This week, we are congratulating the Y5/6 netball team who had an amazing performance at the tournament on Monday evening. They played brilliantly, pulled together as a team and are now through to the finals! Thank you to Mrs Dell for helping train the children and Mr Sutton for supporting the event. The football team also played a great game earlier this week - well done again all!

In music news, our class sets of recorders have arrived for Y2-5. We also have ukuleles on the way! Thank you, Mrs Amann for organising these. We can't wait to hear the children's musical confidence and talents grow.

Thank you to Fr Craig and all parents who attended our Reception Easter Service. We hope you enjoyed working with your child, completing the interactive activities and listening to their beautiful singing. Thank you also to Y3 parents who attended the First Holy Communion meeting last night. We hope you found it informative and look forward to these last few weeks of spiritual preparation before our First Holy Communion Masses take place in May.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been supporting others in need, showing enthusiasm and key knowledge recall through their Wider Learning Projects and producing beautiful stories!

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y1 for wonderful behaviour at Blists Hill and Y6 for excellent effort during mock SATs week.

Our attendance winners this week are Y4 with 98%.

The School Council have decided that the Saints Star winning team each week will earn ten minutes extra break time. How exciting!

Virtues

Our virtues for this half term are **Curious** and **Active**. Our Catholic Virtues are really well embedded here at St Mary's in developing each child in a vision of a good and virtuous person rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This week we also looked at the symbolism of the shape of the virtue tree and the representation of the goldfinch. Please ask your child what they can remember about it. We are excited to be embedding some work on the Catholic Social Teachings with the children as well. More details on this to follow.





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Notices

- Year Six have completed a run through of SATs week this week and are working incredibly hard. Well done for your commitment and dedication. After the last test on Friday 12th May, the children will have a McDonald's treat, in keeping with Year Six tradition.
- We are looking forward to some Coronation celebrations on Friday 5th May. The children will have some playground games, a fish and chip lunch, an ice-cream treat and a PTA Krispy Kreme doughnut. We are asking for £2.50 per child to be paid via the Gateway, please, to cover the costs of the treats. (KS2 - please book on the Gateway as usual for the fish and chip lunch. KS1 will be automatically added if they don't bring in a packed lunch.)
- The next PTA fundraiser event is planned for the evening of Thursday 8th June - a ladies' fashion show / shop. Please put the date in your diaries. More details to follow.
- Nursery parents, please note that Nursery will be closed on Wednesday 12th July due to transition arrangements. Please make alternative childcare arrangements on this day.

Events

Y4 Swimming has started on a Tuesday afternoon

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday
School Closed

Friday 5th May - Coronation themed day

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday
School Closed

Please see separate letters about KS1 and KS2 SATs for Y2 and Y6. KS2 SATS start Tuesday 9th May
KS1 SATs: Week beginning 15th May

Thursday 18th May 2pm School Mass: The Feast of the Ascension

Saturday 20th May 11am and 1pm:
Y3 First Holy Communion

Reflection

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Jesus told the crowds that he is the gate of the sheepfold and anyone who enters through him will be safe.

Psalm 23:1-3

The *Lord* is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

