



**1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

Dear Twyford St Mary's Families,

This week the school has faced its toughest staffing challenge since COVID19 isolations began. I thank all the staff, pupils and families for their patience, support and kindness. Despite the challenge, you will see the school is still buzzing with activities for children to enjoy. We look forward to welcoming back many crucial members of the team in the coming week and celebrating with you all in our upcoming service.

### **Jazz band Joy!**

Mr Dickson and his fabulous jazz band from Winchester College visited on Wednesday afternoon. This is always a joyful event in our calendar and one which the children always remember.

The band told us all about their instruments and demonstrated how they make their different sounds. Sebbie had a go at conducting the band and we all shared the job of counting them in.



We learnt about improvisation and we were treated to a beautiful rendition of 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' at the end sang by a very charismatic band member

A huge thank you to Mr Dickson and his jazz band from Winchester College for such a wonderful experience!



## Bag2School

Bag2School is just around the corner! Bag2School is a company that specialises in collecting good quality pre-loved clothing that can be reused. Twyford St Mary's PTA will then receive a payment based on the total weight of the bags collected. What a wonderful way to raise funds for our school, and in such an eco-friendly way too!

The following items are accepted into the bags for reuse: **good quality clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels.** They cannot accept duvets, pillows, cushions or any school/work uniforms.

This year, the bags will be collected in the first week back after Easter Holidays on **Tuesday 26th April**. **A pack containing the bags and the letter will be sent out in the coming week.** So, start putting those unwanted clothes to the side, so Bag2School can give them a second life!

**PTA News – Painting parties and Uniform Sales**



A reminder that the PTA's pre-loved uniform sale is on **this afternoon at 3.30pm** on the top playground. We have LOTS of lovely school uniforms to sell! Please bring cash to pay.

Following the wonderful results of the last working party, the PTA are planning another painting work party, this coming **Sunday 3rd April at 10.00am**. All help and support is very much appreciated, even just for an hour! Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.



As promised, here are a few images from the wonderful PTA discos, when the weather was so glorious and the dance moves were outstanding!





### Netball at Kings



Our netball team went to Kings on Tuesday afternoon to compete in a tournament against other schools in Winchester and Eastleigh. Our team played fantastically against some very tough opponents! Whilst we did not qualify for the Hampshire Games this time, it was a valuable experience for all. Our team made us so proud with their sportsmanship, teamwork and knowledge of the game. Well done girls!

### P.E. Reminder



A reminder of the P.E. kit that all children should have in school:

- Black shorts for summer and black jogging bottoms in winter
- T-shirt in relevant team colour - Manor=green, Bourne=yellow, Hazeley=red Finches=blue
- Black plimsolls or suitable black trainers (without flashing lights or fashion effects such as glitter etc.)

Some children may also choose to bring a plain black jumper for outdoor sport in colder weather.

Please no coloured hoodies, t-shirts with logos or images other than the school logo.

Have a lovely weekend, TSM families!

**Warm wishes,**

**Sophie Davies**  
**Headteacher**



## Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Louis	For working hard at his must-do jobs!
Beech	Miller	For being a Curious Cat when using scientific vocabulary to describe the properties of materials.
Sycamore	Bobby	For enthusiasm in guided reading and maths!
Willow	Dexter	For his amazing life cycle of an owl. Super information and diagrams!
Yew	Audrey	For persevering and rising to challenge when solving algebraic equations in Maths.



## Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Thomas	For being helpful and kind to others.
	Elena	For being a Curious Cat and having a go at lots of new challenges this week!
Beech	Ayla. B	For keeping our Golden Rule of 'We are kind and helpful.' Thank you for all your help in Beech Class this week Ayla!
	Jem	For being a Curious Cat when editing his Mr Benn story ending. Super addition to your ending Jem!
Sycamore	Flora	For demonstrating leadership during her yoga flows!
	George	For being an excellent team leader in yoga!
Willow	Thaleia	For excellent confidence and focus during independent learning in Maths.
	Zef	For great enthusiasm and knowledge when exploring the life cycle of a grass snake.
Yew	Lauren	For writing a superb character description that portrays the character brilliantly and intrigues the reader.
	Roscoe	For attention to detail when illustrating a fictitious plant that could adapt to low light and drought conditions.

## Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	PTA Pre-loved uniform sale – 3.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Cathedral

<b>5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Parents' evening appointments 3.50 – 7.00pm
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Service at 9.30am
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET day/End of term
<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of Summer Term
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Bag2School Collection
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 3 Forest School programme begins – letter to follow
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Cricket match at Hunter Park
<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Stubbington celebration evening – 5.30pm
<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 Swimming programme begins
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS Weeks
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<u>Half Term Break</u>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last day of Summer Term



### Church Corner

Don't forget the upcoming events with St Mary's Church!

<b>Upcoming Events at St Mary's Church</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothering Saturday - Coffee and Simnel cake from 10.00am
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothering Sunday Service at 11.00am
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Soup Lunch in aid of Christian Aid's work in Afghanistan
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Churchyard working party 09.30am – 12.00pm
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	"Twyford Litter Pick" at St Mary's Parish Hall from 10.00am

<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Annual church Spring clean from 10.00am
<b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Twyford Benefice Evening Prayer at 07.30am
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Twyford Benefice Holy Communion at 11.00am
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Sunday Service at 11.00 (followed by an Easter egg hunt)