



Friday 1st March, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

A small but enthusiastic group travelled to Henry Beaufort School on Wednesday to take part in a girls' upper key stage 2 football tournament. In a closely fought contest, Twyford St Mary's were able to resist a goal barrage in our first game against St Peter's. Our goalie, Florence, thankfully made some spectacular saves. During our next match against Compton, our love of the game grew along with some friendships. In fact, we liked the team so much, we played a spontaneous friendly with them on the spare pitch at the end of the tournament. In our final match against Colden Common, an experienced team who clearly had some good skills, Lily scored the best goal (possibly biased) of the tournament to lead us to victory.

The Twyford Team worked well together considering it was their first game. This was recognised by the leaders of the event who proudly awarded us the winners of the prestigious Sportsmanship Award (this was out of 16 teams) for most progress made and outstanding contribution to fair play. Well done girls – what an excellent achievement!



Hampshire Fire Service visit Twyford St Mary's

On Wednesday, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service visited TSM. In the morning, they spoke to Beech and Oak classes about keeping safe at home and in school. The children practised standing to attention like real firefighters and they also found out about a firefighter's uniform while George and Georgie tried one on! They discussed when and how to call 999 and Evie practised making a 999 phone call. Well done Evie, she could tell the operator her address so the firefighters could find her and help.



The afternoon saw Years 5 and 6 discussing with the Fire Service many of the same methods on how to keep safe at home, including how to plan an escape route in case of an emergency.



Willow Class get eggsperimenting

This week Willow class have relaunched their topic of 'Have you got what it takes?' by carrying out a cracking eggsperiment! We studied forces to design and craft parachutes for our unfortunate eggstronauts who were re-entering the atmosphere. Some designs were certainly more successful than others...



Learning more about St Mary's C of E Primary



Our school councillors from last year led collective worship this week by sharing with us their experiences when they visited our link school in Southampton, St Mary's. They were clearly made to feel very welcome and enjoyed learning how this school was different and similar to our own. They shared with us many photos and facts about the school. We were all very interested to hear how they use the space in their very large school of 600 pupils. One of the other differences was the location of the school: an urban area so lots of security fencing around the school. Another difference is that many children at St. Mary's in Southampton are Muslim or Sikh so they enjoyed learning about what it means to the children to follow these faiths. Many things were also the same like their pride in their school, daily routines and enjoyments like learning and lunchtimes!

Forest School – Week 1

This week our Year 3s from Sycamore Class had the first of their forest school days. The challenge this week was survival: could they build a den that would fit them all in and protect them from the elements? They worked in teams to produce a variety of structures, from A-frames to lean-tos. Once the base had been formed, the children then set about improving their dens, some with water-proofing (with sticks as tent poles), some with furniture (logs and branches), and others even decided to sculpt cups and bowls from the natural resources they could find. Next week they are looking forward to learning about camouflage!



Sports for Schools Event

Our Sports for Schools Event will take place on Monday where we will have a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, and will follow-up with an inspirational talk. We are excited to welcome world class swimmer Amy Smith to our school. Two years ago, you raised a total of £1187, which helped to buy new sports equipment, such as the table tennis table, gym mats and playtime equipment. If you haven't started sponsoring your child yet, don't worry. We have until Monday 11th March to return the monies and sponsor forms. Many thanks to those of you who have done so already!



Farewells

Unfortunately, at the end of the half term we said goodbye to our new sports coach Katie Hayes. She was with us so briefly and motivated our children to engage in physical activity but after a very hectic start to the year she realised she was unable to juggle so many roles. I know you'll join me in wishing her every success in the future.



Fairtrade Fortnight

Building on our work to develop our pupils as global citizens, we have been working with Christian Aid during Fairtrade Fortnight. Below is a message from Maggie and Cathy, local ambassadors for Christian Aid:

Fairtrade Fortnight is from February 25th to March 10th. This is our annual opportunity to enhance the profile of producer groups to the problems resulting from unfair trade. The focus this year is on chocolate; the world cocoa price has plunged by more than a third in the last year leaving many farmers (particularly in West Africa where most cocoa is grown) underpaid and exploited. We are planning a series of events in Twyford including a Fairtrade- themed assembly on Thursday, February 28th and an after-school Fairtrade sale on Monday March 4th and Tuesday 5th March after school (there will be food products for sale as well as other small items and gifts). Snowdrop Saturday on March 2nd at St Mary's church will again feature Fairtrade. This is a community event to which all are warmly welcome - to plant snowdrops in the churchyard and to join us for a coffee and/or a soup lunch.

Products for sale at our Fairtrade sale:

- key rings
- bangles
- 'worry' dolls
- glittery pots
- finger puppets
- penny whistles
- notebooks
- pan pipes
- small soapstone animals
- alphabet letters
- friendship bracelets
- and maybe a few bags of small Easter eggs

Epilepsy Action

A huge well done to Heidi and Lillie-Rose who managed to raise an impressive £114.50 for Epilepsy Action through their fundraising initiatives.

Twyford Trail Fun Run – 27th April

The popular Twyford Trail run is taking place this year on Saturday 27th April at 2pm. There will be 3 race categories; 10k, 5k and a kids' fun 2k race. Registration is not open yet, so keep an eye out for more details nearer the time.



Star of the Week

Ash	Annabel	For being a Curious Cat with money and finding four different ways to make 5p. Well done!
Beech	Griffin	For being a Curious Cat and proving which street was the shortest and which house was the tallest using his measurements.
Oak	Bella	For taking painstaking care for producing an outstanding pencil drawing of a London house in 1666.
Sycamore	Luke	For his fantastic attitude and presentation in maths.
Willow	Alice	For incredible fraction work in maths because of her perseverance and commitment to her learning.
Yew	Isabella	For using her creativity when writing her opening to a journey tale and effectively using action, description and dialogue.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Guy	When drawing a picture about "respect" Guy said, "Respect means following all of the Golden Rules." Well done!
	Fraser	For being an Incy Independent and showing a good understanding when adding two 2p pieces and a penny together.
Beech	Rowan	For answering the Hampshire Firefighter's questions thoughtfully and knowledgably. Well done Rowan!
	Elijah	For being a Persevering Pig and trying really hard to join his letters correctly.
Oak	Michal	For being a Team Bee when writing and performing a script with his learning partner during Literacy this week.
	Rosie	For always showing our core values of care and respect and always making a great effort with all of her work.
Sycamore	Logan	For his effective editing and redrafting of his Wizard of Oz character introduction.
	Georgina	For her inquisitive and enthusiastic approach to our new science topic.
Willow	Bella	For being such a keen scientist, asking great questions and using technical language to explore forces.

	Megan	For being such a great team player during our class experiments and encouraging others to do their best.
Yew	Rosie	For attention to detail in her Maths work on translating and reflecting shapes on a co-ordinate grid.
	Jack	For thoughtful and insightful answers during our Hampshire Fire Service workshop.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
4 th March	Fairtrade Food Sale – 3.30pm
4 th March	Sports for Schools day
4 th March	Friendly netball and football matches at St Faith's Primary – 3.30pm
5 th March	Fairtrade Food Sale – 3.30pm (laid on after popular demand)
5 th March	Beech and Oak – Meet the Author visit in Andover
6 th March	Yr 3 Forest School programme – Session 2
6 th March	Yr 5/6 Athletics competition at Kings' School TBC - afternoon
6 th March	Bedtime Stories event – 5 – 6pm
7 th March	World Book Day 2019
7 th March	'West End in Schools' – performance in school for Yr R – Yr 4
7 th March	Yr 5/6 Meet the Author visit in Chandler's Ford
7 th March	Reports home
8 th March	Yr 6 Bikeability – day 1
8 th March	PTA Breakfast – 8.15am
11 th March	Yew Class trip to Beaulieu
11 th March	Friendly netball/football matches v Otterbourne, at TSM – 3.30pm
12 th March	Parents' evening / Year 6 Parent Consultation meetings
12 th March	'An audience with Jane Goodall' at Winchester College – 4.30 – 5.30pm (selected pupils)
13 th March	Yr 3 Forest School programme – Session 3
14 th March	Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby competition at WRFC

14th March	Parents' evening / Year 6 Parent Consultation meetings
15th March	Yr 6 Bikeability – day 2
18th – 22nd March	Yr 4/5 Avon Tyrrell Residential
20th March	Yr 3 Forest School programme – Session 4
27th March	Yr 3 Forest School programme – Session 5
27th March	Yr 4/5 Cross Country competition at The Gregg School – 12.30pm
29th March	INSET day
3rd April	Yr 3 Forest School programme – Session 6
5th April	Easter Service – 9.30am at St Mary's Church
5th April	Last day of term

Summer Term	
23rd April	Summer Term begins
27th April	Twyford Trail Fun Run – 2pm



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