

# St Mary's, Swanage Newsletter

**Attendance - 93.29%**

### **Lent @ St Mary's - Pray/ Fast/ Give**

Each year during Lent, we set aside time as a whole school to pray, fast and give – you will receive more information about Lent at St Mary's this year via school buddy.

### **Douglas Strickland Bursary Awards Evening**

Thank you to the Year 6 pupils who represented St Mary's, playing their ukuleles, at the Douglas Strickland Bursary Evening. They gave a lovely performance which was warmly received by the audience. The Bursary gives monetary awards towards funding the arts to local schools each year – and has been running for more than 30 years. We have been extremely fortunate to have benefitted from this for many years and can thank the bursary for providing funding towards, amongst other things: bookshelves, reading books, glockenspiels, drums, ukeleles, drying racks, cameras and this year PA equipment.

**Visiting Author and World Book Day – follow this link to share in our day.**



### **Mass Dates**

Friday 14th March – 9am school hall – Lent – Pray/Fast/Give

Friday 28th March – 9am school hall – Lent – Cafod Lent Walk will take place in school after.

**National Storytelling Week/ CAFOD workshop – links.**

**Use these links to find out about our exciting days.**

<b>Reception</b>	Reception has had another busy week in school. On Monday, we made some very yummy pancakes; they worked brilliantly together to create and mix the pancake batter. A big
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thank you to Miss Georgie for making us all a pancake! We had a very misty Wellie Wednesday Walk and enjoyed a visit from some lambs on Thursday. We were impressed by all their wonderful World Book Day costumes; a big thank you for all your support in this.



### Year 1

Year 1 has had another busy week. At the start of the week, we had a visitor from the RNLI come into school. The children amazed the adults with all the facts they have learnt about Grace Darling in our History topic. During our session, the children were taught about water safety and the things they need to do on the beach to stay safe. They learnt what the different flags mean and were able to hold the flags. In English, the children have written their own version of 'A Tiger Who Came to Tea'. They had to think of a different animal, characters and change the food the animal eats. They have written some amazing stories.



### Year 2



The children in Year 2 have continued to work hard (as they do every week)! They all had impressive costumes for World Book Day and enjoyed being their chosen fictional character: a big thank you to parents for this! In RE, we have looked at Palm Sunday and wrote a letter to a friend as if we had seen Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In Geography, we thought about different animal adaptations for animals living in hot and cold places, while in Science we reviewed different materials and their properties. In Art, we finished our Henri

Matisse-inspired collages, which look amazing. In Maths, we have started looking at multiplication in earnest (TTRockstars homework will soon follow!). In History, we looked at sources that gave us information about the British Hotel that Mary Seacole built in the Crimea. We are greatly looking forward to our trip to the Tank Museum next week to find

	<p>out more about nursing in warfare and Edith Cavell. Well done, Team 2.6! Keep up the amazing work!</p>
<b>Year 3</b>	<p>Year 3 has had a lovely week and have been working super hard. In English, we have been learning about statements and questions and we all worked really hard at completing a range of comprehension questions about this topic.</p> <p>We continued our class text, Poppy Pym and the Pharaohs Curse. This week, we read a newspaper article about the curse and then used it to source specific information and answer a range of questions.</p> <p>We also have begun to read some non-fiction texts related to Ancient Egypt and have been learning about extracting information to write a non-chronological report. Many of the children have decided to write about the Egyptian Pyramids and we cannot wait to share the information with our peers.</p> <p>On Tuesday, we had a wonderful time rehearsing with Susannah for our up-and-coming concert, which we will share more information about next week. The children are all looking forward to sharing their musical talents with you all.</p> <p>On Thursday afternoon, we were very lucky to have two very fluffy and super well-behaved visitors in our class. A local farmer's wife (and parent of a child in year three) brought along two lambs for the children to feed and hold. The children learnt a lot of information about lambing and sheep farming, and we were all impressed with the intellectual questions the class were asking. We were all very thankful for the opportunity and I am sure it will be one of the children's highlight of the week. Thank you, Jess and Grace!</p>
<b>Year 4</b>	<p>Year 4 has been working hard this week.</p> <p>On Tuesday, Susannah came to rehearse songs for the upcoming workshop. All children sang well and are learning the harmonies and actions. Please encourage your children to learn the songs at home.</p> <p>In English, the children have written a battle scene between Beowulf and the Sea-Hag.</p> <p>In Maths, we are getting to grips with adding and subtracting fractions.</p>
<b>Year 5</b>	<p>Year 5 had a productive week. We are able to explain night and day in science. We have learnt all about the parts of a river and the stages. In Maths, we are able to understand time tables and hopefully they will not miss the bus or train when they are older now!</p>
<b>Year 6</b>	<p>Year 6 has had an excellent week. Some pupils played the ukulele at an event at The Swanage School which celebrated the successes of the Douglas Strickland Bursary Award. We also had a visit from an author called Luke Aylen. He told us all about his books, the editing process and how his dyslexia has enabled his creativity.</p> <p>Luke joined Year 6 after an assembly and worked with pupils to develop their own stories which mimicked his own writing process. In Science, we have continued our work on evolution. This week, we looked at the fossil record and how we can use fossil evidence to gain an insight into how some species have changed and evolved over time. We looked at images of fossilised horse remains from 32 million years ago, when a horse measured only 60cm tall! We considered how these changes have benefitted the modern-day horse and improved its chances of survival.</p>



## The Sports Report

Well done to the Girls' Football Team, who drew 2-2 with St Mark's in the Purbeck Cup round robin.

Year 5/6 boys went to a football festival at the Purbeck School and competed really well to come third.

## St Mary's Sports Star

Lydia (Y5) Girls' Football Team

Lilly (Y6) Girls' Football Team

## St Mary's Class Stars



**Reception:** Tamara & Georgia

**Year 1:** Stanley & Reuben

**Year 2:** Rosa & Cooper

**Year 3:** Charlie Tu & Christopher

**Year 4:** Vinnie & Lily

**Year 5:** Lydia & Mia

**Year 6:** Bea & Isabella