



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Dear Parents,

The children have been enjoying the spring weather, and although we have not planted out in the new garden areas yet, the seedlings are all growing in classrooms and are almost ready to plant out when the last frosts have passed.

Shakespeare Week

2016 is the four hundredth anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare. There are many national and local celebrations, and in London South Bank and The Globe Theatre are the focus for these. In school we have heard about the great man in two assemblies this week, and each child has been given a 'Passport to Shakespeare'. There are many interesting links and resources online, including:

<http://shakespeareweek.org.uk/>

<http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/400>

Her Majesty the Queen

On Thursday the Queen celebrated her ninetieth birthday. The occasion was marked in school by a wonderful assembly by the children of Class 5V. The children prayed to give thanks for the life of our longest-reigning monarch.

On Thursday 28th April Class 5L will present an assembly at 10.25am, and parents are warmly invited. The following Thursday, 5th May, is the Feast of the Ascension. Class 4C will present an assembly at 10.25am.

Science Museum

This morning the children of Year 5 set off for the Science Museum. Having visited this museum many times before, I am sure that they will have had an excellent visit and learned a lot to bring back to school.

Packed Lunches

When preparing packed lunches for your children, please remember we are a **Nut Free** school. Please do not send in sandwiches containing Nutella / chocolate spread, peanut butter etc, and please also remember this when sending in snacks for break times, as many cereal bars contain nuts or nut products. We have several children in the school whose reaction can be extremely serious if they come into contact with nuts, so we ask for your care and attention.

Catholic Schools' Netball and Football Tournament

The annual tournament is fast approaching. It will be held at Margaret Roper School (on the same site as St Thomas More School) on the morning of Saturday 7th May. I have spoken to the children from both squads and encouraged them to take a full part, despite the Year 6 pupils starting SATs tests on Monday 9th. An active morning outdoors is the perfect preparation for a week in our school hall!.

Ms Ashanti

We are delighted to welcome Ms Ashanti back to the school community following the conclusion of her maternity leave. The children gave her a warm welcome this week.

Achievement Certificates

Well done to the following children: Gemima 3A, Eddy 3D, Shanelle 4B, Daniel 4C, Ryan 5L, Tia 5V, Frida 6C, and Nathan 6O. The DHT Award goes to Patrick in 4C. The Swimmer of the week is Lena in 3D, and the playground award goes to Isaac in 5V. The Musicians of the week are Prince and Melissa in 5L.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A.J. McDonald

Deputy Headteacher