

# St Mary & St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



9<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year at St Mary & St Joseph's school! We have had a fantastic week and the children and staff have fully embraced all new learning opportunities.



Year 2 enjoying their PE class with Mr Kelly.

## **New Staff members**

We welcome our new teachers, Mrs Quinn – Year 2, Miss Mallon – Year 1 and Miss Fountain Year 5 and our new TA Mrs Chaffey. I am sure the children have shared with you the great learning and fun they are having in class

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It has been wonderful to have Mrs Hunns with us this week, she's been busy in the school library. I met with the children at the end of last term and we discussed favourite authors and library improvements, all children will have contributed a doodle to put their own personal mark in the library – Here's a sneaky preview and it will be finished next week and we will have an official opening by the end of September.





## **Plymouth CAST is joining with the rest of the country and the commonwealth to mourn the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.**

It is with sadness that the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was announced yesterday.

The senior leadership team at CAST would like to support all the Plymouth CAST family of schools during this time.

After the sad news yesterday that our Queen had died the children took part in a Liturgy to think about the Queen, celebrate her life and the many roles she has carried out over the years. We reminded ourselves of the Queen's Jubilee we were lucky enough to celebrate earlier this year.

### **Remembering & Celebrating**

To mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; to remember and celebrate her life, and to support our pupils, staff and communities with their own emotions at this time, we invite you, our families to help us create a book of remembrance and reflection.

To do this, next week, each child will come home with a template to add their messages or drawings to remember the Queen, our children were lucky to have celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee earlier in the year & learnt a lot about her life.

When your child has written their message or drawn their picture, please bring them into school so that we can make our large book of remembrance.



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Year 5 had a wonderful experience tasting Greek foods.



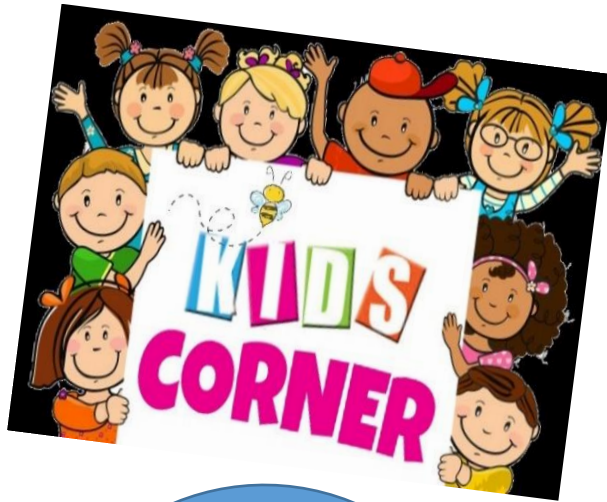
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Year 6 enjoyed a Victorian day to start their topic on the Victorians.

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This is what year 6 have been doing this week.



I really liked learning about Shadow and Light this week. I also enjoyed the Victorian schoolroom and watching people wear the dunce's cap  
Hannah

I enjoyed maths, I was a 'Go for it Gorilla' and gained new Place Value knowledge. I enjoyed the Victorian washing even though it seemed like hard work for them, it was good fun.

Izzy

I liked making lavender bags

Annabella

I liked being Victorian child in school

Bradley

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I've really enjoyed  
poetry this week and  
making Victorian biscuits

Rhys

I enjoyed going to Victorian school. It  
was fun seeing what the Victorians did at  
school. I liked singing the songs.

Alice

Mr Pickavance has provided a joke this week.

Why don't people eat clocks?

It's too time consuming!



Thank you for adapting so quickly for the changes at the school gates. Just a quick reminder gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am in the morning and 3.15pm at the end of the day.

Have a good weekend and on a personal note thank you to all parents and staff for making me feel so welcome.

Best wishes

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Mrs Paula Fearn

Executive Headteacher