

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great World Book Day yesterday, Thursday 7 March, with a Harry Potter/Imaginary World theme with all sorts of costumes, lots of book related activities (e.g. making potions, playing Quid ditch) during the day and a chance to celebrate reading. Thank you to our English coordinator, Sam Coleman, for organising such a splendid day and to all the staff for their tremendous spirit and enthusiasm. They were shattered by the end of the day!

Our next event is Comic Relief Day on **Friday 15 March**. We are having a non-uniform day and a bake sale during morning break. Please give any donations of cakes, biscuits, samosas etc. on the day and our Year 6 children will be organising the stall. We are also having a talent show, back by popular demand, in the afternoon. There will be performances from Key Stage 2 (years 2 – 6) and the school councillors will be the judges. The PTA tea stall will run as usual on Friday 15 March. Please donate a £1.00 or whatever you can spare on the day – entirely voluntary of course.

Here are some further notices:

- ❖ We were delighted that all the sink units in the eight Key Stage 2 classrooms were replaced over the half term. They look very smart, replacing some very outdated sink cupboards. We also had a doorway put between the two year 6 classrooms. This means all the adjacent classrooms now have a connecting door. All this work is part of our refurbishment which will continue during the next two years and result in an even better school environment. We are working closely with the Diocesan surveyor on all the work which is very useful as he knows the building well.
- ❖ We had a group from our String Orchestra joining up with New College School for a concert on **Wednesday 6 March**. We received excellent feedback from New College School about the quality of their performance and their superb behaviour.
- ❖ Four children from Year 5 attended a maths challenge along with four other local primary schools last **Friday 1 March**. They returned with 1st place medals having excelled! Emma Crocombe, our maths coordinator, went with them and was so impressed by their ability to tackle some highly challenging questions.
- ❖ The letter has gone out about the two parent consultation evenings on **Wednesday 20 March** and **Tuesday 26 March** from **3.30 – 6.30**. This is a chance to find out how your children are progressing in all areas of school life.
- ❖ The next Key Stage 2 parent assembly will be led by our Year 3 classes, Mulberry and Aspen. It will be on **Friday 22 March** at **9.10** in the main hall. Please feel welcome to join us for this sharing assembly and there will be the usual refreshments beforehand.

DON'T FORGET – PTA Family Ceilidh TONIGHT from 7.00 – 9.00 in the main hall. Everyone welcome!

Best wishes, Liz Burton