



Friday 24th March 2023

Dear TSM Families,

This week we have begun our Easter celebrations with messages of spring, hope and the Easter story permeating through work and worship. **We look forward to families joining us on Tuesday for our Service at St Mary's, starting at 9:30am.**



Christchurch Worship



Mrs Davies had a narrow escape from a custard pie this week during our Christchurch worship! Two teams took part in an Easter quiz and the losing team faced a very messy penalty. Fortunately, one of the Christchurch team bravely sacrificed themselves and took the custard pie to their face instead, much to Mrs Davies' relief. The worship explored the concept of sacrifice, and went on to tell the Easter story from beginning to end. We have been reflecting on the concepts of generosity and sacrifice in our worships this half term and the children have been responding with some incredibly thoughtful ideas on how these concepts link to their lives at home and school.

Pi Day at Westgate

Written by Rafferty & Sebbie



This year, five year 5 students (Maisie, Joe, Dexter and us) went to Westgate secondary school to learn about Pi. First we were put into groups (companies) with other students from different schools around Winchester - We worked with these people for the rest of the day. Next we were given worksheets to solve to get “money” for the following activities. After that, our groups were asked to design a multipurpose robot which we then presented to the audience. After lunch, we chose a member of our group to be measured; these measurements would then be used for the size of our robot. Then, we found the surface area of our

robot’s body parts and added them all together finding the total cost of our robot. Then, with the “money” we earned in the morning, “bought” materials to build the robot with. Later we presented our final design of our robot and what it does. Finally, after a long but fun day of Maths, we returned from our fascinating day back to school!



Year 6 Netball Tournament



On Wednesday 22nd March, year 6 pupils from our school netball club formed a squad to compete in a netball tournament at King’s School in Winchester.

Our TSM squad faced stiff competition and did exceptionally well to come 4th in their pool – utterly amazing!

Thank you to all the adults that came to watch and support the TSM netball team.

We are so impressed, this was their first competition and they excelled in every way possible. Even if some of their team wasn’t playing, the cheered on their team and, at the end, all of them came on the pitch and shook their opponents hand. This team showed all our school values – courage, care, joy and respect. Mrs Wilkinson was so proud of the team’s amazing play and wonderful team spirit as they progressed through the competition – a huge well done to Jot, Molly, Bella, Chase, Lauren, Eveny, Joanie, Rosie, Seren and Tamsin!

Yew Class Beaulieu WWII Trip

Written Dramatically by Ru & Thaleia



Yew class went on a trip to Beaulieu motor museum for their topic of WWII as the site is hugely connected to WWII history. We learnt about the SOE (Special Operations Executives) which is a secret organisation of trained spies gathered up by Winston Churchill. They could not fight openly, so Churchill decided to fight in secret.

They were parachuted to France and all over Europe to sabotage and gain information about Germany.

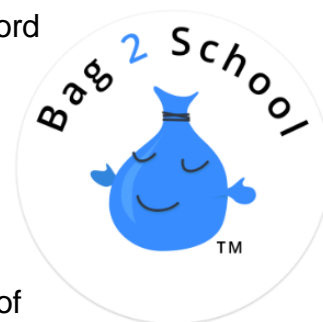
Interestingly, three race car drivers joined the SOE! They had all the qualifications. Determination, strength, skill and immense endurance. Their names were Robert Benoist, William Grover-Williams and Jean-Pierre Wimille. All spoke French fluently so they fitted in with French society perfectly as they gathered information. Wimille was actually captured by the Gestapo (German police) but he escaped and hid in a river with his nose peeking out for air.

We also learnt that in-case members of the SOE were captured by Germany, they had a cyanide pill to swallow so as to not give away information, but it was a choice. We learnt about how the SOE would send secret messages. Morse code was common but we also learnt about lemon juice! They would squeeze lemon juice out of a lemon and write on the juice. Sounds crazy, but when you heat up the paper with the juice on, the ink appears! We also found out about newspapers. SOE agents would put tiny pin-pricks underneath letters in newspapers so when you look into the light and see all the letters with the hole underneath, it would spell a message. We were even taught some Morse code! SOS is ... --- ... !! This was a really fun trip. I think everyone in Yew class would go again!



Bag2School

Due to the ongoing success of the Bag2School scheme, Twyford St Mary's will be participating again this year, organised by the PTA!



Bag2School is a company that specialises in collecting good quality pre-loved clothing that can be re-used. Twyford St Mary's PTA will receive a payment based on the total weight of the bags collected, so it is an excellent way to raise funds for the school, whilst giving unwanted clothes a second life!

The following items are accepted into the bags for re-use: good quality clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. They cannot accept duvets, pillows, cushions or any school/work uniforms.

The next collection will be on Tuesday 18th April at 9.00am

Bittersweet Goodbye



As my last day is on Wednesday 29th March, this will be the last School Bell I put together, so I wanted to use this opportunity to say a bittersweet goodbye to the TSM community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, and although I am excited for what's next, I will miss seeing the same little faces every day. Whether they're popping in to ask for a pencil, needing patching up with a plaster, or just a little reassurance, it has been my pleasure to help look after your little ones. My very best wishes, Ms Newman.

Warm wishes,
Sophie Davies
Headteacher



Star of the Week

Ash	Madeleine	For exceptional enthusiasm and hard work this week.
Beech	Rupert	For working hard on his presentation in writing and his fluency in reading. PLUS super focus in English this week!

Sycamore	Imogen	For amazing focus and independence in all learning but particularly division in Maths this week.
Willow	Myanna	For superb focus in all of her lessons across the last couple of weeks – you have wowed Mrs W and Mrs N!
Yew	Ru	For his excellent behaviour and enthusiasm on our History school trip to Beaulieu. He proved himself to be an excellent and knowledgeable secret agent!



Roll of Honour

Ash	Autumn	For settling into Twyford St Mary's with such courage and positivity!
	Winnie	For great determination and resilience in our learning about money this week.
Yew	Rohan	For being an Incy Independent when solving division problems. Well done Rohan!
	Max	For being a Curious Cat when investigating paper aeroplanes and making a lunar module for his home learning. Great home learning Max!
Sycamore	Lucy	For fantastic motivation and resilience with multiplication written methods this week.
	Poppy	Being a positive and supportive learning partner truly reflecting our value of care.
Willow	James	For fantastic independent problem-solving in Maths with carefully considered steps.
	Elizabeth	For excellent focus and independence in Maths this week and for making great progress with her times tables.
Beech	Casper	For applying himself well in grammar lessons this week, making pleasing progress.
	Samuel	For effort and enthusiasm in Art, applying the shading techniques practised when producing his final war art piece.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
27th March	Hockey competition at Southampton Sports Centre
28th March	Easter Service at St Mary's Church – 9.30am
29th – 31st March	Year 4 Stubbington Residential
31st March	<u>Last day of Spring Term</u>
3rd – 14th April	Easter Break

Summer Term	
17th April	INSET Day
18th April	<u>First Day Back</u>
18th April	Bag2School Collection 9.00am
25th April	Year 3 Forest School Program begin (letter to follow)
24th April	After School Activity Clubs Begin
28th April	Mid-Year Reports home to families
1st May	Early May bank Holiday
8th May	Bank Holiday for the Coronation
9th – 12th May	KS2 SATS Tests
11th May	Sycamore Trop to Portsmouth Historic Dock Yard (letter to follow)
19th May	Final Year 5 Swimming session
23rd May	Ash & Beech Trip to Hillier's Gardens (letter to follow)
26th May	<u>Last day of Summer 1</u>
29th May – 2nd June	Half Term Break