

# St Mary's News



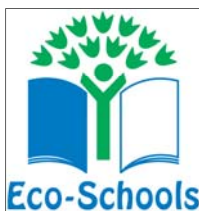
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## Green Flag Award

You may remember our school achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, their highest award, before the holiday. We now have our certificate (opposite Reception) and there is a real Green Flag to be displayed at the front of the school. At the moment it's at the menders being altered so we can hang it on the fence outside F1 - sadly, we don't have a flag pole!



## Children's Photos

This is just a reminder to parents about our policy on photographs of children taken by parents. We are always happy for photos to be taken at, for example, school events such as the Christmas plays or class assemblies. However, we ask you NOT to post photographs of other children on your personal web pages, blogs, Facebook, etc. without asking permission from the parents of the other child, or children, first.

## Ipads

Thank you to our Friends Association for all the amazing fundraising they do for the

school and the social events they organise for children and parents. The last event they organised was the Valentine's Tea and Disco which was a lot of fun but not intended to raise much, if any, money. Their last fundraising efforts paid for 6 Ipads that are being used in our Foundation Stage classes - much more useful and suitable than the old desktop PCs they replaced.



## A Talk About Talk For Parents

Good speaking and listening is essential to promote learning. Would you like to know more about how to support your child with speaking and listening at home? Our Speech and Language Therapist will be giving a talk on this sub-

ject next week: **THURSDAY, 7th March at 9.05** in our School Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please put the day and time in your diary!

## Parent Helpers Needed

Would you be free to help Mrs Leith make some fun literacy resources for the children in F2? No previous experience or special skills needed! If you can help, please leave your name, which day (or days) you could manage) and whether 9.00 am or 2.00 pm suits you best, with the school office. Mrs Leith will get back to you in a few days. We are also looking for some help from anyone who can sew!

## World Book Day

It's World Book Day on 7th March and, to celebrate, we're having a 'Dress Up Day' on Thursday March 7th to celebrate.

We are asking the children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book or story. This can be as simple as putting on a red shawl to be Little Red Riding Hood, or as difficult as dressing as a dinosaur - the main

**World Book Day and dressing up: Thursday**



*Peter Hadfield*

thing is to have fun! We are not asking for a donation as we would be if it was a usual 'non-uniform' day - it's free: fun AND free!

There will be lots of other things happening over the week to promote books and reading:

- Book visits to spend vouchers (each child will come home with a World Book Day book)
- Monday: Y5 visiting Waterstone's in Oxford Street
- Tuesday: Year 4 visiting Waterstone's in Oxford Street, Year 3 and F2 (Reception) visiting Daunt Books
- Wednesday: Year 6 visiting Waterstone's in Oxford Street, Years 1 & 2 visiting Daunt Books

Waterstone's in Oxford Street have also arranged for Kimberly Quinn, author of *'The Queen Must Die'* and *'The Queen at War'* to visit us next Monday, March 11th. She will be doing workshops in classes and signing books at break and lunch time. If children would like to purchase one of her books they need to bring £7.00 in an envelope with their name and class on the front entitled 'Author Visit'.

During book week, the children will also be having a **'Mystery Reader'** at 2.50pm each day, they will **'Drop Everything and Read'** when the bell rings and trying to **'Guess the Reader'** (take a look at the posters around the school and see if you can guess who is reading what next week).

We will also be doing a survey about reading over this week. There's a questionnaire for the children and there's also a questionnaire for parents. Please spend a few minutes filling it in and return it to your child's class teacher. The more people who re-

turn a questionnaire, the more useful it is to us.



## Chinese New Year Roadshow

The Chinese New Year Roadshow visited the school on Friday to perform for the children in Key Stage One and Two. There was dancing, singing, martial arts demonstrations and they also played some traditional musical instruments for us.

This is something we have enjoyed for the past few years and is a benefit of our status as a 'Confucius Classroom.' Other educational opportunities, specifically clubs, are also provided because of this link, such as our Mandarin Club, the Fan Dancing



Club and the Poi Spinning Club to name but a few.

## What's On

- Monday: Y5 to Waterstone's
- Tuesday: Y4 to Waterstone's
- Tuesday: Y3 and F2 to Daunt's Bookshop
- Wednesday: Y6 to Waterstone's
- Wednesday: Y1 and Y2 to Daunt's Bookshop
- Wednesday: Y3 and Y4 to the library
- Thursday: World Book Day and dressing up day.
- Thursday: F2 to the library

## School Dates

- Thursday, 7th March: World Book Day
- Friday, 15th March: RED NOSE DAY
- Thursday, 28th March: Last day of Term 4 - please collect children from class at 1.15
- Monday, 15th April: First day of Term 5