



Dear Parents, Welcome back after a short half term, I hope you all enjoyed your break. We have some very exciting activities planned for this half term and would welcome any suggestions you have.

Many thanks, Mr Thorne

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 15th March	J Team 3.15—4.15pm	Friday 24th March	PTA Easter Egg Bingo 6pm start
Thursday 16th March	Y4 Shugborough Visit pre-trip meeting 5pm	Friday 31st March	Non-Uniform Day—please bring in £1 donation for the School Fund
Wednesday 22nd March	J Team 3.15—4.15pm	Monday 3rd April	Class groups and Leaver photographs will be taken in school
Thursday 23rd March	Mother's Day 'meal with mum'	Thursday 6th April	Easter Church Service
Friday 24th March	Red Nose Day—'Wear it red' for a £1 donation	Friday 7th April	School closes for Easter

Half term focus: Reception

Hooray, it's Spring...and 'Spring' is our brand new topic in Reception! We are learning all about changes in our environment, seeds and growing, and life cycles.

So far we have been on a hunt around school looking for signs of Spring; we spotted some daffodils and crocuses and buds growing on the trees. The children even took some of their own photographs!

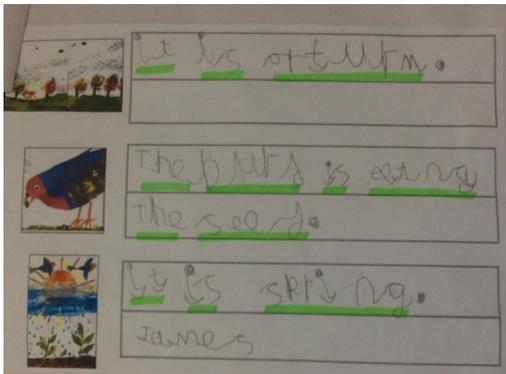
The children have been very busy making our classroom look colourful, by making paper plate birds and daffodils using egg boxes.

We've even been getting green fingered, as we planted some cress seeds (which we will be using to make our egg and cress sandwiches, yum!).



In English lessons, we have been reading 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and writing words and sentences linked to the story. In Maths we have been learning about money; identifying and sorting coins and counting to pay for flowers and seeds in our very own Flower Shop. We will be practising our addition and subtraction skills later this half term.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. We hope that you enjoy hearing about what Reception get up to at school!



Mother's Day meal with mum



The mums of children at St Mary's are invited to lunch at school on Thursday 23rd March. A copy of the menu is attached. Meals are priced at £2.58. Please arrive at 12:00 if you have a child in Reception, Y1 or 2, or at 12:15 for Y3/4. Older siblings can have an earlier lunch if needs be. Please pay via Parentpay by Thu 16th March to enable the kitchen to place the order in time.

Wolgarston Dance Show Success

A very big 'Well Done' to the 22 children in Years 1-4 who took part in the Wolgarston Dance Show.

The children performed 'It's a Hard Knock Life' from 'Annie the Musical' to Miss Taylor's own choreography which they had been rehearsing since November. Pictured below are the children who took part in action on the big stage!





ST. MARY'S SUPERSTARS!



Congratulations to all our St. Mary's Superstars! We are very proud of you!

Star Writers

Isla Corr (Rec)
Jensen Dainty (Y1)
William Swift (Y2)
George Peace (Y4)

Star Mathematicians

Bobby Ray (Rec)
Codi Wilde (Y1)
Sophie Cochrane (Y2)
Carrie Cochrane (Y4)

Star Reader

Cara L'Estrange (Y3)
Rebecca Du Plooy (Y4)

Nursery Award

Amelia Hassall

PTA 200 Club

The winners for the January draw are:-

1st Prize - Mary Robotham (6) drawn by Mrs A Williams

2nd Prize - Sarah Pedley (1) drawn by Karen Jackson

The annual subscription to the 200 Club is £24.00 per number payable, preferably by monthly direct debit (just £2 per month). Prize draws take place each month: 1st prize £30 and 2nd prize £10. Why not join us?

Just one first prize win would cover your payments for more than a year and you could be lucky enough to win more than once. Please collect an application form from school reception or email PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk

Upcoming visit payment deadlines:

Y4 Shugborough Residential Visit
final payment due

Friday 24th March

PTA Easter Egg Bingo

Friday 24th March at 6pm

Please come along and support our family event. We are hosting a fun bingo evening for all the family to enjoy.



Nursery and Out of School Club—Places available

Is your child going to be 3 before September, or 3 in the term September-December (Rising 3)?

If so, we have Nursery places available. Please see Mrs King for a registration form.

Please can parents check with the nursery staff prior to paying online for your child's session places due to staffing ratios and availability.

Thank you' s

We would like to thank Mr. Howe for his excellent work on trimming the willow arch in readiness for the spring / summer.

Thanks also to Mr Evans-Bowen, Ms Thomas and Ms Myatt for cleaning up the PTA noticeboard.

Messy Church News

As usual, we'll be holding our *Easter Eggstravaganza Morning* in St. Mary's Church, Wheaton Aston, on Good Friday, 14th April. The event will begin at 9.45 am (please note that this is earlier than our usual sessions) and will end at approximately 12.15pm after we have shared a light lunch. We'll be enjoying lots of Easter activities, including an Easter egg hunt and a hat parade (prizes will be awarded for the best hat/crown, so get working now!). You'll need to bring your Messy Church goody bag with you be-



cause this is the event at which we give prizes for having the most stickers from Messy Church sessions. If you'll be coming to join us for the first time, you'll receive a bag and your first sticker, so that you can begin collecting! There's no admission charge for Messy Church, but donations are appreciated. We'd like to know how many people would like to come, so please call Anne Wright (01785 840656) during the week beginning 3rd April (and by Weds 12th April at the latest), so that we can provide enough craft materials—and food- for everyone.

Please note that all children/young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult during the whole session.

We hope you can join us on Good Friday and we look forward to seeing you!

Uniform Price to increase in April

Our uniform suppliers have advised us that the price of school uniform bought via school will increase with effect from 3rd April 17. This is due to the rising cost of fabric. We have a small amount of stock at the old prices, available on a first come first served basis, please contact the school office if interested.