



What an interesting term this has been! After the Siberian temperatures and snow, it is good to see the signs of spring.

The Easter holiday begins when we CLOSE AT 3pm THIS THURSDAY.

We all wish you well for a happy Easter and look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 17th April at 8.55am.

Goodbye...

We are very sorry to have said goodbye to Rev James Mustard recently. It was a real privilege to be at his institution as Canon Precentor at Exeter Cathedral on Palm Sunday. Although we are missing James' ministry already, the position he is now in is ideal, combining his calling as a priest with his extraordinary gift of singing. James will continue in our prayers. He send his regards to all and looks forward to seeing anyone who may be visiting the cathedral in the future.

The position of Rector will be advertised in due course. Until such time as an appointment is taken up, we will continue to do our weekly services at St Mary's, or have visiting clergy and other speakers here in school. Arrangements are currently being planned. We are very grateful to Rev. Shaun Saunders from Brookside Methodist church. Shaun has taken a number of worship services at church and school and has very kindly agreed to support us in the coming months.

Evacuation....

A first for St Marys, we are delighted with the ease with which our evacuation policy worked. Thank you so much to the many parents, carers and grandparents who have thanked us. The email on the day explained the course of events. We will write to you early next term to update all contacts, including phone numbers for back-up contacts. We fully appreciate the many parents who don't work locally. Therefore it is important that you have a contact near to the school in the event of an emergency.

Barnet Schools Dance Festival

Congratulations to year 6 for their vibrant performance at the dance festival. They performed their solo item alongside several other primary and secondary schools and colleges. The finale with 330 students on stage is unforgettable!

Well done year 6, and thanks to Mrs Reynolds for choreographing and teaching the children to such an amazing standard.

Book day dance workshops

This was a wonderful, dramatic and energetic day. Under the expert tuition of 'West End in Schools', Reception, year 1 and year 2 danced the story of 'The Troll' by David Roberts, Years 3 and 4 danced the story of, 'Where the Wild things are' by Maurice Sendack, and year 5 and 6 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. These workshops perfectly complemented the wonderful story telling on world book day, giving all children the opportunity to experience the stories in different ways.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S.

Another successful term, with lots of cake (cake sales!), always popular! Thanks to all who organised the disco, and were able to reorganise it so quickly following the snow postponement. It was a well-run event, very well attended and enjoyed by the many dancers who managed to dance throughout the evening! VERY MANY THANKS. An amazing £1,141.82 was raised.

In addition to running these entertaining events, the committee are also fund raising for new playground equipment. In days of seriously shrinking budgets, the work carried out by so many willing parent volunteers and their families continues to support the day-to-day experiences of the children. We are very grateful for all they do.

Fund raising currently is for playground equipment. We are awaiting quotes for playground equipment and will let you know when we have any further information.

**SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY ON
THURSDAY 29TH MARCH @ 3pm.
WE RE-OPEN FOR CHILDREN ON
TUESDAY 17TH APRIL @ 8.55am**

Parent/Carer Questionnaires

Thanks for returning your questionnaires, these will assist with our annual self-review and evaluation process. Once the responses have been processed we will let you have the outcome in the new term.

A poem for Easter:

Love Overcame

Love overcame
Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God
Transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love
Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travellers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledge that the saviour has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth
Is complete

Read more: http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/easter_prayers.html

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

