



Newsletter: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
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Please pray for all our pupils

### Feast of St Mark



As SATs week begins for Year 6, please remember all our pupils in your prayers not only this week but every week until the end of term. The children of this school have worked extremely hard over the last two years with all the interruptions and changes because of the national pandemic. And yet, their resilience has been remarkable. We need to pray that as the assessment season begins, all our children can have their chance to 'shine' and do their very best. We can ask no more of them than that.

### SATs Breakfast

Research shows that children who eat breakfast perform better in tests, as well as improving mental agility, a good breakfast also elevates mood. The Year 6 children (and staff) were certainly very pleased with the breakfast choices on offer this morning and sitting together to eat helped to set a positive tone for the morning.



The children in Key Stage 1 learned about the Gospel writer St Mark. Mark was one of the first followers of Jesus. Mark was alive during the time of Jesus and was one of his first followers. He was also a good friend of Peter who was one of Jesus' dearest apostles. Mark and Peter often spoke about the life of Jesus; when they did, Mark wrote down everything Peter said. It is believed that Mark travelled around with Peter as his interpreter while he spread the Good News.

### First Holy Communion



Congratulations to everyone that made their First Holy Communion recently. This next step towards living in faith is a big one. May you continue to live in God's love now and for always.

### Lunch Menu

This week should have been the beginning of the new Lunch Menu devised by Chartwells. In time this will be available on our website but a hard copy will be displayed on the notice boards outside the Entrance Gates and the Nursery Gate.

Please take some time to take a look at it and speak through with your child what options are available – perhaps they might like to try something new!





### Nursery Walk

Last week, the Nursery Children and their parents enjoyed a spring walk in the local woodlands. On their walk, the children explored the sounds of birds and identified some using pictures. They also joined in a simple team game of passing the ball.



The walk ended with a picnic of crackers and fruits in the park. What a perfect way to enjoy the park area that is just at the back of this school. How lucky we are to be surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature even if we are in the middle of the 'Big City'.

### Drinking Water



Please provide your child with a named water bottle for school. We encourage them to drink frequently throughout the day! This will go home at the end of each day and should be returned with fresh water each day. This is especially important as the weather continues to get warmer.

### Paper Garden

Year 4 had a very fun morning in the sun exploring the new Paper Garden last Friday. They took part in designing a park, watering plants and transferred woodchip across the garden to improve the natural habitats for the plants and other living creatures. When describing their morning, the children said that they felt 'energised and inspired'.



*'I loved designing a park especially because we were allowed to use natural resources such as stones, twigs and woodchip'* Kitty-Rae



### Office update

We are pleased to welcome a new member of the office staff team. Portia will be in the office every morning so please say hello next time you pop in.



# St John's Catholic Primary School

