

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. This is one of the highlights of the school year at St Mary's! Everyone in school is invited to dress up as a story/book character for the day and parts of the day will be spent on book related activities to encourage the love of reading. Your child will need no money to take part in this event.



This year, we are joining schools across the UK on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March by asking everyone to pay the small fee of £1 per child to come to school in non-uniform for the day. To really get in the Red Nose Day spirit, children should dig out their reddest t-shirt, hat or silly wig or even accessorise with a red nose and deeley

boppers! Wearing red clothing is optional; children could alternatively just wear their uniform with red nose accessories instead. Our only 'rule' is that we ask for no make-up or face paints and that clothing/footwear is obviously suitable for normal school activities.

The PTA will be selling read noses and deeley boppers on the Year 3/4 playground after school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.



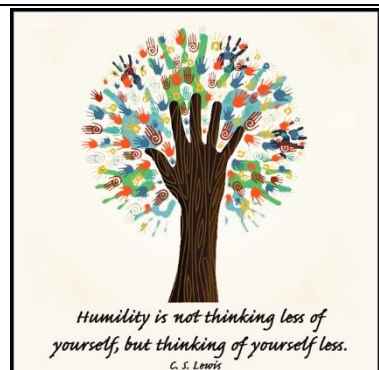
## Boys football successes

Yesterday, two of our teams played in the LDSSA tournament at St Christopher School in Letchworth. Both teams played amazingly well and our A team came first, winning the tournament overall! Fantastic!



## Values Education

In collective worship on Monday, we started thinking about this half term's value - Humility. Please talk to your child at home about what humility means to them and discuss this as a family.



## PTA News

Please see the attached PTA newsletter for details of all the exciting news and projects that are planned for our school.

## Thank you!

At the end of last half term, our school Council members hosted a cake sale and managed to raise just over £55 towards our school library fundraising project. Thank you to all parents and children who made cakes to sell at this event.



Fortune Financial are offering parents a FREE review & service from start to finish, for every household that completes on a protection or mortgage case we will donate a £25 contribution to your child's school, not only that we will ensure our chosen charity MIND for mental health receive the same £25 contribution on your behalf.

**Please see the attached letter for further details.**

## Do you have any unwanted board games at home?

We are in urgent need of board games that children can play during wet breaktimes. If you have any unwanted games at home, please send them into school and our School Council members will distribute them within classes.

## Yr 4 & 6 Residential Trips

Please continue to make payments for both trips. Thank you and kind regards.

## Diary dates (further dates will be added throughout the term)

### March

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Gymnastics competition at KTS

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday service in school

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> - Team A netball tournament at St Francis School

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> - PTA to sell Red Nose Day merchandise after school (3.20pm Yr 3/4 playground)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - PTA to sell Red Nose Day merchandise after school (3.20pm Yr 3/4 playground)

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> -Year 5 Passover/Communion session

- Team B netball tournament at St Francis School

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Passover/Communion session

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - Boys A and B football v Lordship Farm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day (Dressing up! See above for more details)

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> -Year 5 Knex Challenge

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Voice In A Million (Wembley Arena)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Boys football v Norton

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Communion

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation Evening 5-8pm

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation Evening 3.40-6pm