**Newsletter**

**2nd October 2015**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**Global Goals – the world’s largest lesson**

We learnt about the UN’s Global Goals this week and took part in the world’s largest lesson. World leaders have agreed to 17 promises to make the world a fairer and more equal place and we talked in assembly this week about children in other countries who perhaps don’t have the same advantages as we do. The children had some very insightful thoughts about the difficulties other children around the world have, and we looked at how the 17 Global Goals will address those issues.

There’s lots more information on line if you are interested in reading more. Do talk to your child about it and have a chat about simple things we could do to support those goals.

**6th Class visit to National Gallery**

The children in 6th Class had a great visit to the National Gallery on Tuesday this week. They took the bus across the city and spent several hours in the gallery looking at the beautiful art work. They had their lunch in the gallery and Miss Graham reports that she had two different members of the public approach her to comment on how well-behaved and polite the children were – how fantastic!

We tweeted from @stmarysdorsetst to let the gallery know how much we enjoyed the visit – and they tweeted back to say thanks! Follow us on Twitter for all our latest news.

**Health Updates**

This week we sent home information about sight and hearing tests for Senior Infants. Please complete the forms and return them to school as soon as you can.

We have also had contact from the dentist with the HSE who will also be in touch with families shortly and Junior Infant vaccinations will take place in school on Tuesday, 20th October.

**Home-School News and Events**

We have an information session for parents who would like help supporting their children with phonics and learning to read on Wednesday 21st October – do put the date in your diary and come along if you can.

**Attendance and punctuality**

Well done to 3rd Class who have the best attendance for the second week in a row with 97.9%. 4th Class were very close behind. We need to keep working on it – we’re aiming for 95% or higher for every class every week. Please do your best to help us by ensuring your child is in school on time every day.

**Dates for your diary**

8th October – Senior Infants ot Blessington Street Basin on Tree Walk

12th October – 2nd Class to ‘Fighting Words’

23rd October – School closes for Mid-Term

2nd November – School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

Hopefully we’ll see some sunshine – enjoy the weekend!

Éadaoin Kelly

Principal