



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



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*Happy are those who hear the word of God  
and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy week in which we have been working hard in school to think about how we are all unique and celebrate our differences. This week was National Anti-Bullying Week and so each class took time to reflect upon what this means. Examples of learning can be found on our website on the pupil pages.

*" We learnt about being kind to each other. We wore odd socks because everybody is different and we won't leave anybody out"* Isabella Bolton-Rigby and Louisa Nelson,  
Class 1

*"We learnt we should respect each other and celebrate differences. We should unite to stop bullying so that the world is a better place."* Jack Spickett , Class 3

Many things at present are not how we would expect and we have to adapt to a 'new normal'. Certain routines/phrases have become part of everyday life...Bubbles, Social Distance etc. and we have had to change the way things are done such as 'Phone call Parent Evenings'.

## **Virtual Assemblies**

At School we have installed software to enable us to have 'Virtual' celebration assemblies and held our first assembly today. It was lovely to be able to see each other, share prayers and celebrate. We hope to be able to hold a regular Celebrations Assembly in this way.

## **Parent App "Seesaw"- Class 2 Trial**

As we aren't able to communicate in the usual way and share learning as perhaps we have done before such as through 'Wonderful Work Weeks' or Assemblies we will be trialling an App "*Seesaw*" with Class 2. This will enable us to see how it works and take feedback before hopefully offering this to the whole school.

The purpose of this is to give you an insight into your child's learning. It may be simply a shared photograph or a mini blurb of what pupils have been up to.

It WILL NOT be a means of communicating with staff and is not to be used for this purpose. Staff will not respond to questions or comments raised via the app but are, as ever, available via telephone and /or email.

We would ask that it is treated and celebrated as a way for you to share your child's learning journey and ask that families respect confidentiality and are reminded of GDPR.

As class 2 will trial the app Mrs. Sullivan will send information home and invite you to sign up. This is a free app and designed to be used on your phone. Obviously Class Photographs may be shared and as such will have other pupils as well as your own child on. Parents are once more reminded to treat these images appropriately.

Class 2 Parents only at this stage will need to contact Mrs. Sullivan on [Sullivan@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:Sullivan@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk) to consent

Please email simply stating either that you wish for your child to be included or you do not wish for your child to be included.

I will share additional information following our trial in due course. I hope you really enjoy this opportunity.

## **Parking and Important Safety Advice**

May I remind families to use the Smith Arms Car Park when dropping off and / or collecting pupils. Canon Adrian has asked that we remind families not to park across at Church. As you will know, the Nuns are in prayer and so we need to be mindful and respectful of this. If you have nominated Support Bubble/ Childcare Bubble members collecting on your behalf please forward this message on.

I also remind families **NOT TO GATHER** and to adhere to Social Distancing. This is imperative and for the safety and wellbeing of all in St. Mary's school community.

## **Friend's of St. Mary's – FOSM - Notices**

### **Christmas 'VIRTUAL' Raffle .**



*As we wish to continue to fundraise yet are reducing items shared between home and school, FOSM are holding a 'virtual' raffle - £1 per ticket, school will text you your number. Tickets will go on sale from 20th November. There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase. All of the money raised will go back into school for the benefit of all pupils. Please send the money into school in an envelope clearly marked " VIRTUAL RAFFLE " with your name, contact number and amount of tickets you wish to purchase.*

*The Draw will be made on 15th December before we finish for the Christmas holidays. Please see Mrs Reid if you need any more information.*

### **Mission St Mary's.**

*Mission St Mary's is back from the 23/11/20 – 14/12/20 and once again we want to help as many families as we can. This year we are asking for new or unused gifts for both boys and girls aged 4-12. Donations can be left in the foyer of school or the blue box in the bike shed around the back. In these difficult times any donations make a huge difference to someone's Christmas. As with the food parcels if you do need any extra support please contact school on 01772 729881 or email [head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk).*

*Thankyou as ever for all your support. Stay safe. Your FOSM team.*

## **Admissions September 2020**

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2021? Or do you know someone who has?

The application for school places is now open and can be found on the Lancashire County Council Website

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place>

Choosing the right school for your child is of great importance and we understand the value of finding the right environment for your child. As you would expect, safety is of paramount importance to us and to this end we are not able to hold our traditional 'Open Evening'.

Why not check out or share our Virtual Tour on the school Homepage.  
<https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk>

### **Diary Dates:**

29.11.20 – First Sunday of Advent

14, 15, 16.12.20 – Bikeability Sessions Class 4

14.12.20 – Class 1 – Disco Party – Class 1 ONLY wear Party clothes

15.12.20- Class 2 – Disco Party – Class 2 ONLY Wear Party clothes

16.12.20 – Class 3 – Disco Party - Class 3 ONLY Wear Party clothes

17.12.20- WHOLE school Christmas Jumper Day (£1) and Christmas Dinner

- Hopefully followed by a '*Socially distanced*' wave and gift from a Special Visitor!!

18.12.20 – Class 4 – Disco Party - Class 4 ONLY Wear Party clothes

18.12.20 – School Closes for Christmas

	<b><u>E.A.T Award</u></b> <b><u>Explore. Be Active and Think creatively</u></b>	<b><u>Achievement Award</u></b>
Class 1	Maxwell Houlding	Darcey Chambers
Class 2	Agatha Holmes	Eden Heslop
Class 3	Finnley Foxall-Holmes	Elliott Reid
Class 4	Maizie-lei Barton	Sebastian King

*At St. Mary's School we*

“Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!”

