



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

We continue to offer prayers to Mary the Mother of our school in this special month of Mary and we are busy preparing to celebrate our Marian Service in school next week. Work is well underway on the new area and you can see further details in the letter below.

From Monday, in line with Government advice the Country is expected to move into Step 3 on The Roadmap out of Lockdown. At present within school very little will change and we continue to ask for your support and co-operation with all the measures we have in place.

The safety of all remains the key focus and when, and if it is safe to make further adaptations or relaxations of certain measures we will , as ever, keep you fully informed.

Parent Governor Elections

Thank you for your support with the recruitment of two new Parent Governors. I would like to firstly thank all the candidates that chose to put themselves forward for this role. It is wonderful to have such committed and supportive parents who are passionate about working in partnership. I would also like to thank our families for taking the time to vote.

I would like to formally congratulate Mr. Nelson and Mr. Williams and welcome them as members of our school Governing Body.

Prayer Area

Your child will have brought home a separate entry form for the new 'Prayer Area' with full details of our Competition. We have also had a discussion about our competition in our Zoom Celebrations Assembly this morning!!

We hope you will enjoy entering this competition as a family and we will announce the winner next week.

Thank you for the donations of time, bricks and plants already received. We are so grateful to have had all the help and already this area is taking shape and looking fantastic.

Mrs. Holmes has used her creative eye and sketched a wonderful design which is shared below. We still really need further donations so if you would be happy to help in anyway please do get in touch.

We would welcome donations of plants and bulbs next week from Wednesday and of course willing volunteers. If you haven't got the time to nip to a garden shop perhaps you may wish to make a donation which we could use to buy plants and bulbs. All help is greatly appreciated.



Could you help with donations of....

Bark / logs, Bedding plants (blue & white if possible), Lavender, Rosemary, Blueberry, Grasses, Bulbs or Pebbles

Marigold - Mary's Gold Pansy - Trinity Flower Petunia - Mary's Praises Daffodil - Mary's Star Tulip - Mary's Prayer Lily - Purity & Grace

**** If you would like to help in anyway please catch Mrs. Holmes at school or contact us and we will pass your details on. Mrs. Holmes has kindly agreed to co-ordinate our project.**

Reading books- School books at home

As you will be aware from our previous newsletters, we have now facilitated books to be sent home using a fixed day arrangement so that we can ensure books can be exchanged and quarantined. All books can be brought into school each **MONDAY** only.

As school books were issued prior to Lockdowns and remote learning periods we do seem to be vastly down on our stocks. Could I ask all families to have a look at home if you have any schools books which could be returned on a Monday to school.

Thank you in advance for checking for us!

Marian Service 21.5.21

As many of you will be aware, each year we hold a Marian Service a 'Mary' Service as May is the Month of Mary, The Patron Saint of our school.

All Children are invited to wear blue for Mary on Friday 21st of May.

Each class will create art work and will take part in a procession around the school field, ending at what will be our new 'Prayer Garden'. We wanted to create a permanent celebration of faith after all we have been through, so we will be developing a prayer space. We have ordered a beautiful outdoor statue of Mary and are really hoping this arrives in time.

We would like, this year, to ask for donations of plants and bulbs instead of cut flowers and some willing gardeners to help us! We would ask for donations of plants from Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st May so that these can be planted on this special day.

Parents Day Sessions

Typically 'Parents Evening' would be offered in the autumn and spring terms, with a school report issued in the summer term. As these are unprecedented times we would like to provide you with an update as to how your child is settling and progressing since our return to school post 'Lockdown' both academically and emotionally.

We are delighted to offer telephone Parents slots again w/c 24th May 2021.

Five minute slots will be available all morning with each class allocated a certain day. Please call school to book these with Mrs. Lofthouse. I do encourage you to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

Class 1 : Monday 24th May

Class 2: Tuesday 25th May

Class 3: Wednesday 26th May

Class 4: Thursday 27th May

Charity News- Eden Heslop Class 2

As we shared with you Eden, in Class 2 had decided to have her hair cut and donate it to the Little Princess Trust to help those who may have lost their hair for example through treatment.

Eden also decided to fundraise for Cancer Research. On Thursday 13th of May Eden had her hair cut and completed her special challenge. We are very proud of Eden and at the time of writing she has raised a fantastic total of £815.00!! She looks equally fabulous with the shorter style and still has a great big smile on her face!!!

The Just Giving link can be found at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Heslop1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Emma-Heslop1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=594152a6b2a84297b429810866bf92d6

Forest School Status.

We have made a considerable investment in resources to further develop learning outside the classroom and are passionate about becoming a Forest School. Mrs Jennings is our Early Years lead and is completing the official Forest Schools qualification. We will be looking to further enhance an area of our school field and as such are looking for any willing volunteers.

Perhaps you have an hour or two to weed, remove rotten Wood or have contacts that can get us donations of bits and bobs? Over the next few weeks Mrs. Jennings will share any requests for items as she undertakes her training. We hope to roll Forest School across all our classes in the future and want to create unique learning opportunities for all children beyond the classroom.

"I am very excited to be embarking on the Forest School training and look forward to implementing the child-led, play-based ethos that offers children regular opportunities to succeed, improve self-esteem and develop as an individual through hands-on learning in a natural setting. Forest School sessions help to stimulate creativity, build confidence and teach children new skills via activities such as shelter-building, green wood-working, natural art and fire-lighting. I believe this will be a fantastic enhancement to curriculum and I can't wait to see how the children develop a relationship with nature". Mrs. Jennings

School Dinners

From Monday 7th June 2021 it will be necessary to increase the cost of our school meals from £2.20 per day to £2.35. We have not increased the cost of meals for a considerable time and as the rising costs are passed on to us this small increase is unavoidable. Pupils in Key Stage 1 (Years - Reception, One and Two) will continue to be entitled to a daily Universal Free School meal as will pupils eligible for Free School meals.

Vacancy – Cleaner 20 Hours Per Week

We are looking for an experienced cleaner to join our school team from June. If you would like a copy of the job description and/ or further information please contact Mrs. Lofthouse.

Big School Adventures

Big School adventures takes place every Thursday from 1.15 -3.15 pm with rigid safety measures in place as previously.

Numbers are strictly limited and places must be pre booked each week.

Have a look at our weekly activities which can be found under the Pupils tab of our school website!!

Should you require any further information or to book a place please call 01772 729881.

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Jimmy Skeffington	Louisa Nelson	Douglas Pye
Class 2	Eden Heslop	Ella Jackson	Lillianna Conway
Class 3	Teddy Abram-Jebb	Felicity Pye	Jaiden Connell
Class 4	Olivia Halliday	Cherry Davis	Millie Yates

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!"

