



# 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,

A fun week in school where we saw our Pupils turn into the Staff and Staff into pupils!! Through our Anti Bullying week we have thought about how important our words really are. The Theme was **One Kind Word** and it was interesting to reflect upon how one word has the power to change how we feel. If we remember to *Live our Lives as Jesus taught us* and ensure we treat others as we would like to be treated we can ensure we all feel happy and loved.

As we rapidly approach the end of November and move towards Christmas we have even more events and activities so please do take the time to check the newsletter regularly especially the dates for your diary section.

We held our first face-to-face Friends of St. Mary's Meeting for a while on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of November and I would like to thank all who attended and/or shared their ideas for fundraising.

The AGM for the FOSM will take place in the New Year on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 3.15pm in the School Hall at which point we will vote in our Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and plan exciting fundraising opportunities for the year ahead.

At present your FOSM team are:

Chair:	Hannah Reid
Secretary:	Gillian Holmes
Treasurer:	Becky Hancock
Members:	Everyone !!

Our key focus was upon Fundraising to continue to provide opportunities and experiences for ALL pupils. Please look in our notice board and look out for flyers from our FOSM.

The focus was to provide great experiences, raise money yet keep things easy for you as families and not put any cost pressures on anyone. Further details can be found under FOSM section within this newsletter.

## Reverse Day – 18.11.21

We have a great day dressing up as each other – The pupils dressed as the Teachers and the Teachers as the pupils!! We raised an impressive £71.00 which will go straight into School Funds. Thank you for all your support and creativity with your costumes!!



## **Anti-Bullying Week - 15.11.21 – 19.11.21**

*“This year’s Anti bullying week was One Kind word. We celebrated the fact that everyone is special in their own way. We made an envelope saying a kind message to make others happy around our school” Jonah Hurtault and Oliver Hooper, Class 4*



## **FOSM**

*This week we held our first FOSM meeting in 18 months and it was lovely to be able to be in a room together (socially distanced!).*

*We have managed to bring together many ideas for fundraising and theme days which will enhance and also offer extra opportunities for your child(ren). As we move into December keep your eyes peeled for all our festive fun coming up.*

*As ever your support and ideas are vital to enable us to hold extra events, raise funds and raise smiles. All monies raised go directly back into school to support your child.*

*Please feel free to attend meetings and if you cannot attend email or catch us on the yard. DONT forget we always need helping hands whether it's shopping, ideas or helping at events.*

*Once again a huge Thank you for all your support. Hannah Reid, Chair*

Please see below some key information from our FOSM group. A booking form for the Funtastic five days of Christmas will follow!

22.11.21 – FOSM virtual Christmas Raffle – Tickets on sale until 15.12.21. The raffle will be drawn at 12 noon the prizes will be drawn

29.11.21 – Bring a ‘Bric-a-Brac’ items- such as a toy (in good working order), a book, a gift set etc. and wear own clothes

3.12.21 – Children’s Christmas Market in our School Hall – Each child may bring a maximum of £5.00 to spend on the ‘Bric- a Brac’ and Cake Stall.

w/c 13.12.21 - 17.12.21 – The FIVE Funtastic days of Christmas!!

You could either choose to select only the items you wish to join in with or pay £15 for a FIVE Fun -tastic Christmas Pass and get a special Souvenir stamp card!!

13.12.21 – Trip to the Pantomime – Lowther Pavillion – Sleeping Beauty - £10 per pupil – the WHOLE cost of transport is kindly funded by the FOSM

14.12.21 –KS1 Party day and Disco 3.15 -4.15 pm      KS2- Colouring Competition

15.12.21 – KS2 Party day and Disco 3.15 -4.15 pm      KS1- Colouring Competition

16.12.21 – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

17.12.21 – Christmas Accessory Day – Uniform and either Christmas Hat or Head band and hopefully.....If his Reindeers are free .....Father Christmas Visit

### **St. Mary’s Church Christmas Raffle**

Just a reminder - all tickets must be returned to School no later than 5.12.21 – Thank you

St. Mary’s Virtual Christmas Raffle – Tickets on sale from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Ticket will be on sale for our VIRTUAL raffle from Monday. Each tickets is £1.00 and you will receive a text with you raffle number NOT a physical raffle ticket. All numbers and information will be entered into a spreadsheet.

We have some FANTASTIC prizes including – An Afternoon Tea for two, Krav Taster lesson, After School Club passes, A one hour house clean, giant craft box to name just a few!!!!

Remember you have to be in it to win it.

Please send monies in an envelope marked VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE indicating your child’s name, class and number of tickets required.

Thank you in anticipation for your support!

## **NEW..... Mindful Moment !**



As we have had a difficult period of time throughout the pandemic, we have often talked about the importance of our wellbeing and just as it is important to ensure our bodies are healthy, we must ensure our mind is too. So, each week we will share a Mindful Moment for families, pupils and staff to enjoy!! Feel free to share pictures on See Saw!!

Our mood can sometimes be shown and reflected in our posture and research has show the relationship can run both ways- so becoming more aware of our posture could actually help our mood

Sit in a comfortable position in a chair and become aware of how your back feels against the back of the chair. Let the awareness travel through all the way down to your feet on the floor and your head. When comfortable relax, breathe deeply and focus...enjoy the calmness and comfort!

## **Big School Adventures**

Big School Adventures is up and running. To ensure we are being as sensible as possible with numbers we ask that places are pre-booked on a weekly basis.

## **Uniform changes**

To help make things easier as we move to our new uniform (required from September 2022) we shared we would have a transition period from January 2022. Pupils who are growing out of uniform items or those who simply wish to move to our new uniform are able to do this from January 2022.

In order to make this as easy as possible for you Mr. Kumar from Bang Bang will attend school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of December and bring a mobile shop from 2.45 -3.45 pm should you

wish to try on or purchase any new items. As promised once further price lists from our other suppliers are available these will be shared.

We will make this a regular event too so you are able to shop easily and/ or make payment plans.

We hope to also have our Swap Shop set up soon too!

Should you require any help/ advice please do contact me at school and/ or return the reply slip in the envelope provided and I will get in touch.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- Mon. 22nd – Thu. 25th – Bikeability class 4
- Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wed. 15.12.21 – Virtual Christmas Raffle – Tickets on Sale £1.00
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Own Clothes Day – Bring a ‘Bric- a- Brac’ item
- Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Light Switch on – Pupils invited to return at 4pm to see the Lights be switched on. Weather permitting Mince Pies and drinks will be served outside
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Children Christmas Market Afternoon
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Play- 11.30 am and 4.00 pm – class 2 families
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Play- 11.30 am and 4.00 pm – class 1 families
- \*\*\* Nativity tickets re booked through the Booking forms issued and some restrictions will be in place
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## Celebrations Awards

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Jaymin Modasia	Ava Capper	Amelia Patel
Class 2	Jessica Simpson	Thomas Yates	Max Tidmarsh
Class 3	Jonah Maduka	Macie Dixon	Rowan Hawkins
Class 4	Mylo Sanderson	Oliver Hodson	Charlie Whitehead

*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!"*



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **My child has Coronavirus symptoms what should I do?**

Telephone the School Office to advise your child will not be attending as they are symptomatic and book a PCR test at a test centre. Once this result is returned share this with school via email. If the test is negative and the pupil remains well they may return to school.

### **If my Child demonstrated Coronavirus symptoms in school what will happen?**

You will be contacted and advised you need to collect your child and book a PCR test. Your child will remain at home until they are fit and well and able to share their Negative result.

### **We do not have to isolate anymore do we?**

Bubbles at school are removed and as such, if your child has been in contact with a positive person at school, the whole Bubble will no longer be required to isolate for 10 days. All 'Close Contacts' will be required to take a PCR test and, if this is negative, they may return to school.

NHS Track and Trace will work with families to identify 'Close Contacts'. I would strongly encourage you to liaise with school so we can support you with this and reduce the spread. As you will appreciate staff will be best placed to identify pupils who have sat together, played together etc. etc.

**At present, as we are working with Public Health England myself or Mr. Taylor will call families of Direct Contacts to inform them they need to seek a PCR.**

### **I have a box of Lateral Flow kits at home can I just use this?**

No, you would have to have a PCR result

### **Someone in my household is positive. Can my child attend school?**

We would require the pupil to seek a PCR test and share this result with school via email. If the pupil is negative please remember that this is a negative result at the point of the test and your child could still develop Coronavirus within the Isolation period. We would strongly encourage a daily Lateral Flow Test and ask families to reflect upon the risks to other pupils and staff within school. We want to work in partnership to ensure we keep each other safe and are grateful for your support.



