

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

A lovely week in school with the sun shining and that Autumnal crisp feeling creeping into the air. Class 4 enjoyed their residential and share some exciting memories with you below.

We also celebrated our first whole school Mass together at St. Mary's. I was incredibly proud of all our pupils who were respectful, reverent, and reflective and sang beautifully. I have received emails and comments that also celebrate their wonderful attitudes and behaviour.

Within our Mass we offered prayers for the Queen, our new King and to all members of the Royal family. Within school this week we have all completed activities to celebrate her Majesty's life as well as honouring her with a Minutes 'Clap' in the sunshine this morning.

Every pupil, staff member and Governor received a commemorative coin as a keepsake. A video showing the journey our card made to Buckingham Palace can be found on our website homepage. It is really lovely to see the journey our card made and see that our good wishes have been received by the Palace.

**With deepest sympathy we remember our Queen- Queen Elizabeth II**



*Eternal rest grant unto  
her O' Lord  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## **Our memories of the Queen**



*Holding our Minutes Clap this morning to celebrate the Queen.*

*"The Queen had to look after all of the Kingdom" Thea Koutsokostas, Class 1*

*" We have learnt how special the Queen was" Jamie Bass, Class 2*

*I liked learning facts about the Queen, especially about how many Corgi's she had over her reign. Elliott Williams, Class 3*

*"When Queen Elizabeth II died last week, it was a hard and sad time. At St Mary's we read a prayer in our Mass and we all signed a card to send to Buckingham Palace. As well as this, everyone had chance to sign a condolence book for the Queen. We hope that King Charles knows how much we all loved the Queen" James Picking, Class 4*

## **Class 4 Visit Hothersall Lodge – Residential 12 - 14.9.22**

Pupils from Class 4 set off on their adventure to Hothersall Lodge on Monday to make memories and have fun. They were accompanied by Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Royles, Miss Harrison and I was blessed to share the day with them all too!



*Hothersall Lodge was a great adventure for all of Class 4 and so much fun. Personally, my favourite part was the gorge walk because we got very muddy and some of the girls made mud masks! Leah Whitehead*

*The canoeing was amazing at Hothersall but also hard! It was spectacular when we roasted marshmallows on the fire we had made. We had to make sure that we didn't drop them! Freya Stevens*

*When I went to Hothersall, one of my favourite parts was den building and making campfires. Even though I had a fear of fire, I faced it and now would love to make a campfire again! Penny Robinson*



## **Mr. Taylor**

I am sure you will join me in sending your love and prayers to Mr. Taylor and his wife as they prepare to welcome the arrival of their child. We anticipate Mr. Taylor will commence his Paternity leave on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of September. During this period Mr. Fisher will lead Class 4.

## **Mrs. Coulter**

We send our love and prayer to Mrs. Coulter as she prepares for an operation and pray that is successful and that she recovers quickly.

## **Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) News – Save the Date**

FOSM members are busy preparing a newsletter in which you will be able to see and celebrate all the funds you have helped raise and what those funds have enabled the FOSM to support school to buy. It will also share lots of information about future goals, projects and exciting events.

In the meantime please.....

### **Save the Date – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 -5.00 pm.**

Dust off your Bingo Dabbers and come along for some family Fun....Its BINGO time!

Bingo will take place in the school hall with refreshments (teas, coffee, snacks and hot dogs) as well as fun BINGO games, raffles, tombola's and some super family prizes.

Your child will have brought home a BINGO advance ticket slip...simply return this to the Office and come along to have some fun.

If you are free to help on the night we would love to hear from you!!

To help us build our Chocolate Tombola we will hold a **Non Uniform day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.** Pupils may wear their own clothes and in return we ask for a Chocolate prize!!

### **Save the Date Number 2 – Christmas Light Switch on followed by a Christmas Fayre – 1.12.22**

We really need your help to plan this event so PLEASE come along to our next FOSM meeting on **6.10.22 from 2.45 pm** here at school. Everyone is WELCOME!

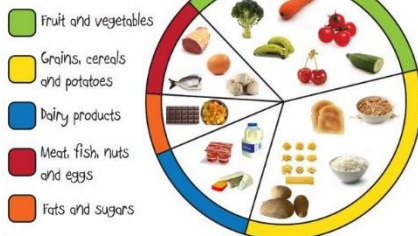
## **Enrichment Day – Fitness day – A message from Mr. Catterall**

To celebrate National Fitness Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, during the morning, each class will have the opportunity to take part in a fitness circuit made up of a wide variety of tasks from sprints, balances, jumping, throwing and many more!

During the afternoon, each class will complete a variety of tasks related to sport, fitness and healthy eating to raise an awareness of the importance of staying healthy and eating the correct foods. We will also have our sports coaches in during the afternoon to help support this event.

When the children enter school, they will change into their PE kits and will change back into their school uniform before home time. Check out your child's Seesaw journal, as well as the website, to see some of the activities we get up to on Wednesday!

### A Balanced Plate



### **See Saw App**

All pupils have been issued with a letter which details how to join our school See Saw App within their new classes. The App is designed as one of the many ways for us to share learning and let you know a little more about what the pupils have been up to in school. We will share pictures, celebrate achievements and tell you a little about what we have been learning in class.

As you will appreciate the focus of all staff members is to be with the pupils and support their learning so it may be that we do not post every day but we will share regularly.

If you need to send an important message such as a change to who is picking up or book into a club etc. Please contact the school office on 01772 729881

Staff can also be reached via email. For your convenience email addresses are shared below

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### **Big School Adventures ....Coming Soon !!!**

We are delighted to share that once again Big School Adventures will be returning each Friday from 1.15 to 3.15 pm every Friday.

The first session will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of October**. To secure your place please call 729881.

We look forward to welcoming some new faces to this session and enabling pupils to experience "Big School".

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

Forms have been issued for next for Breakfast and After School Club sessions and can be found on our school website.

Unless completed forms and monies are returned places **WILL NOT BE BOOKED** or secured.

This is essential to ensure we have safe ratios. As our clubs are not run for profit we do require payments in advance of sessions.

### **Extra Curricular Sports Clubs**

Letters for Sports Clubs have been issued and places have been allocated. Clubs will commence w/c 20.9.22.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Non Uniform Day – Bring a chocolate prize for the Tombola

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – St Bernadette's Relic Tour visit- Class 4

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – FOSM Family Bingo night 3.30 -5.00 pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Whole School, Individual and Family Photographs

## Celebrations Awards

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Thea Koutsokostas	Pippa Doherty	Florence Abram-Jebb
Class 2	Bailey Jenkin	Meredith Holmes	William McMillan
Class 3	Maisie Lawson	Deondre Thompson	Jessica Moore
Class 4	Jaiden Connell	All Of Class 4	Dane Lewis

*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!”

