



# 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 have reached the end of a very busy half term. The Autumn term is always very action packed as pupils settle into their new classes, establish their own routines and get to know their new staff and classmates. I hope this half term you are able to have a lovely well-earned rest and some special family time and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!

## Praying the Rosary



On Wednesday we were joined by Mrs. Fitzpatrick our Vice Chair of Governors and the three Sisters from St. Mary's Church as we prayed a Decade of the Rosary. The pupils were reverent, respectful and interested to learn more about the Rosary and pray in this way in October the month of the Rosary.

*“ It was mega good because it was so windy and our prayers blew up to heaven”  
Oliver Lawson, Class 2*

*“ It was special because Mary is so special” Sandra Stec, Class 2*

*I thought it was very special, we prayed for Peace. A Million children prayed for Peace – the Dove  
was the Symbol of Peace. Finney Griffiths, Class 4*

## **Harvest Donations**



A huge Thank you to all our families for your generosity and contributions towards Harvest. All the gifts/ donations received will be taken to Share- It! To help people in our local community who may need a little extra help and support.

Thank you for helping us to “ *Live our Lives as Jesus taught us*” and help those in need.

## **Holy Communion 2023**

Letters have been sent out in regard to the Holy Communion sessions 2023. If your child is in Year 3 or above and a Baptised Catholic they can choose to make this next special step on their Faith Journey. Please complete the slip and return to school.

## **Forest Schools Day – Class 4**



This week class 4 got to experience Forest Schools and had a fantastic day with the sun shining learning outside of the classroom!

*“On Tuesday, we had a Forest School day. We did loads of activities such as den building, wood cutting and making clay faces. At the end, we drank hot chocolate with marshmallows! It was amazing !”*Elliott Reid

*“ It’s been amazing- I want to do this EVERY day!”* Olivia Leigh

Class 3 will have their opportunity very soon too.

Your child will have brought home a letter which details a very exciting opportunity to *“Keep the Fire Going* . We hope to raise funds which will enable us to buy additional tools and resources for school.

## **Parent Workshop – Reading and Phonics Workshop**

Reading Workshop for Class One and Class Two Parents

On Monday 7th November at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Sullivan will hold a reading workshop in the school hall for parents/carers. The workshop will cover;

- ♦ how we teach phonics in school
- ♦ how to help your child improve their reading
- ♦ how to encourage children to love reading
- ♦ information about the Year One phonics screening and the Year Two reading SATS papers.

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

The Friends of St. Mary’s worked incredibly hard as a team of families and staff to prepare and host a wonderful Bingo family night. I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all who took part and enabled this to be such a successful event with a wonderful warm family atmosphere! I received such lovely feedback from our families and pupils alike and I thank Tom and the wonderful team for the many hours of hard work behind the scenes.

**Without your support we cannot raise vital funds for school so please do support us and get involved.**

Our next event promises to be a really exciting event – a **Christmas Fayre on 1.12.22**

We have lots of amazing stalls and activities already lined up...

Santa’s Grotto  
Baubles stall, handicrafts, wreaths  
Make your own reindeer food  
Cake stall

Toy stall  
Santas coconut shy and Snowmans nose game  
Guess the Teddy's name Guess the number of sweets in the jar  
Warm sausage rolls, mince pies and luxury hot chocolates with ALL the trimmings!  
Christmas Carol performance by Pupils!!!! – Not to be missed  
You do not want to miss out!!

**This CANNOT go ahead without volunteers to cover the stalls so PLEASE email if you can help make this a great success and raise money for the pupils!**

FOSM now have their own email address which is  
[FOSM@lea-stmarys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:FOSM@lea-stmarys.lancs.sch.uk)

Save the Date Number 2 - Christmas Light Switch on followed by a Christmas Fayre - 1.12.22

Do you have .....

- Any spare Christmas Lights, tinsel or garlands to donate to school??
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- Any unwanted Christmas Jumpers??!!

We would be so grateful to have donations of these items!

### **Own clothes days...**

2.11.22 – Bring a nearly new toy and or book for our Christmas stall 23.11.22- Bring in a Chocolate prize for our Christmas Fayre.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you for all you support at our Book Fair. Your generous support has enabled us to raise a fantastic £260.00 for us to spend on books for ALL pupils to enjoy in school. Thank you!!

### **Parents Evening- 3.11.22**

Parent's evenings sessions will take place the first week back and the booking forms have been in our entrance Foyer this week. If you haven't booked please do so as quickly as possible.

This is a really valuable opportunity for you to speak to your child's class Teacher (s) about their progress.

## **Big School Adventures**

Our Big School sessions are up and running and it was lovely to welcome some new friends along this week. To book please call 01772 729881. The session runs from 1.15 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.

## **St. Mary's Catholic Church- Children's' Liturgy- EVERYONE welcome!!**

I have been asked to extend a warm welcome to you everyone from the Parish of St. Mary's. Children's Liturgy sessions are up and running and EVERYONE is welcome to come along. It doesn't matter how small, how young, how noisy- everyone is welcome to be part of the Church family. There are matted areas for our youngest members to enjoy playing with toys on and the chance to learn a little more and complete a variety of activities- colouring, discussions etc. Mass begins at 9.00 am each Sunday at St. Mary's Church.

## **Applying for a Primary School Place**

If your child is due to start school in September 2023 applications for places is now live and can be found at:-

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

If you know anyone who is due to apply please also share that our School Open Day will be **on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.**

## **Dates for your Diary:**

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	-	School reopens
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	-	Parents Evening
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Open Day 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Wednesday
16 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Flu Immunisation

## Celebrations Awards

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think Creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Edward Stevens	Thea Koutsokostas	Evie Newsham
Class 2	Esmee Woodruff-Brown	Chloe Brogden	Nio Qereqeretabu
Class 3	Noah Foxall-Holmes	Jessica Moore	Jessica Simpson
Class 4	Dante Lewis	Olivia Leigh	Finney Griffiths

*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!”





