



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary ...

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We move towards the end of our term and we have lots of Autumnal events within school:- from Autumn walks, to conker collecting and preparing for Harvest.

Next week we begin our week with praying the Rosary. We say the Rosary within this special month of October and Pupils are invited to bring in their own Rosary Beads for Monday.

In Pope Francis's Letter Laudato Si Pope Francis talks about through praying with Mary we can offer love and healing and as we read about the sadness and war we offer our prayers to Mary.

*"Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world."*(Laudato Si', 241, Pope Francis)

We invite you to give your prayers petitions to Mary and send your prayer intentions into school. Slips have been issued to all pupils.

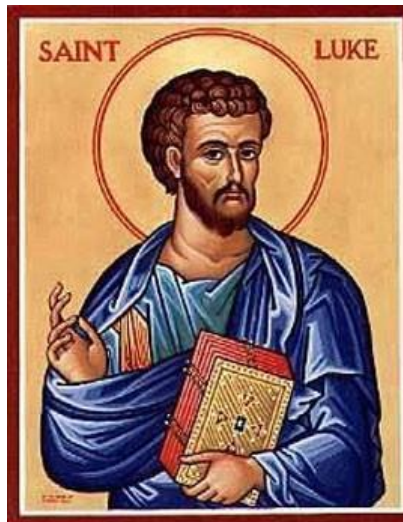
On Wednesday we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Luke and so pupils are invited wear Blue/ Something with blue on and we will learn more about this special Saint.

Our School Council have written to all families to ask for any donations for Harvest and this letter will come home separately.

## **Saint Luke's Feast Day – 18.10.23**

*\*\*The Feast of St Luke - Wednesday 18th October 2023\*\**

Next week we continue our Saints' celebrations, this time we are celebrating St Luke. Next Wednesday, please come to school wearing a blue clothing item or an item of clothing that has blue on it. The children will complete a variety of tasks within the day to learn more about and celebrate the Feast of St Luke.



## **Defibrillator training and Emergency CPR skills – Class 4 13.10.23**

All our class four pupils got to have a session with Jaqueline who taught essentials skills including basic CPR and how to use our School Defibrillator in the event of an emergency.



*"I found it fun and helpful to learn about using the Defibrillator and doing CPR. It would help me if someone was injured or had a heart attack. I could help them" Eden Heslop Class 4*

*" I think it was very fun and you will never know when you might need it. I learnt how to do CPR and give shocks to help the heart start beating again " Annie Nelson Class 4*

## **Parents' Evening – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Thank you to all who attended Parents Evening on Tuesday evening. We trust you found this a useful experience to discuss your child's progress. We offer an 'Open Door' policy so please rest assured you can contact us at any point should you require any support or advice. Staff are always available alongside myself each morning and can be reached by email.

Our Governors enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you as they attended Parents Evening and I know from your feedback you enjoyed the opportunity to meet them too!

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all who completed our Parent/Carer Questionnaire and "What Makes St. Mary's Special Bubbles" They are all on display in the Entrance Foyer so please do come and have a read.

I am delighted to share a few of the comments below .....

*Warm welcoming.. Supportive for parents as well as children.*

*Teachers want the best for children. Children feel safe and accepted.*

*St Mary's is a safe and happy place for children to flourish.*

*Treating each child as an individual.*

*Our children feel loved and safe and capable of ANYTHING they set their minds and hearts on.*

A full summary of Parental comments will be made available soon too!

## **Applying for a Primary School Place September 2024**

If your child is due to start school in September 2024 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 Tuesday **7<sup>th</sup> of November 2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

## **Book Fair – Thank you**

What an AMAZING time we've had this week with the Book Fair!

I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair, especially if you bought a book.

We have raised OVER £770 in total this year, which an AMAZING total!! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!

As we have raised so much, we will now have over £300 sent back into school for us to spend on books for the library AND also brand-new books in classrooms for the children!

Thank you again for your support!

Mr C

## **Forest School**

As the weather remains wet and gradually gets colder we remind parents that children in Forest School must have wellingtons, waterproofs and PE kit. Your child will not be able to take part without the correct kit. Thank you. *Mrs Reid*

## **Big School Adventures**

Big School Adventures is up and running with a focus as **Nature Detectives**- lots of scientific fun and outdoor exploring open to anyone aged 3 or over!

Sessions will take place each THURSDAY from 1.15 – 3.00 pm

**Places MUST be booked by calling 01772 729881**

## **Helping Hands**

With the support of St. Mary's Parish we have created a 'Helping Hands Fund' – This means we have a stock of tinned food/ non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little 'Helping Hand' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 20th October	-	School closes for half term
Monday 30th October	-	School reopens
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Open Day 2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 9th November	-	Flu Immunisation

## Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Bradley Brogden	Maya Harrison	Matthew Williams
Class 2	Matilda Tidmarsh	Thea Koutsokostas	
Class 3	Louisa Nelson	Nio Qereqeretabua	Jessica Simpson
Class 4	Jack Moyes	Ella Mullarkey	

*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!”



