



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – 20<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 have reached the end of our first half term together and what an action packed half term we have had. Our Pupils have settled into their new classes beautifully and we have to say a well done to our Reception pupils as they reach this mile stone.

The nights are drawing in, the chill is in the air and the Autumnal signs are all around us.

I hope you all have a wonderful break- hopefully getting to enjoy some half term fun- Nature walks, pumpkin picking and lots of memory making!

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

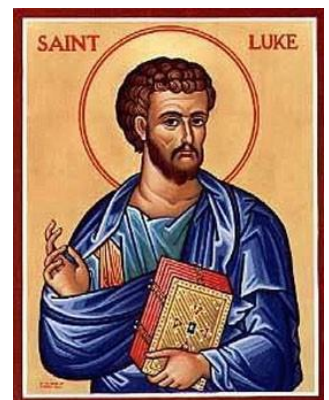
On Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Luke. Every class learnt some facts about this special Gospel writer. Here are some that we remembered-

Aggie- *He never met Jesus but did meet Saint Paul.*

Felicity- *Some historians think he was a slave or maybe a doctor.*

Tommy- *He is the patron saint of artists as he painted pictures with his words.*

Elliott - *He tells us about when Mary visited her Cousin Elizabeth*



## Harvest Donations

Thank you for your wonderful donations of tinned items, pastas and toiletries etc. during this celebration of Harvest. We are so grateful and all these gifts will make a huge difference.



*"Do Not neglect to do good and to share what you have" Hebrews 13*

## Lighting a Candle for Peace

Moved by the conflict and sadness we have seen or heard from the Media the School Council invited pupils, staff and families to light a Candle and pray for peace.



*"The flickering light of the candle helps us think of all of those in need" Elliott Reid*

## **Website**

On our Website Governor tab has been updated to include a Governor of the month section so you can find out a little more about the Governors that care for and support our school. A copy of this is also shared as a booklet in our entrance Foyer.

## **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.**

## **Staffing Updates**

We are delighted to share that following an interview process Mrs. Ellis joins us as a substantive member of our School Family. She knows our staff, pupils and you our families well and I am sure you will agree she is valued member of the team.

To respond to Parental feedback, we have had some changes to Kitchen staff as previous staff have moved on to work in the care home sector up taking more hours. Although we do not employ they staff directly we have and will always include them as part of our school team.

Currently we have Barbara as our Lead cook and Tracey as our General Assistant.

If you would like to come along and sample a dinner you can come along to our *Italian themed lunch* on 2.11.23 Key stage one service at 12.00 and key stage two service at 12.30 pm – Enjoy Pizza, Pasta and garlic bread with a rice crispy cake desert! To book a place call 729881 – Your dinner will be charged at the same rate as pupils.

## **Forest School**

As we reach half term the weeks have flown by. It has been a joy seeing our reception children experience forest school and their enthusiasm, a pleasure watching our older children progress their outdoor knowledge and love for the site.

We have had lots of change down on the site. With our mud kitchen growing, the dig site expanding, our new bug hotel, a willow wall. Over the next few months we hope to have our veg patches in place, and more site development. In the run up to Christmas we have lots of exciting ideas and all will be welcome to join us at the Forest School shop.

Can I ask all pupils have PE kit in school for in case the children need a change of clothes? Wellies, and waterproofs, children who do not bring these may not be able to take part in the session. As the weather gets colder a hat and gloves will also be needed. All to be clearly labelled.

As ever if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me : [Reid@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:Reid@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk)

Mrs Reid- Forest School Lead.

## **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**

## **Lest We Forget – Poppy Appeal**

Upon return pupils will have the opportunity to buy Poppies at break time. We also have wrist bands and reflective poppies on sale.

We will hold our annual remembrance service and details can be found within our Catholicity letter and on our website.



## **Coming soon .....**



FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> Dec- It's Back!!! The SANTA DASH!!!! Fun, snowballs and Santa hats await... monies raised will go directly to school to fund books, food tasting etc. etc. rather than into the FOSM pot for this event.

Sponsorship forms will be issued upon our return!!

## **FOSM News**

We are so excited to share many exciting up and coming events as we approach the Festive period and here are some SAVE THE DATES

FOSM – 2.11.23 – Own clothes day bring a bottle for the Tombola

FOSM- 23.11.23 - Own clothes day bring a Chocolate item for the Tombola

FOSM – 1.12.23 – Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto!

FOSM- 7.11.23 – Breakfast with Santa £5 – Breakfast and a visit from the man himself!!!!

We need volunteers to wrap presents? Man a stall –Let's raise lots and work together to benefit ALL pupils – Please call 729881 or email FOSM@LEA-ST-MARYS.LANCS.SCH.UK

## 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	Roman Wild	Diana Stec	Jade Beresford
Class 2	Meredith Holmes	Yahya Majeed	
Class 3	Maxwell Houlding	Max Tidmarsh	James Picking
Class 4	Georgia Purkis	Harry Bass	

*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!"



