



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Newsletter No. 8: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel message, Jesus is reminding us that we have two main responsibilities. One is to love God and to try to live our lives the way God wants us to. The other responsibility is to care for each other and to make sure that everyone gets their fair share of the good things that God has given us. Through our Catholic Social Teaching, we are called to help each other and try to make sure that all people around the world have their fair share of the things that God has given us. The children have made excellent links to the charity work they have undertaken, with the soup lunch and Harvest offerings and donations to the local food bank. We also thought about people further afield in our global family who do not have the benefit of clean water and sanitation. The children responded in a very caring and compassionate way.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 'Science Extravaganza Showcase' yesterday afternoon. We are really proud of the work produced by the children and it's been lovely to see their excitement in using the language of a scientist to describe their investigations into biscuits! Thank you Mrs Steele and Miss Friel for coordinating this event. Thank you, parents, for your complimentary and useful feedback as well.

Well done to Nursery and Reception children; we have been so pleased and proud of you in your first half term joining our school family. Keep up the good work.

Y1 and Y2 have also had an excellent week this week, representing school on educational visits - Y1 at the zoo and Y2 at the farm! The children were so excited, coming back to school and talking about everything they learnt and experienced. Behaviour was fantastic, too! Well done, children and thank you to our staff for leading the events and our parent helpers!

Well done, also, to Y6 who enjoyed their bikeability training this week. The instructors were really impressed with your conduct and skills and we are glad that the weather was fairly kind to you!

Have a lovely half term week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hill

### Term Dates

Half term holiday: 30<sup>th</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Term ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1:30pm

#### Spring Term:

Inset day: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Term starts: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Half term holiday: 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

February

Inset day: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Term ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

1:30pm

#### Summer Term

Term starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Half term holiday: 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May

Term ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm

Inset day: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### Open Day

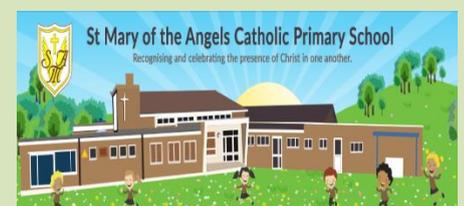
We are holding open days for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

You are welcome to join us to find out more about the school on:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am**

If you know of any prospective parents, please pass on this message. We look forward to seeing you then.

We have a small number of spaces in this year's Nursery and Reception class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





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## Notices

- We have welcomed Mrs Michelle Moore, our new office manager into school this week and she has enjoyed meeting lots of our children already. She will be another friendly face in the office, working alongside Mrs Joyce.
- Please could you make a donation on the school gateway to our Poppy Appeal. The children will receive a poppy to wear after half term in remembrance and support of those in the armed forces.
- We are really excited about our Rock Stars day on 15<sup>th</sup> November. The children will also have the chance to take part in an online competition on TTRS. More details can be found in the letter. We recommend the children keep working on that rapid recall of their times tables!
- PTA News: Planning has started for some exciting fundraisers to take place over the course of this academic year, including a children's disco and Christmas Fayre to take place next half term. If you are having a clear out during the half term break, the PTA would welcome any Christmas jumpers in good condition which we can use for the fayre. Thank you in advance.
- The after school dance club has again been really popular this half term. Well done to all of the children involved – your routine and performance were fantastic. Many of you have asked about out of school dance classes led by Riley, so please see the leaflet attached for more information.
- We were thrilled with the amount of money raised from the book fayre - £1,239.52 - wow! This has enabled us to order some new books for our classrooms with the generous amount of commission. Don't forget to look at the 'Recommended Read' lists with your child - you can find these on the class pages.
- If your child does have any books that they have read and are looking to recycle, we may be able to use them in school (particularly KS2 novels.) Please send any photos of the books to Postbox. Thank you.

## Events

Parent / teacher meetings  
Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November - please see separate letter

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Y4 walking to Mass with the Parish

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Parade - please see separate letter coming home after half-term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-bullying day - children can wear odd socks

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 walking to Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Times Tables Rock Stars Day - see separate letter (children can dress as a rock star)

## Prayer and Reflection

*This Sunday is the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

*Jesus teaches us about the Commandments of Love, which are the greatest Commandments.*

"Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

Matthew 22: 34-40



"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher