



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, we heard about how Jesus told his Disciples not to be afraid when they were commissioned to continue to disseminate and celebrate the good news. This led us beautifully into thinking about St Peter and St Paul yesterday during our wonderful Mass.

It has been such a privilege to see our class showcases over the past two weeks. We hope you have enjoyed them. It has been fantastic to see the children thanking God for their gifts, talents and opportunities and celebrating the depth and understanding of their knowledge, skills and learning. The children spoke eloquently and enthusiastically about everything they have learnt, retained and applied, from the ocean, the Victorians, animation, Pentecost, pirates, Banksy, chocolate(!) and much more - wow, what achievements!

Well done to EYFS this week, who are showing they are definitely ready to transition into their new year groups. Yesterday, they walked to Church and learnt all about the celebration of a wedding! Thank you to Fr Craig who spends so much time supporting our children's spiritual journey from Nursery to year six.

Finally, a huge well done to our netballers yesterday, we are extremely proud of how they represented our school. Thank you to Mr Sutton and all of our parent helpers who ensured the event could go ahead. We can't wait to hear all about it.

Have a wonderful weekend. Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have shown great attitudes to their learning, presentation and also developing their focus and concentration skills.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Nursery and Y4 for following routines and showing resilience when working with different teachers,

Our attendance winners this week are Y1 with over 99%.

There were no Saint Stars winners this week. We look forward to seeing who has the most Saint Stars next week and see which house will have their extra play.

Transition Update:

The children will take part in a 'Moving Up Morning' on Wednesday 5th July where they will get to work in their new classroom with their new teaching staff. Please speak to your children about the expectations and behaviour that will be expected of them for the new academic year, as we also will in school.

We are in a position to inform you about staffing for September:

Current Class:	Moving To:	
New Intake	YN Mrs Steele with support from Mrs Lucas	
YN	YR Mrs Smith with support from Mrs Lee	
YR	Y1 Mrs Coleman with support from Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Joyce	
Y1	Y2 Miss Friel with support from Mrs Joyce and Mrs Malhi	
Y2	Y3 Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Adamson will support across Y3 and Y4
Y3	Y4 Miss Floyd	
Y4	Y5 Mr Reynolds	Mrs Evans and Miss Courtney will support across Y5 and Y6
Y5	Y6 Mrs Polito	

We are pleased that Mrs Hayes will be taking on the role of SENDCo and working with children across the year groups. Parents of children with SEND will have received a separate letter about this.

At the end of the summer term, we say a sad and fond farewell to the following teaching staff:
Mr Sutton (Y5) is moving to a school closer to his home;
Miss Jones (Y4) has gained employment at a university;
Mrs Dell (SENDCo) has gained promotion as an assistant headteacher at another Walsall primary school.
We also say a sad and fond farewell to two of our support staff:
Mrs Williams (Y3 and Y4) who is retiring and Mrs Scully (Y3) who is taking on a new role at a primary school.
We would like to thank each staff member for their work for the children of SMA and wish them happiness and best wishes for the future.
As one door closes, another opens and we are very pleased to warmly welcome the following staff to our school:
Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Floyd and Mr Reynolds - our new class teachers and Miss Courtney, a new teaching assistant.



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Notices

- The PTA are now busy working on their next fundraiser, the 'St Mary's Fest' summer fayre. Please put **Friday 14th July 3:30pm** in your diaries! As is tradition, we have a number of non-uniform days planned before then in order to prepare for the event. Thank you to everyone who paid £1 on the gateway last week and contributed 'Summer Fun' donations today. All of this generosity means our fayre can go ahead. The next non-uniform day is planned for **Friday 7th July**. Please could we ask for sweet packet donations for our fayre (not chocolates please as they may melt).
- If you are having a clear out at the weekend, the PTA would also like teddy donations to be brought in on **'Teddy Tuesday' - Tuesday 4th July** please. The PTA will meet you at the gate at the start of the day if your child would like to donate any teddies to them for the fayre. Thank you in advance for your support with this.
- Unfortunately, we are receiving further complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous parking - across driveways, across footpaths, on the yellow lines and markings and on both sides of the road so that any cars or emergency vehicles would not be able to get through. Please be mindful of pedestrians, residents, parents and children when parking your car. A much safer and very convenient option is to park in the Church car park. We are in a very fortunate position to have use of this facility.

Events

Y4 Swimming has now finished.

Monday 3rd July Y3 at Harvington Hall
Tuesday 4th July Y4 Synagogue visit
Tuesday 4th July EVFS Seaside Day

Wednesday 5th July morning - Children moving up to their new classes

Thursday 6th July - Musicians' Concert 2pm

Y6 Production: Tuesday 11th July 1:45pm and
Wednesday 12th July 6:30pm

Sports Day EVFS and KS1 Thursday 13th July
9:15am (**children in their normal PE kits please**)

Sports Day KS2 Friday 14th July 9:15am
(**Children to wear a t-shirt in their house team colour please**)

Wednesday 12th July - Nursery closed to current Nursery children

Wednesday 19th July 2:15pm: YN Graduation video and Stay and Play - parents welcome

Friday 21st July: Term Ends at 1:30pm
Monday 4th September - Inset Day: school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5th September - Start of Term

Reflection and Prayer

Yesterday was the Feast of St Peter and St Paul

St Peter and St Paul both had a great love for Jesus and spent their lives sharing his good news with as many people as they could. St Paul wrote in his letter to the Christians in Rome: 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'
St Paul said: 'May the Lord make our love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.'

*Let us reflect on how Peter felt when Jesus said he was the rock on which he would build his church and think about what each of us can do to build the church.
Let us think about all the people who have shared the good news of love and forgiveness with us and how we are called to do the same.*



Yours sincerely,
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