



St Mary's News 2022 April Issue 1

"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"

Dear Parents,

Lent – Tomorrow morning, at 9.15am, we invite Y5 parents, and children throughout school, to our Lenten Stations of the Cross. We look forward to a sensitive interpretation of a fabulous story, integral to all that we do, from our older children. Y5 parents, who are joining us, please feel able to arrive at the main entrance by 9.10am in readiness.

Autism Awareness Day- Thank you, parents. You raised £140 in support of others, and we opened your children's minds a little more, to the reasons some people behave differently to us, and how important it is to understand these differences. Thank you staff, too.

Lenten charities- You have collectively raised almost £1,000 for CAFOD. Thank you very much. We will split the money, £700 towards Ukraine and £300 towards other CAFOD projects. Thank you, also, to the Y5 children who raised almost £100 for their *Teddy naming Competition*. Results will be shared tomorrow morning.

Attendance- Great news! We have 47 pupils (22% of the school population) who will receive a small reward tomorrow morning, for managing to be in school for 99% of the academic year. We know there are others who have also been in school for almost of the time- covid permitting. Well done to them also. It has been a tough 2 years, but children being in school is a much needed target that we are delighted to be sharing with you.

PTA -The return of the Summer Fayre- with your help - We have pencilled in to the diary, Saturday 16th July 11- 2pm for our Fayre. This is always a great fundraiser for our PTA, which provides extras for the children in school. It cannot take place without your help. Please come along to our meeting on Tuesday 3/5/22- to offer whatever contribution you can- big or small. Work on your friend and come together- it is always light-hearted and good-humoured. We need you!

50/50 Club winners- Please find attached a sheet announcing the 50/50 PTA Club winners in recent months. Please also find attached a form that you can complete, so that you too can join the 50/50 Club. It is really easy and keeps the PTA funds ticking over, effectively, providing people sign up to be in it. Thanks to Jess and Joe's Mum for her attentiveness to this fundraiser.

Parents' Voice – Thank you- we now have 20% of families who have taken the time to respond to our Google Forms on Communication. We really appreciate it and are already acting on your collective voice. If you have not had time, please check the class pages for the link and let us know your thoughts. We look forward to feeding back in the Summer term.

Sacrament of Reconciliation- Well done to our Y3 children, who celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation with such pride, sincerity and reverence, last Friday. It was lovely to see their parents in school, also. Particular thanks to Mrs Hayes and Mrs Kennedy for their nurturing ways.

Upcoming events:

Friday 8/4/22- School closes for the Easter break- all children need to be collected from school at 1.30pm on this day.

Monday 25/4/22 School reopens for the Summer term, for all classes

Monday 25/4/22- Y3 Parents' Holy Communion Meeting 6pm in school.

Wednesday 27/4/22 and Thursday 28/4/22 Parents' Consultations in school between 4pm and 7pm each evening.

Tuesday 3/5/22 Alton Castle Meeting for Y6 Parents (Letter already sent)

Tuesday 3/5/22 PTA Meeting for all interested helpers . 7.30pm in school

Wednesday 4/5/22 Swimming starts for Y4 today 1.30 – 3.30pm. The children will be late back, each Wednesday afternoon, to facilitate this.

Friday 6/5/22 -celebrating Our Lady's Day, in school, to commemorate our Patron saint- St Mary of the Angels. More details will follow.

And Finally...

On behalf of the staff and Governors, here in school, we hope that you all have a safe, covid free, relaxing, warm, Easter break.

We ask that you just remind the children of the significance of the Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday, symbolising the hope and joy of the Resurrection and link that with the hope of peace in Ukraine, in the near future.