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presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we welcomed an Ofsted inspector to our school. As is usual, our children were polite, eloquent and keen to talk about all of the learning and extra opportunities they enjoy in school. We have been overwhelmed by all your words of encouragement and support and all of your responses to the parents' survey. Thank you. When we receive the final inspection report, it will be shared with you.

Y4 led us beautifully through our Mass yesterday for the Feast of the Ascension. Fr. Craig talked to us about all of the times Jesus appeared to his disciples after his death and how we can always draw strength from the Holy Spirit, as a comfort and an advocate.

In sporting news, we are so pleased with the Y5 and Y6 football teams who made it to the Walsall football finals on Monday. They had a fantastic morning and did everyone proud. Well done to all involved and thank you, also, to our staff and parent helpers who ensured the event could go ahead. Mr Sutton did not stop cheering for SMA - we hope you get your voice back soon!

Our children have been busy producing some wonderful art work for this year's Art Gallery! We will be embracing the theme of Laudato Si, caring for our common home. Linking with our work towards the Live Simply award, we are also thinking about sustainable and recyclable materials. Parents will be welcome to come in and view the art work in our 'gallery' in the hall on Friday 26th May between 8:15 and 8:45am. Your child's work will then be sent home for you to enjoy. Please could we ask for £3 to be paid via the school gateway to go towards the cost of resources for the gallery.

You are welcome to join us for our May Procession on Monday at 2pm. The ceremony, in honour of Our Lady, will start in the hall and lead out to the prayer garden. Please see the separate letter sent, as we are asking if you would kindly be able to send your child in with various plants, bulbs, seeds or flowers according to their year group.

Finally, we wish Y3 a holy and joyful weekend as they celebrate their First Holy Communion tomorrow. We are looking forward to what I am sure will be a reverent and beautiful Sacramental event and milestone.

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 been producing excellent pieces of writing - instructions and using capital letters correctly, showing a positive attitude towards their learning and having more confidence to share ideas.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y2 and Y6 for working so hard and showing resilience with their assessments.

Our attendance winners this week are Y2 with 99%.

Our Saint Star Winning Team this week was St Francis (green). Well done, all.

Online Safety

Please be mindful of the apps your child is using if they have access to a mobile phone. As you will be aware, our digital footprint is with us for life and that what is posted online, even within private messages, can have a detrimental impact. St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School is fully committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all our children and keeping them safe both physically and online and it is important that we all work together to ensure that children use any online platforms appropriately and safely. Here is a helpful website outlining age restrictions and safety guides: [What age can my child start social networking? - Internet Matters](#)



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Notices

- In order to support a smooth transition from EYFS to Y1, Mrs Smith is organising a transition meeting / workshop for parents. We would like to invite the parents of the current Reception class into school on Tuesday 23rd May at 1:45pm. You will have a chance to have a coffee and a chat and then the staff will explain how the transition from Reception to Y1 will work. We are sure this will be an informative meeting.
- The next PTA fundraiser event is planned for the evening of Thursday 8th June - a ladies' fashion show / shop held at school. Please put the date in your diaries. Tickets are available to purchase via the Gateway at £5.00 each. Grab your tickets before they sell out! Please see the flyer sent last week.
- Thursday 25th May - Please note that the Church car park will not be available to use on the afternoon due to a wedding taking place. Please make alternative parking arrangements.
- We have had cases of head lice reported this week. Please ensure that children's hair is tide back if it is possible to do so.

Events

Y4 Swimming has started on a Tuesday afternoon

Week beginning Monday 22nd May - Y2 SATs will continue

Monday 22nd May 2pm - May Procession (please see separate letter)

Friday 26th May - Art Gallery 8:15-8:45am, all welcome

Friday 26th May - 2pm Y3 Thanksgiving Mass, all welcome

Monday 5th June - School re-opens after half term

Reflection

This Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Before Jesus left the disciples and returned to his father in Heaven, he prayed that God would stay close to them and watch over them always. In their prayers, they would keep in touch with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.



John 17: 1-11

*"Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
'Father, the hour has come:
glorify your Son*

So that your Son may glorify you;

*And, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,
let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.*

And eternal life is this:

*to know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."*

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

