



# St Mary's News 2022 March Issue 5

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

Dear Parents,

**Lent** – Thank you again. Your response for others in greater need than ourselves, as always, is incredible. We feel your support and are proud of the shared mission to encourage our children to help others.

**Autism Awareness Day**- Wow! The school was awash with shades of blue today. Staff and children were kitted out to raise Awareness for Autism- something that affects more and more families, worldwide and something, which we were pleased to talk openly about, with children, in school today. Thank you Mrs Dell, for organising it. We will tweet some of our findings before we finish for the Easter break.

**Parents' Voice** – So far, we have had 20+ responses. Thank you to those parents. Honestly, the responses so far are very helpful, very reassuring and really interesting to see where we can build greater links between home and school, for the good of our children. To those who have not had chance to respond yet, the google form is available on class pages for you, and I will arrange for Mrs Ward to send the link out, once more. Please take the time to tell us your thoughts- the more you tell us, the more we can adapt. We know we cannot please everyone all of the time, but we aim to please everyone at least some of the time! ☺ There are 18 questions- it should not take longer than 5-10 minutes -and will remain open until the first Friday after the Easter break: Thank you in anticipation.

**Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation**- We look forward to a lovely celebration **IN SCHOOL**, tomorrow afternoon. ( I feel we should have a trumpet fanfare in the background, after 2 years of having to be virtual). It is always such a privilege to be part of the humility and the sense of prayerfulness that our Y3 children show, with great example from their parents and their teachers/clergy, too. Children... there may be a little reward for your efforts afterwards! Mums and Dads, coffees, teas and biscuits are all on order too. We look forward to seeing you all.

**Lenten prayer service led by Y5**. This will be next Friday morning, at 9.15am. It is a solemn occasion, marking the events of the first Holy Week, re-enacting Christ's journey to the cross, in a way that children can engage with. It is always a very moving event. Parents, you are more than welcome to join us.

**Apologies** for being a little slack with opening gates, this week, parents. We have been short on staff, but normal service will resume next week. Thank you, as always for your patience.

## Upcoming events:

- **Friday 1/4/22- Y3** Sacrament of Reconciliation – Parents to arrive for **1.30pm in school**.
- **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
- **Wednesday 27/4/22 and Thursday 28/4/22** Parents' Consultations in school between 4pm and 7pm each evening.
- **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.
- **Sunday 8/5/22**- **Family Mass returns** led by our Y1 and Y2 children, in church, at 9.30am
- **Monday 9/5/22** Y6 SATS Week commences, this week. Please ensure that your child is able to attend
- **Monday 25/4/22**- Y3 Parents' Holy Communion Meeting 6pm in school.
- **Saturday 14/5/22** Y3 Sacrament of Holy Communion 11am and 1pm.

## And Finally...

*Congratulations to Mr Leek (our school caretaker) and his lovely wife, Fiona, who celebrate 40 happy years of marriage together today.*

*What an achievement.*