



St Mary's News 2022 May Issue 1

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

Dear Parents,

Our Lady's Day – Tomorrow, we ask that you give your child a small bunch or posy of flowers, in honour of Our Lady- our school patron saint. Fr Craig will be with us and we are looking forward to a happy, prayerful celebration of our heavenly mother, where children can place their posy by the statue of our Lady, in our prayer garden. Any interested parents, please come and join us at about 1.20pm, via the front entrance. It should last about half an hr and I believe there are ice-lollies for afterwards!

The return of the Science Extravaganza- By popular request, this will be open to parents **on Thursday 26th May, in the morning, from 8.30-10am.** A letter will follow tomorrow, detailing the event- please look out for it. We really look forward to valuing your children's science work and to seeing you in school, once again.

PTA Crisis- The PTA Meeting, this week, was attended by a small nucleus of 5 x Y5 parents- my thanks to them all. Unfortunately, our PTA will need to fold without your support, parents. In order to help new parents and to re inform existing parents, about the place and the function of the PTA, here at SMA, there is a plan in place to post an informative video on the website, from the PTA and from our school council members. Look out for it.

Summer Fayre – we have decided to try a Friday evening after school, for our Summer Fayre, in the hope of accruing some additional helpers. The date has been shifted, therefore, to **Friday 15th July 2022 from 3.40pm- 5.30pm.** This is always a great fundraiser for our PTA, which provides extras for the children in school. Again, it cannot take place without your help. Please speak with the school office if you can help. More details will follow next week.

50/50 Club Congratulations to the following 50/50 Club members, who will all receive £18.75 as April prize winners: Mrs Louisa Finnegan, Mrs Sam Kolar Mrs L McGinnell and Mrs Sheila Amann. Numbers are dropping in this worthwhile fundraiser, so please find attached a form that you can complete to 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. Please speak with Emma Guest, Maggie Richmond, Rachel Brown, Sam Kolar or Toni Harris if you would like to find out more.

Y6 Parents' Alton Castle Preparation Meeting- Thank you to Mrs Polito and Mrs Evans for their time in preparing and leading the Y6 Meeting, this week. It was good to see many parents in attendance.

A Parents' Volunteer to attend School trips List – is being re-established. If you would like to be added to the list, stating that you can be available to attend some school trips, then please speak with Mrs Joyce, in our school office.

Y1 and Y2 Family Mass- Your children will be leading the Family Mass **on Sunday 8th May** at 9.30am. See you all there.

Y4 Parents- Swimming. Well done Miss Jones and Mrs Kennedy: 30 pupils attended and 30 returned with no missing kits, limbs or self-esteem, either. Well done children. Next week, we hope that you will be even more independent and ready to listen and learn in the new environment. Thanks also, to parents for your support in collecting the children, as requested. Team work! 😊

Upcoming events:

Friday 6/5/22 -celebrating Our Lady's Day, in school, to commemorate our Patron saint- St Mary of the Angels. Please bring a small bunch of flowers if you can

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. Please ensure that your child attends

Saturday 14/5/22 Y3 Sacrament of Holy Communion 11am and 1pm. **Y4,5,6 choir are also invited to support please**

Monday 16/5/22 Wellbeing Day in School and Mile a Day (on the school field) to recommence, each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. (Details to follow)

Thursday 26/5/22 Science Extravaganza 8.30-10am, in the school hall. All are welcome.

Friday 27/5/22 Y3 Thanks giving Mass in school (9.15am)- all Y3 parents are welcome.

Friday 27/5/22 School closes for half term

Monday 6/6/22- School closed to all children. Staff Retreat day- as part of training.

And Finally...

We pray for our own special, private intentions, this week. Mary, please join your prayers with ours, also.

