



St Mary's News 2020 September Issue 4

Dear Parents,

[Welcome Reception and Nursery](#) –We are really pleased to welcome our youngest pupils in to school this week, and also to welcome our newcomers and their families, too. They have made a good start in almost all cases and Miss Wood, Mrs Smith, Mrs Lee and Mrs Partridge have all slept really well this week, too. I wonder why?

[Masks now required on school site for parents](#) –Thank you for your great support on this amendment to the school Risk Assessment.

[Office staff say thank you](#) There were only two additional drop offs for children who had forgotten their things, this week. Mrs Potter and Mrs Ward send their thanks for respecting their busy roles.

[Harvest offerings](#) – Normally, we would ask for donations of tins etc to be dropped into school, as part of our charitable works. However, mindful of co-vid restrictions, we have opened up a “Harvest offerings” payment on our school gateway. Please talk to your child about people who are homeless, and how a small offering from us can make two or three dinners for them. Please give generously between now and the middle of October, via the school gateway, using the tab identified. All monies will go towards Fr Hudson’s Homes (our local charity) and CAFOD (overseas). Many thanks in anticipation.

[Bikeability and Y6 success](#) – our Y6 riders all made progress from their starting points. We are proud of them. We are also very proud of the Y6 monitors and House Captains who are beginning to take on their newly appointed roles, in school. They are showing signs of great maturity.

Reminders

[Police notice re parking](#) – Please find attached a letter from West Midlands Police for your information.

[Y4 Reconciliation and Holy Communion](#) – Reminders that track and trace forms will need to be returned by tomorrow. To date, we have received 24 of these. We are really beginning to feel that celebratory feeling again. We look forward to a lovely celebration of Mass and the Eucharist for all of Y4 soon.

[Reading books](#) – Enthusiasm is good amongst children for their new reading books. Our aim is to increase reading opportunities meaningfully for all children. By Christmas, we will have results from assessments to share the success of the new system. We look forward to your full support.

[The school twitter account](#) is back in use. Please see attached flyer. We have many pictures that you may be missing out on.

[Music lessons](#) – Mrs Ray wishes to remind all guitarists, drummers and keyboard players that the first payment of £50 is due by Friday 9th October

[Virtual P.E challenges](#) – The first one of these popular challenges is due to begin on Monday 5th October. Good luck everyone.

Coming soon ...

[School fund](#) – Thank you again! We have added another £130 this week. These support the “extras” which make learning that little bit more interesting. Thank you in anticipation. It is never too late. 😊

[Democratic decision making linked to good behaviour](#) – £5 awards went to Y2 for resilience and Y6 for behaviour last week. Well done to these two classes.

[Y6 parents - please be aware that Secondary School Admissions](#) are now open until 31st October. The local council were in touch and were concerned that so few parents had signed up for their secondary places. Please make sure that you are fully informed; please also make sure that your child does not miss out, just because you forgot to fill in the forms. Speak with Mrs Ward or Mrs Potter if you are uncertain about what to do.

Thought for the week

One small
positive
thought
in the morning
can change your
whole day

And Finally...

Please keep Mrs Gallagher and her family in your prayers, this week; she knows she can rely on them.