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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see the crowds at the Aldridge Remembrance Parade and Service on Sunday morning. Thank you to all of the children, families and staff involved, marking the occasion so poignantly.



In other news, we started the week by joining together in wearing odd socks on Monday. This was a reminder that we are all different, unique and this is something we should embrace and celebrate. The children have thought really carefully about what bullying is and can confidently explain what they would need to do to safeguard themselves and others. This year, the theme is 'Choose Respect.' We've had a real focus on kindness and the ripple effect it can have if one person receives a kind word or action, they are much likely to reciprocate and act with kindness and compassion towards others. We have been thinking about treating everyone with kindness and respect. It has been a fantastic opportunity to link these thoughts to the words of Jesus and also to our school mission statement:

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Thank you for joining us for our parents' evenings this week. They were very well attended and we are sure you found them informative in terms of your child's successes and next steps.

We had such a brilliant maths-filled day on Tuesday this week - dressing up as rock stars to celebrate this! The children were so enthused and could talk about the number bonds and times tables that they are working on the rapid recall of. This will really help the children's fluency skills, which they can apply to many more areas of mathematical work. Thank you for all of your effort with the outfits ☺ and thank you, Mrs Coleman and Miss Floyd, for organising such a fantastic day and getting us in the competitive spirit! We were absolutely thrilled with the children's efforts in the competition and excited to announce that we came 140th out of 4168 primary schools! How fantastic!

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly today, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been working hard to improve their handwriting and sharing their excellent times table knowledge in our rock star competitions!

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y1 and Y4 for being safe, kind and responsible when lining up.

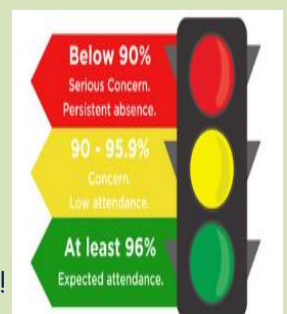
Our Lunchtime Award winners are Y2 for excellent manners and good communication.

Attendance

At St Mary of the Angels, we work in partnership with parents to ensure a high level of attendance, so that children can meet their full potential. Here is the overall attendance for each class last half term:

YR: 96.4%
Y1: 96.1
Y2: 98.6
Y3: 98.4
Y4: 98.1
Y5: 96.2
Y6: 97.8
Overall: 97.6%

A good start.
Let's keep it up!





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Notices

- PTA Updates: Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA discos before half term. They raised a wonderful £361.
- We are also excited to announce the PTA Christmas Fayre, which will take place on Friday 29th November in school. Thank you for all of your donations for the colourful hampers today! We are overwhelmed with your generosity. Next Friday will be another non-uniform day and the PTA are kindly asking for donations of chocolate. We understand that this is an expensive time of year and we are so grateful for any donations that you are able to make.
- Please check your child's bag tonight. They have been sent home with PTA raffle tickets to sell. The raffle will take place during the Christmas fayre and the tickets cost £1 each. Please send any ticket stubs with the money back in the envelope to the school office, plus any unsold tickets. Thank you.
- Please see the flyers attached from Fr Ramesh regarding some lovely Christmas events at St Mary of the Angels Church – a Christmas fayre on 24th November and a Christmas fun day on Sunday 8th December.
- We offer an indoor lunch club for children across Y1-6 and have purchased many exciting resources to support this. There are some resources that are continually used and so we are asking that if you are having a clear out at home and have the following going spare, please could you donate them to school: loom band sets and jewellery making, craft materials, play-doh and tools and comic books. Thank you for your support with this.
- Our After School Club have a new phone number. Please use this number to contact them: 07386 973919 in an emergency. Booking related queries should still come through the school office.
- Please be mindful of your child's behaviour after school if you are using the Church car park and ensure that they are not running on the Church gardens. We are so fortunate to have use of the car park before and after school, which takes great pressure off the issue of parking for many parents.

Events

Tuesday 19th November Y4 walking to Mass with the Parish

Friday 22nd November – PTA non-uniform day (chocolate donations please)

Class Showcases this half term – parents are welcome:

Y5: Wednesday 27th November 9:15am

Y4: Thursday 28th November 9:15am

Christmas Event Information:

Please see the planned events below which the children will soon be busy preparing for. You are welcome to join us for these events. (Tickets for the Nativity will be sent out nearer the time.)

- Musicians' concert – Thursday 12th December 2:00pm
- EYFS Nativity song will be filmed and video sent home
- Y2/Y1 Nativity – 9:30am and 2:15pm on Tuesday 17th December
- Thursday 19th December 6:30pm – KS2 Carol concert in Church
- Friday 20th December 9:15am – Mass in school
- Friday 20th December 1:30pm school closes for Christmas break

Prayer and Reflection

The Sunday is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the end of time, Jesus will return in power and glory. Jesus tells us that God the Father knows when this time will be. It is our job to ensure that we are prepared. God will judge us by the goodness and love that we have shown to him and to our neighbours.

The Greatest Commandments:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your mind and love thy neighbor as thyself.

Matthew 22 37:38

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

