

# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, the children have learnt that God loves us and we can bring our troubles to God in prayer. God gives us courage to face our worries and difficulties and encourages us to help each other. We have been thinking about how we can help and support others through our prayers, words and actions.

I was thrilled to watch our Y4 and Y5 Class Showcases this week!

On Tuesday, Y5 wowed us with all of the gruesome facts from their Crime and Punishment Wider Learning Project! They managed to share their learning in such an engaging and entertaining way sharing their key messages from their learning.

On Thursday, Y4 shared their superb learning from history, science and RE and wowed us with their progress in times tables! Such amazing singing and lovely, confident and clear voices. A huge well done to all involved.

Mrs Smith took some of our School Council to the Food for Life celebration event at the Walsall Arena on Wednesday. They really enjoyed the presentations, the workshops, the hands-on activities and some taste testing. They came back with some brilliant ideas that we will share soon and are feeling motivated to continue with our Food for Life School Award!

We had such a brilliant maths-filled day on Wednesday 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 will share the results next week. We can't stress enough how important and valuable it is for the children to have rapid recall of number bonds and times tables. This will help them with so many areas of the maths curriculum. Please continue to keep this momentum going and encourage them to continue working on these number facts.

All are welcome at the Family Mass this Sunday at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please also see the letter sent today regarding an invitation to Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy, who is visiting our Parish that weekend. Your support and presence at Mass would be very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend. Kind regards, Mrs Hill

## Learning Behaviour

As we shared with you last week, this half term's learning behaviour focus is Collaboration!

The children are developing the skills needed to be part of a good team and effective team member and work well with others.

We have shared a story about Andy the Ant and teaching the children how to be successful team members by achieving the following aims:

- Sharing ideas with others.
- Work well as a team and sharing the workload.
- Listen well to other ideas.
- Value ideas from others and encourage people.
- Explain work and ideas to help others.
- Ask for support when needed.

Please speak to your child about this new initiative and support us in using the common language. Our school website also has more information under the 'Learning Behaviours' tab. Perhaps you could share the story at home!



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### Notices

- > Thank you for all of your donations of gifts for Elfridges today, in preparation for our Christmas Fayre. Next Friday (28th November), we are kindly asking for donations for the colourful hampers. Please see the flyer attached for more information for each separate class. 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 do not feel that you have to send in something every week.
- Please also put Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December in your diaries. This is the date of our PTA Christmas Fayre.
- We are so pleased and proud to see the children bring in awards certificates and trophies from their out of school clubs and endeavours. We would love to celebrate more of these. If your child has an achievement they would like to share, please send them in on a Wednesday with the award or information. Mrs Smith will take a photo of them so that we can display some of these in school.
- This week is the third week on a 3 week cycle of our new Caterlink menus. The roast lunch and the pasta have been thoroughly enjoyed this week. We are welcoming pupil feedback and would also continue to welcome your feedback regarding your child's thoughts on the new lunches. If your child has had a school lunch this week, please have a chat to them about it and complete the online form with your feedback. This will help us to evolve the menu in the weeks to come. Our first adjustment is the addition of chicken nuggets on Monday please see the separate email. <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/CW86yaSkgp">https://forms.office.com/e/CW86yaSkgp</a>

#### **Events**

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November Y3 walk to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November Professor McGinty visit for Y4 and Y6
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 9am YR parents are invited to a workshop (supporting reading at home)
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9am YN parents are invited to a workshop (speech and language and support at home)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December Inset day (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am and 2:15pm
   Y2 and Y1 Nativity (more details to follow)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December YR trip
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am YR Advent Service (parents welcome)
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Musicians' Concert (parents welcome)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December EYFS Disney day (please see class pages)
- Friday 12th December PTA Christmas Fayre
- Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December EYFS
   Nativity video will be shared with parents
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas jumper day
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm KS2 Carol Service in Church
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am Mass (all welcome)
- Friday 19th December Term ends at 1:30pm
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January Inset day; school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 6th January Start of term

# Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King.

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. Jesus had been sentenced to die on the cross. In this week's Gospel we hear how the soldiers and the crowds, who had gathered to watch his suffering, jeered and made fun of Jesus.

Yours sincerely, Mrs N. Hill Headteacher

