St Mary's News 2021 June Issue 2

Dear Parents,

Please find below a summary of events and details, as we move through the Summer.

- Government's Four Week pause announcement We saw some great resilience from our Y3 children, yesterday as they realised that the Cadbury World trip, through necessity had been cancelled. Mrs Hayes and Mrs Kennedy have some great "Plan B" ideas up their sleeve. I have heard about chocolate cake and other such delights! Y6 children (and their parents) are crossing their fingers, with regard to the planned trip to Alton Castle. Currently, it is not involving members of the public nor is it in one of the high risk areas of England. We will keep them updated.
- Isolation and PCR testing Thank you parents for your full support in preventing further isolations, by responding to high temperatures, new dry coughs or other recognised symptoms, and arranging for PCR tests (Lateral flow tests are not enough if your child is showing any of the recognised symptoms). This 2 days time out of school prevents a 10 day cohort isolation where it is achievable. In the event of a further necessary class isolation, work will be available to children within 48 hrs of the notification, via the class pages, using the video links as we did in Lockdown 2 during January March 2021. Children who have previously accessed live teams' meetings will also be notified of availability accordingly, within 48hrs of the isolation.
- Planned Induction Meetings for Reception and Nursery, through necessity, have had to be cancelled and instead a Zoom meeting has been set up. You will have received individual details. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom, Next Tuesday 22/6/21 evening at: 6-6.40pm for Nursery and 7-7.40pm for Reception
- <u>Inset days</u>- for the new academic year will be as follows: School will be closed to all pupils on: Thursday 2nd
 September 2021; Friday 26th November 2021; Tuesday 4th January 2022 and Monday 6th June 2022. There will be one further day which is subject to booking and availability more details to follow later in the year..
- Our Art Gallery has now increased to £360. Again, thank you. Again, please contribute if you have not already done so.
- Nursery closure on Tuesday 13th July-Nursery will be closed to our current Nursery class on this day, as the New Nursery intake for September 20221/22 will be with us instead on that morning. Please add this closure to your diary.
- Homework club ceases on Monday 28th June for KS2 and Thursday 1st July for KS1. It has been successful; a summary of the success will be shared with relevant families.
- Parents of children in Y6- please find attached a letter re RSHE lessons and what you need to know.
- The PTA KRISPY KREME DONUT SALE is on Friday 16th July for every child at £1 a donut. Please pay for your child's donut via the gateway if you wish to take part.

June updates, changes and reminders -

- The year of St Joseph bookmarks. These are looking lovely! Well done to all of our staff and children who have used St Joseph the worker, as a role model and looked at how we can follow in his footsteps in our work and play. Our brand new statue, blessed by Fr Craig, is now in pride of place surrounded by some really lovely prayers. Mrs Hayes has tweeted them for your reference. Enjoy the sincerity behind them. Thanks to Mrs Hayes, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Murray for their support in this venture.
- The planned Showcase afternoon and Sports Day events we shared with you last week will still continue, despite parents not being able to attend as we had planned. More details will follow and children will be supporting each other in phases.

And Finally ...

Despite lockdown, our fabulous Y5 virtual choir will be live on Walsall Music Hub's YouTube channel on Thursday, 24th June, at 7pm. Mrs Amann would like everyone to appreciate their great efforts. The link will also be on the website Homepage & Y5 class page. Thank you Mrs Amann!

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