



# St Mary's News 2021 January Issue 2

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

Dear Parents,

## This week

We have had a busy week in school, and I know that you will have had busy times in your world of work and childcare, too.

**Covid**, although very present in school, is at a safe level and numbers and processes have been shared with Public Health England. They are satisfied that we doing a good job too. Thank you to all parents for their full support in recognising that we are, like you, doing our very best to manage and keep children and adults safe from harm, whilst mindful of their education and rights to be in school, if well enough. Thanks also to teaching and support staff for juggling teaching in class, with setting and responding to work set out of class, for our unwell friends at home.

Currently, there are 5% of children who have tested +ve, isolating across school, and there are 8% of staff, who have also tested +ve. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers; we look forward to their safe return soon. Please continue to err on the side of caution and check if your child has any classic symptoms. Please see the Home Page of the school website for a link to the up to gov.uk information.

**Well done** - Y6 had a lovely busy week, last week. Firstly, attending St Chad's Cathedral as part of their Confirmation preparation and then, joining Y5 in *The Virtual Punctuation Show*. I believe their behaviour in both instances was excellent, as was Y5 – I received an external very +ve email to verify that from a member of the public. Well done children and staff. St Chad's staff also shared positives comments too.

**Behaviour**. Statistically, 96% of all children's behaviour since returning to school in 2022, has been excellent, with children and staff learning and growing alongside each other, despite difficulties at home and in their larger world. I think that is worth celebrating and is a statistic I intend to share with you, regularly. Please remind your children of your expectations in line with our policies and procedures. Many thanks for your full support.

## Upcoming events:

- Saturday 15/1/22:** Last day for all Reception place applications for 2022/2023, via the Local Authority.
- Tuesday 18/1/22:** Mrs Wilkinson's Farewell Mass is in church at 9.15am for Y5 and Y6 and invited Staff and Governors.
- Friday 21/1/22:** Mid year reports will be emailed home to parents, following on from Consultations last term.
- Sunday 13/2/22:** 9.30am Y3 Mass of Commitment to receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the summer term.
- Thursday 17/2/22:** School finishes for half term for all children on this day.
- Friday 18/2/22:** INSET Day for all staff.
- Thursday 3/3/22:** Confirmation for Y6 at 7pm in St Mary of the Angels Church **Zoom Meeting for all parents of Y6 Confirmation candidates, tbc to discuss the finer details.**

## Other news

As part of our ongoing monitoring of the Quality of Education, we will be conducting year gp book scrutinies with selected children, after school each Thursday evening, starting in February. We look forward to listening to what they tell us. We will keep you posted!

## And Finally...

Enjoy the weekend, when it arrives.  
Please stay safe and happy.