

SMA News

Upcoming Events

Month	Sacramental and Parish linked activities	School trips/visits	In School events	Additional Parental support	Extra curricular events
January			Wk beg 6/1 Induction Week 10/1 John Mc Corkell- Disability Awareness speaker in today 16/1 Banish the winter "blues" Themed Lunch 17/1 Y5 prayer service 2.45pm 24/1 School Council "Lunchbox watch" 20/1 Y6 "Safer Me" programme recommences	15/2 Y1 & 2 Parents lunch 27/2 @ 2pm - Sex Education DVD and support material available for parents in Y6 to view 27/1 @ 7.30pm Confirmation/E safety meeting for Y6 parents	15/1 PTA Meeting 7.30pm Wk beg 13/1 Football(Yx & x) And Multi Skills(Yx & x) recommence (Bryan Small) Wk Beg 13/1 Dance Class commences for Y1 and 2
February	9/2 - 9.30am Family Mass/Y3 Mass of Commitment 24/2 Confessions for Y6 27/2 - Y6 Confirmation 7pm 26/2 Ash Wednesday KS2 children to Mass am KS1 children penitential service in school pm	IBC Y4 trip to Gladstone Pottery	1/2 Y2 Class led assembly 9.15am 7/2 Y3 prayer service 2.45pm 11/2 Safer Internet Day assemblies and lesson focus today 14/2 -St Valentine's day themed School lunch (see Newsletters and flyers) 14/2 - Art exhibition in school am (details to follow) 28/2 Y3 class led assembly	12/2 Y3 Reconciliation Parents' talk 6.30pm	
March	20/3 2pm in church Sacrament of Reconciliation for Y3 22/3 -9.30 am Mothering Sunday Mass (Y1 & Y2)	6/3 Y4 Sacrament of Reconciliation 1.30pm 13/3 Y5 sacrament of Reconciliation 25/3 Stations of the Cross Walsall Catholic Cluster schools service at St Mary the Mount Church 1.30pm	6/3 Y4 prayer service 2.45pm 9/3 School Council "Lunchbox watch" 2 13/3 Y2 prayer service 2.45pm 20/3 Y1 prayer service 2.45pm 27/3 - Y2 Class led Assembly 9/10am 27/3 - EYFS prayer service 2.45pm 30/3 - INSET Day - No Pupils in School Wk beg 31/3 - R.E through Literacy	3/3 Phonics workshop for EYFS 2.45-3.15pm 31/3 and 1/4 Parents' Consultations after school	20/3 - Mothers' Day Gift Shop (PTA) Details to follow

And Finally ...

Please keep Mr Marsh in your thoughts. He is definitely on the road to recovery, but would appreciate your prayers. We hope that he will be home from hospital by the weekend. Sending a big smile from us all, Mr Marsh; just in case you are reading this!



Some fabulous Art and design from Y5's outside school projects on their Science projects.

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WHAT'S NEW?

Children are fully embroiled in new areas of the curriculum by now, ranging from Charles Dickens to Tolstoy; from fractions to shape; from The Mayan Civilisation to Chinese New Year. Please talk to them about their learning and look forward to the update next week of their year group termly overviews.

A uniform inspection last Friday was positive- thank you. You have some very smart little children and some who are working harder to be smart, too. It is an important life skill to respect the need for rules.

A lunch box inspection completed by the School Council yesterday revealed some interesting anomalies and some fantastic news in some classes. More details to follow next week. Please parents, monitor your child's sugar intake before it becomes a problem. We will be in touch with persistent reoffenders- we have agreed, last term, with consultation opportunities given to yourselves, that chocolate bars are for outside school unless it is a special occasion. Please adhere to this reasonable healthy expectation unless your child has extenuating circumstances which you have shared with us. Thank you in anticipation.

A prayer for today



... Y6 focus on Kensuke's Kingdom



Y5's display in the making for their work on "The lion, the witch and the wardrobe"

Reminders

New menus will begin in our school kitchen, on Monday. Please look out for them on our website.

Music fees are now due for all children who participate in lessons of any sort.

The school car park is for use by staff and those who use the out of hrs wraparound service, before 8.40am and after 3.40pm only. Please don't abuse this system. Everyone is busy or running late sometimes but we need to be consistent and fair.

Please ring in to school if your child is absent from school at all. This prevents it becoming a safeguarding concern for the office staff. Thank you in anticipation.

PTA News

Myself and senior PTA members met, last night to discuss the playground equipment. After a consultation with our School Council, we plan to put the process in motion and I will forward plans and drawings out with the next newsletter for you all to share.

Well done to all who work so hard to support the PTA-children, you are in for a treat! (Don't forget to say Thank you!)

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Mrs Heenan has already left for her maternity leave- as advised by doctors. She is well and excited about the arrival of Little Miss or Master Heenan, as are we. Mrs Polito has stepped seamlessly into her shoes. We welcome her and acknowledge her great experience in teaching at KS2. We also welcome back Mrs Harbord as she supports booster classes in Y5 and Y6.

Our Confirmation meeting is now in place, with an opportunity to listen to John Owen, our online safety expert, after the Confirmation talk also. We look forward to a well supported meeting from Y6 parents.

Well done Cooks—Our Winter Blues menu was a great success.

Other news

We are currently investigating plans to rebuild our school entrance; increasing access to the office staff and generally making the entrance a little more 21st Century. We hope you like the outcomes, when they happen.

We are also looking into improving the fencing around the playground. Again, we will keep you informed.

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