

SMA News

Next week, we will be remembering children being safe online. Mr Marsh and the MIST team have a great questionnaire ready for you!



Upcoming Events

Friday 20th September–

Y6 First Aid Course—all day

Monday 23rd September–

Y2 SATS Information evening for all Y2 parents—6.30pm

Y6 SATS Information evening for all Y6 parents - 7.30pm

Please make every effort to attend these informative meetings which will enable you to really support your child through the year.

Tuesday 24th September–

R-Y6 will be participating in a Science through Drama Quest across the day.

Please bring £1 towards the cost—payable via the School Gateway.

Thurs 26th /Fri 27th September

Bikeability for Y6 children—

Y3 Macmillan Prayer Service and Coffee Afternoon

Saturday 26th September–

Y4 and Y5 to lead a Family Mass at St Mary of the Angels at 6pm (Please see letter attached).

Let's see which class can have the most children in attendance?

Thursday 3rd October

The School Photographer will be in school from 8.45am, for parents with non school siblings. This will then be followed by all other classes.

[Themed lunch in school— details to follow](#)

Friday 4th October–

Y6 to visit St Chad's Cathedral—on the bus! (Please see letter attached)

Monday 7th October–

Children will be encouraged to swap their lunch for Soup and a roll(followed by a biscuit) - in recognition of Family Fast. Details to follow

And Finally...

In terms of Safeguarding, please can parents remember not to hold the door open in the morning for other parents; staff will be there as soon as possible to assist.

I like Y2 because Mrs Lee is in it, too.

I like Y2 because we can bring our own pencil cases! play time

Thank you Riley and James



[Budding musicians hard at work! Thanks Mr Kirby.](#)

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CONGRATULATIONS

A team of five governors of St Mary's met yesterday, as part of our selection process to replace Mrs Anderson, our outgoing Deputy Head.

After much dialogue across the Summer and in consultation with the Local Authority, staff and the Diocese, it was agreed that in the best interests of the school, the staffing structure would be amended. This means that St Mary of the Angels will now have two Assistant Head Teachers instead of 1 Deputy Head Teacher.

I am really pleased to share with you that the two appointments are as follows:

[Mrs Smith will now be Assistant Head Teacher](#), with responsibility for Teaching and Learning and Pupil Voice. She will continue to be the EYFS lead and to teach in Nursery also.

[Mrs Hayes will now be Assistant Head Teacher](#), responsible for pastoral needs and emotional well-being. She will also be R.E Co-coordinator and will continue to lead and teach in KS1.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



[Our Library altar](#)



[Y2's Wellbeing board](#)

Our Monitors

Y6 applications for their monitorial roles, this year, were the best I have ever read. They showed passion, enthusiasm, commitment, great loyalty and a desire to help to make a difference to "our school". Thanks to the many friends and parents who took the time to give references—again that lets children see that we do trust and believe in them—and that they have much to offer.

Well done to our School Council representatives, also. We look forward to their support across the year.

Our House Captains and Vice Captains were elected this morning. Congratulations to the following children:

- ◆ HC: Lilly-Mae, Ciaran, Jaya and Jacob
- ◆ VC: Maisie, Don, Ben and Jessica.

Commiserations to the other 6 children who bothered to prepare a speech, to stand and pitch their thoughts and to congratulate others in their house. I am also proud of them, too. Mrs Hayes, Mr Marsh, Mrs Heenan and many other staff were really impressed by the quality of the speeches and the recognition of the need to be an important role model for others.

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[Music lessons](#) these have now restarted. Flute/clarinet each Wednesday; Violin each Thursday and Guitar/keyboard/drums each Thursday, also. Please remember to pay via the Gateway (wind) or via music teachers.

[Fruity Friday](#) will be in operation again tomorrow.

[Strawberry Milk drinks](#)— these will also be on sale from **NEXT MONDAY 23rd September**, for those who wish to purchase one. This is in response to parent voice and also to encourage children to drink milk. Any interested children need to bring 20p each day (or £1 each week). They will then receive their drink as they go out to play. Each morning.

["Get set get fresh" Aldi vouchers](#)— We are accepting these vouchers and we look forward to seeing if we can access some of the rewards for schools, when we have enough to exchange. Please see the Aldi posters around school.

For parents of children new to school, if you google [#starting primary school](#), there are many interesting video clips and ideas to help your child settle in.

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