



St Mary's News 2022 May Issue 4

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

Dear Parents,

Science Extravaganza- Thank you for your attendance and positive feedback, this morning parents. It was great to see you and to hear your comments too. Particular thank to Mrs Steele and her merry band of window dressers, and to her white-coated scientists, also. It was a lovely way to start the morning.

Thanksgiving Mass- we look forward to Y3's Thanksgiving Mass, in school, at 9.15am, tomorrow morning. Please save me a place at the communion breakfast, in Y3, Finley and Joe? I will be hungry and know that your celebrations will be great!

Half term- We finish for half term on Friday 27th May, and return after the Inset day on Tuesday 7th June 2022. School is closed on Monday 6th June for staff development.

PTA 50/ 50 Club. Apologies- there were some technical issues with the form distribution, last week, but I believe it is all sorted now. Thanks to the office staff and Rachel on the PTA, for their patience and perseverance in this. Please take the time to sign up, if you have not already done so.

Our Queen's Jubilee Celebration- Staff are planning some lovely activities in school for our youngest children- they are also planning a great *dance through the ages* external provider activity for KS2- to mark the Queen's jubilee. Commemorative treats to follow, after the half term, courtesy of school fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Morrison's Seeds of Hope- Thank you to Kirk's Mum, for arranging for us to receive these little packets of hope. They remind us that life just keeps going on around us, in the form of nature, creating beauty and sustainability if we take the time to engage with it.

School Fund- Please continue to give generously to school fund, parents. The opportunities for the little extras are what makes school a great place to be. It seems that there is enough money in our school fund account to, once again, order some luxury books for our classrooms. We will keep you up to date, but thanks once more.

Communication Survey Summary report Thanks to those who shared their views so constructively, via our most recent Google form. Please find attached a summary report for your information. Teamwork helps to fine tweak the provision for your children, at home and at school.

Holidays in term time Parents, can I respectfully draw your attention to our Attendance Policy, which shares the law on holidays in term time. (See the Website home page, Useful Information tab and then Policies and Documents). We are realistic, compassionate and understanding around Covid cancellations, however, moving forward, there will be little justification for long holidays in term time. Where your child's attendance is also low- below 90% - without justification, this triggers an enquiry at school and LA level. We will always listen and we will always respect the many varied circumstances, which you share – with honesty and integrity. However, please also respect our position- to legally require your child to be in school, every day and to need to justify it, when they are not. Many thanks, in anticipation, for working with us on this one.

Upcoming events:

Friday 27/5/22 Y3 Thanks giving Mass in school (9.15am)- all Y3 parents are welcome.

Friday 27/5/22 School closes for half term

Monday 6/6/22- School closed to all children. Staff Retreat day- as part of training.

Monday 13/6/22 -Rainbows and brownies returns to SMA school site

Wednesday 15/6/22- Dental Nurses in school for R and Y1 5 yr olds.

Thursday 16 /6/22 -Woodlands Activity Day for Y6

Friday 17/6/22- Y4 visit to St Francis Secondary School for a History and Liturgical morning

Sunday 19/6/22 -Corpus Christi procession for Y3 children in church at 9.30am

Monday 20/6/22- 22/6/22 Y6 Alton Castle residential Thanks to our Chair of Governors, Mr Wintrip, for agreeing to be our third staff member .

Wednesday 22/6/22 -Induction Meeting for Reception 2022/23 cohort (7-8pm) and Nursery 2022/23 cohort (6-7pm)

And Finally...



Have a lovely, well-deserved half term, children (and parents/ staff).

Stay safe, rest and get ready for the final half term.