



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We have been thinking about this week's Gospel message in which Jesus tells the disciples to believe and trust in him. Jesus did not only teach his disciples with words. Throughout his life, he showed them, and us, how to serve others and care for others. We have thought about how we can show our trust in God and what we will do for the people who trust us.

The children will soon be busy planning, preparing and producing some wonderful art work for this year's SMA Art Gallery! We will be embracing the theme of Laudato Si, caring for our common home. Linking with our work towards the Live Simply award, we are also thinking about sustainable and recyclable materials. Parents will be welcome to come in and view the art work in our 'gallery' in the hall on Friday 26th May between 8:15 and 8:45am. Your child's work will then be sent home for you to enjoy. Please could we ask for £3 to be paid via the school gateway to go towards the cost of resources for the gallery.

We have a stock of up-cycled school uniform, in particular brown jumpers. If you would like any of them, please let the office know. We are running low on red PE t-shirts and red jumpers. If your child has grown out of theirs and the red top is still in good condition, please could you donate them to school. We expect our school uniform policy to be followed for consistency for all and we are happy to support with this if necessary.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

May is the month of Mary.

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.*

To thee do we cry,

Poor banished children of Eve.

To thee do we send up our sighs,

Mourning and weeping in this veil of tears

Turn then, most gracious advocate,

Thine eyes of mercy towards us;

And after this our exile

Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus

O clement, O loving,

O sweet Virgin Mary.

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been showing a great understanding in maths of fractions and negative numbers and remembering and recalling key facts from our Wider Learning Projects about oceans and about the rainforest!

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y2 and Y5 for demonstrating positive relationships with each other and star effort with their work!

Our attendance winners this week are Y1, Y2 and Y5 with 100% Fantastic!

We look forward to resuming our Saint Star winners next week!

Assessment Update

Our thoughts have been with our year six children this week as they complete their SATs tests. We know they have worked so hard and tried their absolute best, showing maturity, grit and dedication. They have certainly risen to all of the challenges!

Year Two will be completing their SATs over the next couple of weeks. We will ensure the children are gently put at ease when completing each 'quiz.'

After half term, Y1 will complete their phonics screening check and Y4 have a multiplication check. More information on these will follow.



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Notices

- In order to support a smooth transition from EYFS to Y1, Mrs Smith is organising a transition meeting / workshop for parents. We would like to invite the parents of the current Reception class into school on Tuesday 23rd May at 1:45pm. You will have a chance to have a coffee and a chat and then the staff will explain how the transition from Reception to Y1 will work. We are sure this will be an informative meeting.
- The next PTA fundraiser event is planned for the evening of Thursday 8th June - a ladies' fashion show / shop held at school. Please put the date in your diaries. Tickets are available to purchase via the Gateway at £5.00 each. Grab your tickets before they sell out! Please see the flyer attached.
- Nursery parents, please note that Nursery will be closed on Wednesday 12th July due to transition arrangements. Please make alternative childcare arrangements on this day.

Events

- Y4 Swimming has started on a Tuesday afternoon
- Monday 15th May - Y5/6 Football Tournament: good luck, everyone!
- KS1 SATs: Week beginning 15th May
- Thursday 18th May 2pm School Mass, all welcome: The Feast of the Ascension
- Saturday 20th May 11am and 1pm: Y3 First Holy Communion
- Monday 22nd May 2pm Y1-6 May Procession (more details to follow)
- Friday 26th May - Art Gallery 8:15-8:45am
- Friday 26th May - 2pm Y3 Thanksgiving Mass, all welcome

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

John 14: 15-21

In the Gospel reading, Jesus is talking to His disciples and telling them about another Advocate, a helper who will stay with them always, a spirit of God who will fill them with wisdom and understanding.

Jesus said: "Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him."



Come Holy Spirit, and breathe your life into us, so that we can bring Christ into the world and touch the lives of others with his love. Amen.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher