



St Mary's News 2022 March Issue 2

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

Dear Parents,

My apologies for the lateness of the Newsletter, this week. I just ran out of hours in the day. ☺

Sacrament of Confirmation – it was a privilege to be part of this beautiful sacramental event, last Thursday. To see parents, children, clergy and staff milling around, after the service, was a great feeling. We have missed that community spirit and welcome it back. Thanks to Fr Craig, Bishop Stephen and all of the teaching staff who supported.

Lent begins- We have over 40 children and additional staff, joining in with our *Soup and a roll for Family Fast Day*, today. Well done to those children, particularly our pro active Y5 pupils, who have been encouraging others to join in. Please remember also the Walk for Hunger Project, details are attached, once more for your convenience. Where monies for soup have been forgotten, Monday morning is soon enough.

Support for Ukraine- Proceeds from all of our Lenten Charities will be shared, also via CAFOD with the DES (Disaster Emergency Committee). This is in direct response to the plight of our Ukrainian neighbours. You are always so generous- we really need that generosity right now. Thank you to the parents who are also being proactive in supporting and raising awareness for Ukraine at this time.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Parents- Reading Workshop- This was very well attended this morning, and I believe that it is anticipated that numbers will be high this afternoon, also. Thanks to all of the EYFS team, particularly Mrs Smith and Miss Wood, for arranging these informative opportunities. They help us to help you to support our youngest pupils, well.

Safeguarding in school- We are constantly updating and amending our safeguarding practices in school, and we are the first to admit it when there are errors made or updates needed. My continued thanks to you all as the SMA Community for your professional and caring responses to looking after all children and abiding very willingly by rules and expectations. It is appreciated.

Parents' Voice - Please look out for a google form which will be sent out to all parents asking for your thoughts. We are very interested to hear how our changes to the Website and Curriculum pages has supported you; how the class page, relevant workshops, twitter and videos keep you informed and smiling, in our busy 21 st century and any other suggestions you make. We cannot do everything you ask, but will try to listen to useful suggestions for the future. Please take the time to communicate where you can. Many thanks in anticipation.

Uniform- Some children are forgetting what our uniform looks like. We are having scarves worn in class, tattoos on arms and various colours being worn for PE Days. My huge thanks to parents who work hard, despite different needs of children, to fully abide by the uniform code. It is a real sign of solidarity and supports your child to recognise the expectations linked to the British Value- The Rule of Law. Please remind your child about smart hair- tied back and not excessively gelled, no drawings on their hands, no tattoos and the correct colours, for jumpers, trousers and for earrings too. Many thanks in anticipation.

Upcoming events:

Friday 11/3/22- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Parents - Reading Workshops on this day – Reception Parents (9am) Nursery Parents (2.20pm)

Friday 11/3/22- Family Fast Day "Soup and a roll" for all who wish to participate

Tuesday 15/3/22- Y3 Parents' Meeting –Reconciliation preparation- 6pm

Friday 18/3/22 – PTA Krispy Kreme Donuts sale- £1 via the School Gateway

Friday 1/4/22- Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation – Parents to arrive for **1.30pm in school**

Friday 8/4/22- School closes for the Easter break- all children need to be collected from school at 1.30pm on this day.

Wednesday 27/4/22 and Thursday 28/4/22 Parents' Consultations in school between 4pm and 7pm each evening. This will be arranged via the Gateway, two weeks prior to the event.

Goodbye and God bless

We say Good bye and Good luck to Mrs Vinti, in Y6. We wish her well in all she does in the future and thank her for her loyalty to the current Y6. Mrs Kaur will be working in the setting in her place. I know that Y6 will show her a warm welcome.

And Finally...

We continue to remember in our prayers, the people of Ukraine and world leaders, at this time of great unrest. Please remember to talk openly and positively to your children about their safety, and encourage them to behave proactively through prayer and fundraising.