



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 37: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

This week we thought about the important and intriguing Parable of the Sower. It demonstrates different responses to the Gospel of Jesus and we thought about how we can strengthen our own faith through our thoughts, prayers and actions.

Thank you to our wonderful, hardworking PTA, who ploughed on with our fair, despite the bad weather on Friday. We are pleased to announce that an amazing £2005 was raised! Thank you for all of your support and contributions with this. We look forward to sharing ideas of lovely things to purchase in the future.

On Wednesday, we were wowed by seeing more of our children's talents in the 'SMA Factor Talent Show.' This was an idea and initiative from the School Council, so a huge thank you to them and Mrs Smith for coordinating this entertaining event! We were fortunate enough to see a show with gymnasts, singers, dancers, musicians, impressionists and computer programmers to name but a few. Congratulations to our Y4 winners 'Stars of the Stage' - wonderful singing and choreography!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Y6 as we say a fond farewell to them today. They have shown great maturity, talent, respect and teamwork throughout the year, and, although we are sad to see you go, we know that you are ready for the next part of your journey. We thank all children and families for your support and commitment to the school. It's been such a lovely end to the year with a beautiful Mass and assembly this morning. We are looking forward to an exciting 'Colour Run' to send you off this afternoon.

We also thank our staff leavers: Mrs Williams, Mrs Scully, Mr Sutton, Miss Jones and Mrs Dell as they embark on a new challenge. Thank you for everything you have done for us at St Mary of the Angels.

I would like to offer thanks from the staff for all of your good wishes and gifts.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have become part of the SMA family this year and to enjoy working every day with such delightful, enthusiastic children and hard-working and talented staff. A huge thank you to our governors, who work so hard behind the scenes to ensure that St Mary's is such a magnificent place to be. Finally, thank you to you, all of our parents and families for all of your support over the past three terms.

We hope that you have a safe, sunny and relaxing summer break and we are looking forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill

**Peer Mentors**

We started the week with a celebration of resilience, independence and behaviour. Our peer mentors taught us about how the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed. Jesus wants us to believe in ourselves and see that even the smallest action can make big changes for others and the world if we allow our faith to grow.

Many children were congratulated and awarded badges for having a positive mind-set to improve and achieve their targets and growing their seed into something amazing - well done!

**Afternoon Tea**

Well done to our highest scoring Dojo point winners for this half term. They enjoyed an afternoon tea celebration yesterday: Ava-Mae, Chloe, Amelia, Maddie, Dylan, Amelia, Jamie, Zach, Phoebe, Harrison, Eashan, Evelyn and Charlotte.





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## Notices

- We look forward to seeing the new Y1-6 back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. We will write to you on the inset day with some reminders about the new term.  
We welcome our new Reception class on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and our new Nursery class on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.
- Please note that the term dates for next academic year were on last week's newsletter and are on our school website. Please see these dates before booking any holidays. We do not expect holidays to be taken during term time: they have a detrimental effect on children's education.
- We know many of you will be purchasing new uniform and PE kit during the holidays. Please see our website for uniform information for fairness and consistency for all. Please note, there should be no sports labels or sports brand names on any PE t-shirts, jumpers or trousers.
- We have worked with the PTA and Barrows and Forrester estate agents in Aldridge to launch a colouring competition. Well done to all of the children who took part; your entries were beautiful. Well done to our winners, Ella and Ana and our runners up: Jamie, Ariana, Phoebe and Marcin.
- We are really pleased with the children's progress and attainment this year across the school. Our results will be validated and published in the autumn term. As an end point to their time at St Mary of the Angels, Year Six have obtained 91% of children achieving the expected standard across reading, with 44% achieving a higher standard, 91% expected in maths, with 22% at a higher standard and 84% expected in writing with 19% greater depth - fantastic.

## Reflection and Prayer

*Let us pray for the children, families and staff leaving St Mary of the Angels.  
May God bless and be with them as they move on.*

*Dear lord,  
Help to hold me steady, moving forwards with my eyes focussed on You.  
Ploughing the fields,  
Planting the seeds,  
And reaping the harvest for your glory.  
Help us to treasure the memories we leave behind,  
Bless and protect the friends from whom we part.  
May your Spirit travel with us.  
Our journey now, and throughout our lives,  
Begins and ends with you, Lord,  
Whose praises we sing wherever we make our home.  
Amen.*

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

