



# St Mary's News 2021 October Issue 1

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

Dear Parents,

**Co Vid updates-** Week 5 brings news of a total of 2 current, positive, Co Vid school community members, and 4 who have since recovered. This represents 1.7% of children and 2.2% of the school community if we include staff, also. We are, as a result of a vigilant and rapid response from you, operating well below national levels, currently. Please continue with your proactive approach towards testing, if you suspect your child may be positive. This protects us all. Our love and best wishes to all those unwell, at the moment.

**Behaviour-** After a shock last Monday for some children, the improvement in behaviour is noticeable. Staff are being very vigilant with regard to the non-negotiables (below) and a small number of children often don't like it. Please work with us to remind them of your expectations if class teachers need to be in touch. Thank you to those of you, this week, who have, in all instances, been very supportive. **To the large majority of children, who always listen, always take turns, always show good manners and always understand when there is need to see other people in their setting differently, due to specific needs, WELL DONE 😊**

**Lockdown aftermath.** We are currently compiling our summary of findings, with regard to Lockdown aftermath, at St Mary's. I will attach it to next week's newsletter as I feel it helps all of us to understand the direction the SMA ship is sailing in. Whilst it does not excuse a small number of inappropriate behaviours, it justifies why your children, in some cases, are behaving in ways we would not expect. It also justifies the approach we need to take, together – as a team to rectify it.

**Non negotiables:** listening to their teacher on first request; walking safely around the building; responding politely when their name is called by staff, doing as they are asked without argument, respecting the rule of law & not hurting others .

## This week and Reminders:

**School Fund** – Since the beginning of term, this has risen to £600. **Thank you very much.** We are looking into purchasing a very interactive resource with trophies and rewards for our KS2 children, and we are also looking into purchasing some KS1 engaging resources. Keep the funds coming and we will let you know what we are buying.

**Y6 Secondary transfer-** The closing date for the application is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Parent Governor-** The deadline for nominations is tomorrow. Currently we have 1 interested parent.

**Lunchtime Supervisor needed-** Shortlisting for this post is tomorrow and interviews are likely to be early next week.

**Flu Vaccinations** will be in school on 14<sup>th</sup> October for children in R-Y6.

**Paralympian Darren Harris school visit** – We look forward to welcoming Darren, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Bikeability-** will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, for Y6 children, who have already requested a place.

## Upcoming events:

**Harvest Mass and letter** Our Harvest Mass is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We hope that our parents can join us, too. You are very welcome. **Please look at the letter attached,** which identifies how we can raise money for our Harvest Projects, chosen by the children, themselves. **I promise extra play time if we go into three figures, children! The world needs our help- let's do it!**

**Twitter- new members** – It is great to see our twitter account growing, we now have over 142 followers. **If you wish to request to join this closed account, please email [twitter@st-maryangel.co.uk](mailto:twitter@st-maryangel.co.uk), to confirm who you are and your user name.**

**PTA** – We are very short of PTA members, due to the retirement of several longstanding ones at the end of last Summer 2021. In order to arrange fundraisers, in the future, we will need to establish a nucleus of helpful volunteers. If there are any willing volunteers, interested in helping, please speak with Mrs Ward, in our school office, so that we can establish a date to meet and plan for the future. Again, many thanks in anticipation.



**And Finally**....October is the month of The Rosary. We

remember the different mysteries of the Rosary. This week we can recall the Joyful Mysteries. See how many your child knows.