



St Mary's News 2021 September Issue 3

Dear Parents,

Week 3 brings news of a positive Covid test in our Y5 class. A separate letter has been sent to Y5 parents, advising next steps. Please can I remind **all parents** that if they recognise any of the Coronavirus symptoms in their children or in themselves, **(a high temperature, a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal)**, they need to arrange for a PCR test and keep children at home until the results are returned. That way, we are all as safe as we can possibly be and playing our part in looking after each other, also. Many thanks for your full attention to this matter.

This week and Reminders:

Y6 Monitors: We are all exceptionally proud of our Y6, this week. Their applications and attitude towards the interview process has been impressive. They have spoken with intelligence, kindness, understanding and pride. They have also received their badges. Parents, please look out for the video of their thoughts on the class page and the home page of the school website, soon. And thank you to the many referees for their attention and support, during the interview process also.

Police parking letter – Please find attached a letter from West Midlands Police to all parents about parking, locally.

School Fund – Thank you so much! Since the start of term, your contributions have amounted to over £500. This can now be used to arrange a fun First Aid day for all children, as part of fostering positive wellbeing. Keep donating!

Toys/home belongings – please remember toys and home belongings of whatever form, are not allowed in school. They can be distracting towards your child and others and cause anxiety when they are lost or broken.

Welcome Briefings- These were really well attended, in all cases. It was great to see you all in school. 😊

New year - new challenge Please expect your child to be a little more tired and a little more challenged in their new setting; teachers are required to challenge them in terms of behaviour and academically. Some children are inclined to give up straightaway and tell you that the work/expectations are too hard. Wherever possible, talk to them about being resilient and doing their best - team work is needed. Thanks

Coming soon ...

Y6 Secondary transfer- Y6 will have received information linked to Secondary transfer and details about open days for St Francis, also. The closing date for the application is 31st October, **however, we strongly advise that all applications are made by Friday 22/10/21, when we finish for half term.** Please ask for support if you are unsure, in any way, via the school office.

Y6 School trip- We look forward to a great day out at the Lichfield Garrick, for Y6, and their safe return.

Parent Governor- Anyone interested in standing for Parent Governor will need to arrange for a nomination form to be submitted for them, to the school office, as detailed in the attached letter. We look forward to hearing from interested parents. Flu Vaccinations will be in school on 14th October. Letters have been sent out already, please return.

Lunchtime Supervisor needed- We really need someone who can help out across lunchtime. In the beginning, it would just be when we need you, but it could become a permanent 1 hr each day. Have we got any Mums or Dads who are interested? Please speak to the school office for details.

Morrison tokens -Please take the time to download the **MyMorrison app** today, to start collecting tokens, and choose St Mary of the Angels for your donation. 😊

Attendance- Well done to Y4 and Y3. Your children are in school for 98% of the time! Fabulous! And well done to Y1 and Y5, close behind with 97% attendance. Great!

And Finally... Let's give our Nursery and Reception children a big hug and a smile, this weekend. They have made a wonderful start, Mums and Dads. Be proud of them.

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*Our world needs our help children.
Decide how you can be more
green and tell us, next week.*