



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 31: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

What an amazing start to the half term we have had through our Vocations Week!

A huge thank you to all parents, friends and family of St Mary's who have given up their time this week to come and speak to the children about their different vocations, share experiences and practically demonstrate some of the amazing work that they do. This enriching and exiting week could not have gone ahead without the help of all of you and thank you to Mrs Hayes for organising this. Here is a flavour of the some of the vocations that have been shared with the children this week. Please have a chat with your child about these:

Priest, yoga instructor, design and technology teacher, biomedical scientist, doctor, plumber, sign writer, midwife, nurse, police officer, hairdresser, paramedic, prison officer, geological engineer, physiotherapist, site manager and a fire fighter!

Thank you also to Jo Goulding from Fr Hudson's charity who came to talk to us on Wednesday about how the money raised this week will go to help others. We were shown photographs and given clear examples of how a little bit of fundraising can go such a long way with an impact across many people in a community. Jo also talked about the Gospel Values that are linked to the Fr Hudson's charity and Catholic Social Teachings that we are very familiar with - human dignity, participation and solidarity. We have certainly been demonstrating these in school this week.

Thank you for your generosity with contributing to this charity - we have raised £204 so far. The children dressed up today linked to a vocation which inspires them. We have been so impressed with the efforts made with this and with the variety of aspirations - well done, children! Each class has also been reflecting on how the people we have met this week use their talents and skills, which are linked to our own subject areas of learning - RE, science, maths, history, art and design, etc. They have also shared how these vocations reflect and utilise our very important Gospel and British values.

A huge well done, to Y4. Most of them have completed their multiplication check this week and we have seen excellent progress, determination and hard work with these very important mathematical facts throughout the year! The check was taken online. We haven't received any result yet, but will make sure that they are shared with you before the end of the academic year.

Our thoughts are with Y6 as they prepare for their residential next week. We know that they will embrace the exciting experiences and do us proud with their maturity. We hope everyone manages to get some sleep!

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill

**Peer Mentor Assembly**

Well done to our peer mentors who led an assembly for us this morning. They reminded us about the message from The Lost Sheep and then linked it to our calling from God and how we can work hard to achieve our potential. Children were awarded for excellent work and progress with resilience, independence and behaviour.

In particular, children received badges for: not giving up when they find something difficult, being determined to overcome their worries and for challenging themselves to achieve more. We are so proud of you!

**Vocations Week Pupil Voice**

"A vocation is a calling from God to serve others. I might not know what it is yet, but the most important is to love one another."

"It has made me curious to find out about different ways I can use my interest in science for a job - I would not have thought about being a paramedic."

"The week has inspired me to be more resilient in my work and not give up. I am going to work hard so I can get an interesting job."

"I always thought I wanted to be a footballer because I like playing in a team, but the police officers work as a team and support one another."

"The plumber helped me to understand why maths is so important - so measurements are correct."

"A nurse has to be loving and compassionate."



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### Notices

- **Class Showcases:** We are really looking forward to our class showcases. This is a chance for parents to come in and see your children present some of the wonderful, exciting things that they have been learning about. They will take place on the following dates:

YR: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm

Y1: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm

Y2: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm

Y3: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm

Y6 end of term key dates are:

Production on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1:45pm and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm.

Tickets will follow.

Leavers' Mass and Assembly - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:40pm

- Grab bags are back! Children in KS2 are invited to join in with grab bag lunches. Each Monday for Y6, Tuesday for Y5, Wednesday for Y4 and Thursday for Y3, children can choose a picnic style lunch (a warm sausage/bacon/veggie baguette, a cake/biscuit and piece of fruit), which they can then eat outside in our picnic area. It is fun and always well received. Please pay for a school lunch as normal, via the gateway.
- We are looking forward to the PTA fashion show this evening!
- The PTA are also busy thinking about our summer fayre, which will take place from 3:30pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. If you are having a clear out and find any quality children's **books, teddies or dressing up costumes**, the PTA would be very grateful for donations of these. Please send them in to the school office.

### Events

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Residential

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 9:15am KS2 Sports Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9:15am EYFS and KS1 Sports Day

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June - Y1 Phonics check

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Y3 trip (see separate letter)

YR parents - we would like to invite you to a transition meeting to share information about moving to Y1 on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - New Nursery and Reception induction evening

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June - School 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations - separate letter will be sent

Y6 Swimming this half term - see separate letter

Inset days for 2024-25 are now on the school website.

### Reflection and Prayer

**Today is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

*It is important to remember that the heart of Jesus Christ is viewed as a symbol of God's boundless and passionate love for mankind.*

*Sacred Heart Prayer*

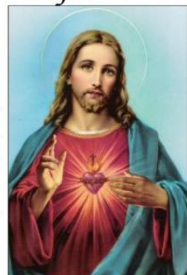
*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You.*

*Help us nurture, respect and be valued as children of your heart.*

*Help us reach our full potential and be recognised as individuals using our God given gifts.*

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us.*

*Amen*



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

We also keep in our prayers those affected by D-Day on the anniversary - may we remember those who faced danger and death.

