



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 7: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

We have had a couple of days of unexpected sunshine and warmth to enjoy this past two weeks and how glorious it has been to see the beauty of autumn all around us. Let us stop to reflect on the beauty of the season with those close to us, if we haven't had chance to do this already and hope for a few more mild days in half term.

'Jesus came for all people; He shared His love with everyone, and He wants us to do the same.' The Mini Vinnies talked eloquently about this this morning and it has been fantastic to see their Harvest ideas come to fruition this week. Thank you everyone for supporting and celebrating the 'Brighten the Harvest' initiative. Mrs Hayes and some Mini Vinnies will be visiting the Thomas Project food bank to share all of your donations of tins, cans and packets. Thanks to your generosity, we have also raised a wonderful £278 for CAFOD to date. If you would still like to donate, we will leave the opportunity open on the app until 31<sup>st</sup> October. In addition, thank you to the bakery staff at Sainsbury's who organised some beautiful wheatsheaf items for us. We shared a joyous Harvest assembly in school this morning, with all of your donations on display.

The children had their first PTA disco in years last night and these events were a huge success and lots of fun! Thank you so much to the PTA who kindly organise these enjoyable events for our children and give up their time with the work that takes place behind the scenes and during these events. Thank you also to the staff who stayed to help support these events and supervise the children. These lovely occasions couldn't take place without the help of our dedicated adults.

As a staff, we want to work in partnership with you to ensure children feel safe and happy at school. The parents' survey is still open for completion until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We welcome and value your feedback. The link is available on your child's class page for you to access.

It has been a pleasure becoming a part of St Mary's school community this half term and I am excited about continuing our journey next half term.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing the children back from their break on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill

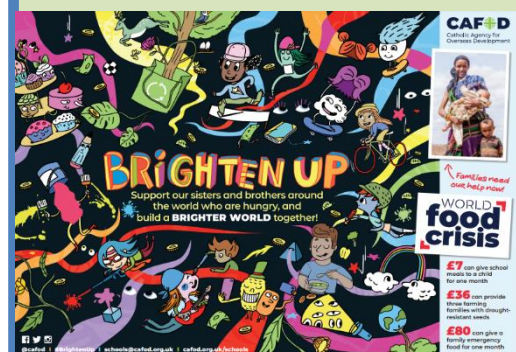


**Award Winners**

Our children have been trying so hard to obtain Dojo points this half term. They are distributed for children trying their best, not giving up, being ready to learn, taking pride in their work and more. We have counted them up for this half term and the following children have received the most points. They have been invited to a celebratory afternoon tea after half term!

Olivia, Noah, Caisson, Angelina, Lennon, Ella, Olivia, Marella, Lorena, Joseph, Leo, Angelica, Leo, Hannahleise - well done all!

**Brighten the Harvest**



God of all,  
Open our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters.  
Open our ears to hear your words of hope and compassion.  
Open our mouths to speak up when people are suffering.  
Open our hearts, to reach out in love.  
Amen.



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### Notices

- Nursery and Reception children - well done, we have been so pleased and proud of you in your first half term joining our school family. We are always looking to improve communications with parents and ensure that you are kept informed of your child's behaviour, well-being and learning. As a staff, we want to work in partnership with you to ensure children feel safe and happy at school and have settled in to the EYFS environment. With this in mind, Mrs Smith has set up a parent questionnaire for Nursery and Reception parents to access and complete. This is available on the class page. Please could you take the time to complete it before the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Your feedback is always appreciated.
- The School Council have been working very hard this week leading a 'lunchbox watch.' They will share their findings with us soon.
- On the school gateway app, there is an option to pay a contribution to school fund. We would be hugely grateful of contributions to this. It all helps us to pay for the little extras in school to benefit the children. We will let you know next half term how much money we have so far and what it will be going towards.
- We were thrilled with the amount of money raised from the book fayre - £1,257.73 - wow! This enabled us to order some new books for our classrooms with the generous amount of commission! Mrs Polito has tried to get as many books as are on the 'Fifty Recommended Reads' list as possible. You can find these lists on your class pages - they are really useful and inspiring to take a look at!

### Events

Please see the advert sent along with the newsletter this week for a special Bonfire treat lunch taking place after half term.

We welcome Fr Craig to say Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, at 2:15pm in school. Y5 will take the lead with the readings. Parents are most welcome.

Y2 are looking forward to a visit to Mount Pleasant Farm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please see the separate letter for more information.

Open Days for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for September 2023 take place on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am and 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm.

Parent / teacher meetings will take place next half term, week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November. A separate letter will follow after half term.

### Reflection

*This Sunday is the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

*The Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector teaches us to not to look on others with scorn or disdain and to be humble and honest when praying.*

*"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)*

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

