



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Newsletter No. 27: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Well done to Y3 who made their first Confessions this afternoon. They were very reverent and sensible in their approach and we are really pleased with how they are supporting each other and preparing for these very important Sacraments. *Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.* We look forward to celebrating their next milestone of First Holy Communion in a couple of weeks' time. Thank you to Fr. Craig & Fr. Craig for supporting the children.

Thank you to all parents who attended the nurse workshop yesterday afternoon. This was on the theme of fussy eating which can be common amongst children and something parents often ask us about. Some excellent advice and tips were given. Please check out our wellbeing page on the school website -information from this workshop will be added soon.

Here at St Mary's, we have a passion for gardening. We understand how being outdoors can help us relax and change our mood for the better. We have gardening clubs and eco warriors working outdoors at various points during the year and all children enjoy time in our wellbeing garden, seeing how plants and flowers change and grow over the course of a year. Mrs Joyce has applied for us to take part in the 'RHS Campaign for School Gardening.' We have already achieved level 1 and have been rewarded with a gardening book, some seeds and a certificate. We look forward to telling you more about level 2 soon! Thank you to Mrs Joyce and all of our gardeners.

Mrs Smith is planning an exciting sport themed week for us, week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May. Sports days will be as follows:

- KS2 will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm
- EYFS and KS1 will be Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9:15am.

We are getting in there early after all of the rain last summer! Parents are welcome to these events.

(Please send children to school in PE kit each day that week.)

Last call for sponsorship money for our dance day! The children thoroughly enjoyed it and love their wristbands. We hope you all enjoyed the video! Please support your children in collecting and sending in the sponsor money next week if you haven't already.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

### Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been kind and compassionate to others and produced some super writing across the curriculum.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y3 for wonderful Reconciliation preparation and Y6 for brilliant SATs preparation.

Our lunchtime award went to Y4 for improvements in positive relationships.

Our winning Saint Stars team was St John Paul - they earnt extra break time.

### Attendance

You may have seen in the media about Government changes to attendance from September. The local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child of compulsory school age. This includes family holidays in term time. The first penalty notice issued to a parent will be charged at £80 if paid within 21 days. Further costs incur after this time. This fine is per child, per parent for a first offence.





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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  
Y4: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2:30pm  
Y5: Thursday 6<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 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9:15am.
- Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to take part in our vocations week! Mrs Hayes will be in touch with you.
- Thank you to everyone who joined the PTA meeting on Wednesday. The PTA are organising an exciting event - a ladies' fashion show and pop-up shop for the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets can be purchased via the school gateway.

### Events

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - school closed for bank holiday
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2:15pm Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Mass - all welcome
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs week
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Y4 SPARKS visitor
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May: Y3 First Holy Communion 11am and 1pm
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May: May Procession 2:30pm for Y1-6 (parents welcome)
- Week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May - sports week (please see sports day timings on page one)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 9:10 Y3 Thanksgiving Mass (all welcome)

### Reflection and Prayer

**This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter.**

Jesus asked his disciples to love one another as he had loved them. Jesus reminded the disciples many times that the greatest commandments were to love God and to love each other. Jesus asks us to be generous and share his love with all of humankind.

*Heavenly father,  
Our hearts are brimming over with your love.  
Help us to be generous and always ready to share this love with others.  
Amen.*

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

