



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 2: Friday 13th September 2024

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

On Monday this week, our Reception class joined us. It was wonderful to see them settling in so well and they have enjoyed a really happy start! Then on Wednesday, our new Nursery friends joined and have had a great few days calmly settling in, colouring, playing and getting to know each other. I have been greeted by lots of smiles walking around the school. Well done children! We welcome all of our new families to the school; we hope you are made to feel welcome and enjoy your time at St Mary of the Angels.

We were excited to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr Ramesh, into school on Wednesday to have a look around and to meet everyone. We are looking forward to our first school Mass of the academic year (for Y1-6) on Friday 20th September at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to attend.

We have taken the time to remind, discuss and understand the school mission statement: '*Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another*'. Please speak to your child about the meaning behind this and how we live it out in school and at home.

This half term, our two focus Catholic Social Teachings are '**human dignity**' and '**stewardship**.'

The children are learning that everyone is special because God made us all and we want to treat everyone with respect. We believe in caring for God's gifts, that the world is for everyone and thinking of ways that we can take care of the planet and each other.

Please see the attachment regarding our 'Welcome Briefings', a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and see their new classroom setting.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill



Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this afternoon, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been demonstrating our Gospel virtues and values, taking such pride in their work and sharing their knowledge during class discussions.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y2 and Y6 for their impeccable learning behaviour.

Our Lunchtime Award winners are Y4 for excellent manners and lovely behaviour.

Online Safety

We have some brilliant Digital Leaders in school who have been trained in all things computing and online safety. They did some excellent work on Friday afternoon analysing a survey and have started thinking about priorities to help support all of our pupils this year.

We also had some interesting workshops from Street Teams earlier this week. It is vital that our children understand how to stay safe online. There is an app called 'you tube kids' which has been recommended to us as opposed to using 'you tube'. You tube kids provides a much more contained online environment. Please also be mindful of age limits of certain apps and games and appropriate use. The attached posters outline age limits on popular apps and games.



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Notices

- Homework will be set today and class pages will be ready for next Friday.
- The staff are busy planning lots of exciting curriculum learning for this academic year. We kindly ask that you donate to our school fund via the gateway to help pay for any little extras and treats for the children throughout the year. This is running very low after our school anniversary celebrations and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.
- PE Days are as follows. Please send your child to school in their PE kit:
- YN: Tuesday
- YR: Tuesday and Friday,
- Y1: Monday and Friday
- Y2: Tuesday and Thursday
- Y3: Monday and Thursday
- Y4: Monday and Wednesday
- Y5: Tuesday and Wednesday
- Y6: Monday and Friday
- We would like to thank you for your cooperation at the end of the day with the dismissal arrangements from the playground. This has been well received and we would like to continue this over the coming weeks. A reminder that children must stay with their parents once they are dismissed and that the field and play equipment is out of use at this time.
- Fr Craig will be returning to Aldridge on Friday 18th October at 6:30pm for Mass at Church. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for him, please do so via the gateway.
- We are recruiting for a new administrative assistant, a teaching assistant and a lunchtime supervisor. Please see our school website or call the office for more details.
- This week is 'Ask about Asthma' week to raise awareness of childhood asthma. Please see the poster and ask us in school if you have any questions.

Events

Please see the letter attached regarding 'Welcome Briefings' a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and see the classroom setting.

Tuesday 24th September - Y6 walk to Mass with the Parish

Tuesday 1st October - Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish

We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 5th October - more details will follow.

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 3rd October.

Week beginning 7th October, we are celebrating poetry week and have a visitor 'Pep the Poet', more details to follow.

Tuesday 8th October - Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday marks the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear Jesus asking his followers a difficult question: 'Who do you think I am?'
It was Simon Peter who spoke up and said: 'You are Christ, the son of God.'
Jesus explained what would happen to him and that we must follow God's way, even though it is not always easy.

Dear Lord, Grant me the strength to walk steadfastly in Your path, even when the road is challenging.
Illuminate my heart with Your wisdom, guiding my steps with courage and faith.
Help me to trust in Your plan, embracing each moment with grace.
May I find solace in Your presence and the resolve to follow where You lead.
Amen.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

