



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week I have really enjoyed spending time with the children at lunchtime. They are developing beautiful manners and playing very imaginative games on the playground! Y3 and Y5 in particular, have been enjoying the opportunity to play football during some of their lunchtimes.

On the theme of lunches, the children have worked so hard over the past few weeks, we think that they deserve a treat lunch! Please see the additional letter regarding lunch on Thursday with an American theme - nuggets and fries! I already can't wait!

This week, I have also spent some time in the Before School Club. It's lovely to see the children enjoying their breakfast, playing so nicely with the toys and taking part in activities.

We are making a slight change to the breakfast club from next week which we hope will allow for a smoother drop off in the morning. Please walk your child down the Nursery footpath as normal. The pedestrian gate will be open from 7:30am so that you can walk your child into the main entrance. If you ring the bell, one of the staff will welcome your child into the club. The fifteen-minute interval drop off times will no longer apply from Monday. You can drop your child off at a convenient time between 7:30-8:30am.

We have appreciated another excellent week in school and, as I have alluded recently, all children, and particularly our newest children, are settling really well into their classes and have become familiar with their new routines and expectations. We are having a push on presentation and handwriting and ensuring children take pride in their work - checking, making corrections, thinking carefully about spellings and letter formation. After two years of completing a great deal of work online, this is something that needs a little of our care and attention. I am sure you will support your children with this at home.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been so caring towards others and who have been using their maths knowledge to help them solve problems.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y3 this week. They have wowed us with their wonderful attitudes to learning and efforts with their writing and vocabulary!

Our Attendance winners for this week (for the fourth week running) are Y2 with 99%!

Well done Y6 for completing wonderful, inspiring and persuasive speeches on Monday in a bid to become house captains and monitors! We were impressed with all of you!

Open Day

We are holding open days for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

You are welcome to join us to find out more about the school on:

Tuesday 8th November 9:30am

or

Thursday 10th November 2:30pm.

If you know of any prospective parents, please pass the message on!

We also have a few places available in our current Nursery class. Please contact the school office for more details.





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Notices

- **PTA News** - Unfortunately, our PTA numbers have really dropped during the COVID pandemic. We would absolutely love to get everything up and running again and do some more fundraising to support resources and treats for the children! Parents new and old are welcome to the next meeting at **7pm on Monday 10th October** here at school. It would be fantastic to see some new faces. ☺ They also run a closed Facebook group - St Mary of the Angels PTA. Feel free to add them to find out more.
- Well done Y6 - some children were able to participate in Bikeability training this week. This course equips them with the skills to safely ride their bikes on the roads and the children showed great focus and determination to improve and succeed. Many thanks to the instructors for running this valuable training for our children. And well done Y6 - you were mature and sensible and should be very proud of your success.
- Thank you to everyone who attended our welcome briefings over the past two weeks. We hope you found them informative and enjoyed meeting your child's new teaching staff.

Curriculum, Safeguarding and Well-being

- Have you completed your family pledge towards living simply? Are you trying to save water? Electricity? Walk or cycle more? Recycle? Please have a chat with your child and complete your pledge if you haven't already.



Events

We will be holding a book fayre in school, week beginning **10th October**. This will be open in the study room between 3:15-3:45pm after school each day. Please come through the main entrance once you have collected your child if you would like to take a look. It's a great chance to stock up on some early Christmas gifts. Plus, for all money spent, school will gain commission to purchase new books for our classrooms! Payments can be made at the fayre, either with cash or through payment on your phone via a QR code that we will have available.

Our school photographer will be in on **Thursday 6th October**. Children can wear their school uniform that day, rather than PE kit, as PE lessons will be cancelled.

We will be inviting Nursery parents to a Stay and Play on **Friday 7th October** at 8:45am. Please see your class page.

Reflection

This Sunday marks the twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and in Luke's Gospel the apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'

Faith is a gift from God; it helps us to pray and to believe. With faith, we can put our trust in God and His word.

Send your spirit, Lord, to increase our faith in you and to work through the hearts of all those who believe.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
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