



Newsletter No. 7: Friday 18th October 2024

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week our Reception class held a prayer service and told their audience all about new beginnings and laying the foundations for a wonderful primary learning experience here at St Mary of the Angels. They read and sang so beautifully. Thank you to Fr Ramesh, Mrs Smith and Mrs Lee and all parents for your support.

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair this week. The turn-out was great and, for all of the money spent, we earn some commission to spend on books for our children in school. We hope you managed to stock up on books. Thank you to Mrs Polito and Mrs Wilkinson, who lead the English curriculum in school and to all of the staff who helped. We are certainly encouraging a love of reading in school and are encouraging the children to develop their reading fluency. We are also looking at ways to develop the children's stamina for reading and would ask for your support with this at home. Please also check out your child's class page; there are some resources to help support with reading on there, including the 50 recommended reads for your child's age group. This is an excellent and diverse set of books.

As you are aware, we had an Ofsted inspection in July. The responses to all of our surveys were very positive, thank you. There are a couple of points that we would welcome your views on in a bit more detail. Please take a few minutes to answer these questions, as they will help us in supporting our children and families.

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Well done to the Y3 and Y4 children who took part in a football golf competition on Thursday. We are so proud of how well they did and how well they represented school with excellent behaviour. Thank you to Mr Reynolds and Mrs Adamson for supervising and supporting the children.

It has been fantastic to see the Mini Vinnies' Harvest ideas come to fruition this week. Thank you to everyone for wearing blue today, supporting and celebrating our Harvest theme in showing solidarity and caring for our global family. This has helped raise a superb £292 so far for the charity Mary's Meals. (Please note, this will be open on the gateway until Tuesday if you would like to make a contribution.) Thank you, also, for your generosity in donating tins, cans and packets of food which will be donated to the Thomas Project food bank. We also shared a joyous Harvest Mass in school this morning, with all of your donations on display. Such a wonderful occasion for our community of faith.



Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Catholic Life

Pupil voice is very strong here at school. Recently, we have been asking the children about RE, Catholic life and joining together through prayer. The children have also been asked what would Jesus say was his rule? Here are some beautiful responses that highlight our children's faith journey and deeper thinking skills:

"Jesus wants us to look after his world so that it is a safe place. He wants us to try to be like him. Our school is like a home of faith. We think of others, learn more about Jesus and we respect everyone. We are all forgiven when we do something wrong. It is like a shield of love."

"Jesus wants us all to love everyone and never give up being kind. He wants us to be loving and generous and help everyone. School inspires us to be like saints, but if we make mistakes, school forgives us and protects and guides us."

Open Day

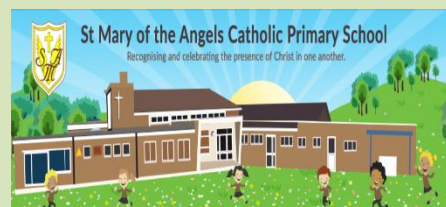
We are holding an open day for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

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

Wednesday 6th November at 9:30am

If you know of any prospective parents, please pass on this message. We look forward to seeing you then.

We have a small number of spaces in this year's Nursery class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Notices

- PTA Updates: Our PTA are planning a disco for the children to enjoy on Wednesday 23rd October. Please see the flyer sent previously and pay via the gateway. Thank you for your support with this exciting event! This will be a non-uniform day for all children. For EYFS and KS1, the disco will take place during the school day so children can be collected as normal. For KS2, the disco will be straight after school, so children staying for this should be collected at 4:15pm from the playground.
- If you are at Asda this weekend, we have signed up to the Cash Pot for Schools initiative. Here is some more information:
<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>
- We have a new Ring doorbell in the main entrance. If you are collecting from after school club, please use this so that staff can see who is here to collect.
- We are sad to inform you that Mrs Joyce, who works in our school office, is leaving next Friday. We thank her for all of her hard work and kindness. Mrs Joyce will really be missed. We have recruited a new admin assistant who we are looking forward to welcoming on 4th November - Mrs Fiona Teal. Mrs Teal is moving from another school office and has lots of experience and expertise to bring to St Mary's.
- One of our talented parents, Kelly Rickards, has written a novel which has been published - Adventures of Angie Amazonite. Congratulations! We are lucky to have been gifted a copy in school. Please see the flyer for more information.

Events

Tuesday 22nd October - Y3 walking to Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 23rd October - PTA disco day and non-uniform

Thursday 24th October - we will be celebrating a France themed day. Our children have access to a range of modern foreign languages, with French being the one that we primarily focus on. The children will be immersed in some lovely activities celebrating France and the French language. Children are invited to wear red, white and/or blue clothing.

Friday 25th October - flu vaccinations
Please see separate email.

Parents' evening is booked for the week beginning 11th November. A separate letter will be sent next week.

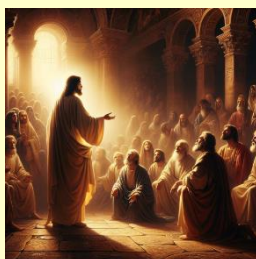
Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In this Sunday's Gospel, James and John ask for a seat on either side of Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus reminds us that it is God the Father who will measure our goodness and willingness to think of others before ourselves. Jesus came to earth as a servant of all humankind and put our needs first.

Mark, Chapter 10: "For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his ransom for many."

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher



The Lord's Prayer
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Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us
our trespasses, as we
forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

