



St Mary's News 2022 April Issue

"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"

Dear Parents,

Welcome back- We hope that the Easter Season was a good one for you and your families. We were delighted to see so many of you in attendance, last night, at Parents' Consultations, with smiles and appreciative comments. We have all missed the opportunity to talk face to face and welcome the "touch of normality" back. Hopefully, tonight will be equally well attended and will have equal teamwork and mutual respect in evidence.

PTA -The return of the Summer Fayre- with your help- We have pencilled in to the diary, Saturday 16th July 11- 2pm for our Summer Fayre. This is always a great fundraiser for our PTA, which provides extras for the children in school. It cannot take place without your help. **Please come along to our meeting on Tuesday 3/5/22**- to offer whatever contribution you can- big or small. Work on your friend and come together- it is always light-hearted and good-humoured. We need you!

50/50 Club Please also find attached a form that you can complete, so that you can join the 50/50 Club. It is really easy and keeps the PTA funds ticking over, effectively, providing people sign up to be in it.

Parents' Voice – Thank you. This google form on communication is now closed and feedback will follow, shortly.

Y3 Parents' Sacramental Preparation Meeting- Thank you to Mrs Hayes for her time in preparing and leading the Y3 Parents' Sacramental Meeting, this week and big thanks to Joe for helping us to eat the biscuits afterwards! It was good to see many parents in attendance, and all in good spirits, too. Thanks also to those who sent their apologies, To those who did not attend, it is vital that you check the PowerPoint on the class page, to ensure that you are aware of protocol and expectations on the day for your child.

A Parents' Volunteer to attend School trips List – is being re-established. If you would like to be added to the list, stating that you can be available to attend some school trips, then please speak with Mrs Joyce, in our school office. She will explain how you can access a DBS check, in preparation. It will only be once or twice a year and parents usually enjoy them. The Office Managers manage the list and will be in touch with you as and when they need your support. Thank you in anticipation.

Y1 and Y2 parents- Your children will be leading the Family Mass on Sunday 8th May at 9.30am. We really look forward to seeing you all there.

Y4 Parents- Swimming begins next week. Please ensure that your child knows how to get changed sensibly and quickly. Remind them of your expectations around privacy and mutual respect, when others are changing, also. Finally, please remember that they will be back later onto school premises, as they are in the baths until 3pm. We anticipate an ETA of about 3.40pm. Children will need to come into the building to collect their belongings and will be **dismissed via the front entrance. Please can parents access the front entrance via the Nursery gate, once all Nursery and Reception parents have gone home.** We look forward to sharing their improvements with you, across the first 5 sessions.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday 3/5/22 Alton Castle Meeting for Y6 Parents (Letter already sent)

Tuesday 3/5/22 PTA Meeting for all interested helpers . 7.30pm in school

Wednesday 4/5/22 Swimming starts for Y4 today 1.30 – 3.30pm. The children will be late back, each Wednesday afternoon, to facilitate this.

Friday 6/5/22 -celebrating Our Lady's Day, in school, to commemorate our Patron saint- St Mary of the Angels. Letter attached

Sunday 8/5/22- Family Mass returns led by our Y1 and Y2 children, in church, at 9.30am

Monday 9/5/22 Y6 SATS Week commences, this week. Please ensure that your child is able to attend

Saturday 14/5/22 Y3 Sacrament of Holy Communion 11am and 1pm.

And Finally...

During the month of May, we honour our patron, Mary, the mother of God. Please encourage your child to bring their rosary beads into school, if they have them. We aim to give them opportunities to honour Our Lady, also.

