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Newsletter No. 7: Friday 20th October 2023

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

It has been fantastic to see the Mini Vinnies' Harvest ideas come to fruition this week. Thank you to everyone for supporting and celebrating our 'continents' Harvest theme in showing solidarity and caring for our global family. Thank you 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.

In other Catholic life news, we have attached some pupil views from our retreat day with Dan and Emily last Friday - 'Let All Creation Sing.' The children found this such an enjoyable and worthwhile experience and it supports our work towards the Live Simply award and the Catholic Social Teachings that we are embedding through the curriculum.

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fayre this week. The turnout 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, all of the staff who helped, and our fabulous children helpers as well! We are certainly encouraging a love of reading in school and are encouraging the children to develop their reading fluency. Generally speaking, children need to be able to read at a rate of approximately 90-100 words per minute, by the end of KS1. Throughout the upper primary years, this increases again to 100-120 words per minute. We are looking at ways to develop this stamina in school and would ask for your support with this at home. Please also check out your child's class page; there are lots of resources to help support with reading on there, including the 50 recommended reads for your child's age group. There is an excellent and diverse set of books.

Well done to Y5 who followed in Y6's footsteps this week and had such a fantastic day at Woodlands on Tuesday, despite the cold weather. We have some wonderful photos to share with you on Twitter.

Y1 and Y2 also have exciting educational visits planned for next week. We hope the weather holds out for you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hill

Term Dates

Half term holiday: 30th October - 3rd November

Term ends: Friday 22nd December at 1:30pm

Spring Term:

Inset day: Monday 8th January

Term starts: Tuesday 9th January

Half term holiday: 12th-16th February

Inset day: Monday 19th February

Term ends: Friday 22nd March 1:30pm

Summer Term

Term starts: Monday 8th April

Half term holiday: 27th-31st May

Term ends: Friday 19th July 1:30pm

Inset day: Monday 22nd July

Open Day

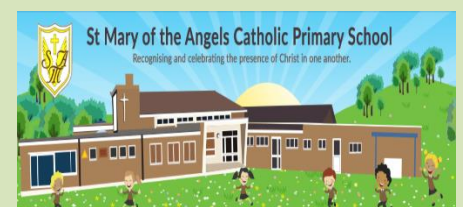
We are holding open days for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

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

Monday 13th 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 and Reception class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





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Notices

- If your child does have any books that they have read and are looking to recycle, we may be able to use them in school (particularly KS2 novels.) Please send any photos of the books to Postbox. Thank you.
- PTA News: Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mr Leek and the parents and friends who attended our PTA meeting on Wednesday. Planning has started for some exciting fundraisers to take place over the course of this academic year. More details will follow.
- Bikeability takes place for Y6 next week. Just a reminder that children should dismount before bringing their bikes onto the school grounds and bikes should also be taken home after school each day.
- We understand that often parents are working during the day and some enquiries are sent in the evening. If this is the case, these need to come through Postbox please, as opposed to teacher's direct email addresses. These will then be read and actioned during office hours.

Events

Y6 Bikeability next week - please see separate information

Tuesday 24th October - Y4 at Mass with the parish

Tuesday 24th October - Y1 at Twycross Zoo

Wednesday 25th October - Y2 at the Farm

Afternoon - Y1 eye tests

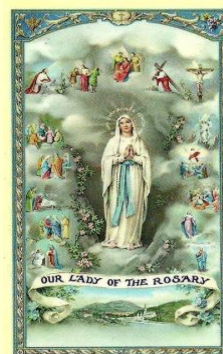
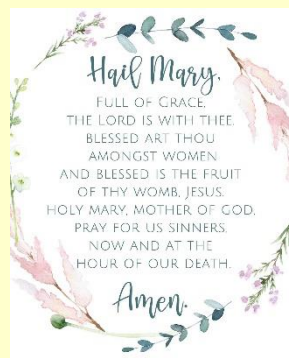
Thursday 26th October 3:20pm in the hall - Science Extravaganza - please see the separate letter sent last week with more details

Friday 27th October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Week beginning 6th November - please see separate letter

Prayer and Reflection

During this month of October, we dedicate our prayers to Our Lady. We have been celebrating the Holy Rosary through our Rosary prayer services in class and our Gospel led prayer services.



[The Rosary Challenge // Little Liturgies from the Mark 10 Mission - YouTube](#)

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher