



# St Mary's News 2021 October Issue 3

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

Dear Parents,

**Co Vid updates-** Week 7 brings news of increased restrictions being advised by our Local Authority. Decisions made in September, by Governors and Senior leaders at SMA, were cautious. Therefore, much of the LA advice is already being adhered to. However, plans to invite parents back into school are now on hold, once more. Similarly, we are asking for mask wearing on the school site and in communal spaces, again. Your full support on this one is something I know is guaranteed, in respect of our staff, your children and the wider community- yourselves.

**Lockdown aftermath.** I have re attached the summary of findings, for your reference, as these will be the areas we will focus on after half term.

**Induction for new parents feedback-** Any Nursery parents who have not submitted their questionnaires, please let us have these by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November , at the latest. A summary of findings will then be shared, later in November. Thank you in anticipation.

**Behaviour Non negotiables,** for your reference parents: All children need to demonstrate that they are: listening to their teacher on first request; walking safely around the building; responding politely when their name is called by staff, doing as they are asked without argument, respecting the rule of law & not hurting others .

**50/50 Club winners are as follows: For August -** £20.94 each for Stella Taylor, Sarah Desorgher, Julie Joyce and Sabrina Keen. **For September –** £21.25 each for Tori Munslow, M&S Ahmad, Sarah Peate and Debbie Connell. **For October -** £20.63 each for V & W Bright, Emma Shepherd, B Johnson and Louisa Finnegan. Thank you, as always to PTA members supporting this venture.

## This week and Reminders:

**Safeguarding Internet safety-** Please find attached a well written guide to **Squid Game** and the safety factors that parents need to be aware of.

**Parking-** Fr Craig is responsible for safety in the church car park, however, he is finding it increasingly difficult, as children are being allowed to roam freely for long periods of time, after school collections. A detached pipe caused a 2 hr hold up, last week, caused by someone turning the pipe in the other direction. Please respect his property and see the free parking as a bonus. Many thanks

**Parent Governor-** Our thanks and Congratulations to Mr Linley and Mrs Roberts, (parents of Ella, Phoebe and James) our duly elected Parent Governors, who will receive their Induction Pack and official letter of welcome from our Governors, very soon. Their backgrounds and experience of the school, differ greatly, enabling them to bring a wealth of differing strengths to the already strong group.

**Lunchtime Supervisor –** Congratulations to Mrs Joyce (parent of Isla ), on her recent success. We look forward to her joining us after half term.

**Harvest Mass** Our Harvest Mass is tomorrow. Sadly, we cannot invite parents or KS1. We will send tweets and keep you in our prayers..

## Upcoming events:

**Y2 Phonics Booster support early morning classes Y1 RE extra curricula opportunities**

Y2/Y1 parents, please look out for your letters tomorrow for these great opportunities.

**Harvest Contributions Thank you.** Please keep them coming. Please remember tins of food, from KS1 children, tomorrow morning, also, for those in our community who go without, regularly.

**Book Sale-** Please remember the book sale after half term. The sale will be on Friday afternoon ( 5<sup>th</sup> November) Bring your books next week.( School council letter attached)

**Toast Payments.** Please can these be paid, via the gateway, by 3<sup>rd</sup> November . From after Half term, coins, cannot be accepted for toast, in the school office as we are a cashless school. Many thanks

**Parents consultations.** will be throughout the day, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. These can be booked from the 21/10/21, via schools. Just log on through the school website.

**And Finally...** We wish you a relaxed safe, well deserved half term break. See you all back safely on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

