



St Mary's News 2022 March Issue 4

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

Dear Parents,

Lent – Thank you in anticipation to parents for their generosity towards our Lenten ventures. Walk for Hunger takes place/has taken place as indicated: Nursery: 23/3, Reception: 24/3, Y1 30/3, Y2 30/3, Y3 29/3, Y4 22/3, Y5 4/4, Y6 29/3. Please also find attached details of a pupil led venture. Our Mini Vinnies in Y5 (Emily and Ethan) have drafted a letter to parents in Y1, 2, and 5. We applaud their leadership and determination to "make difference" in their world.

Support for Ukraine- As part of a world response to the Ukrainian crisis, Pope Francis has asked the world bishops to join together as an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in prayer, tomorrow evening at 5.30pm. Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham have been asked to say the Angelus at 12 noon tomorrow, so all of our KS2 children will be engaging in this act of global collective worship. Please feel able to join with us if you can, spiritually.

PTA Donut Day- Thank you to our loyal PTA- Last Friday was a sight for sore eyes as children (and staff) left with mouths full of sugar coated Krispy Kreme donuts, in exchange for £1 on the school gateway. It is the little things in life, which make the world a better place.

Parents' Voice – **Finally, our Google form is ready.** We are very interested to hear how our changes to the Website and Curriculum pages has supported you; how the class page, relevant workshops, twitter and videos keep you informed and smiling, in our busy 21st century. **The link will be sent tomorrow via email and will be on children's class pages, for you to access, also.** The more parents who take the time to respond, the more realistic the picture we will have, to affect change and adapt to further support you. There are 18 questions- it should not take longer than 5-10 minutes. It will remain open until the first Friday after the Easter break: and any other suggestions you make. Thank you in anticipation.

Nursery places. Please check with your friends and local community that they have applied for their place in Nursery, for September 2022, as places have now been offered and will quickly fill up over time. Applications and details are available via the office staff, Mrs Joyce and Mrs Ward.

Parents' Consultations- The Gateway will open on Monday 28th March in the afternoon, for parents to sign up for Parents Consultations, on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th April, after the Easter break.

Upcoming events:

- **Thursday 31/3/22** is National Autism Awareness Day here in school. Please support this hugely important day, by donating £1, in exchange for your child being able to wear one item of blue clothing, as part of their uniform. Staff will also be carrying out activities to raise children's awareness of what Autism is. All monies will go towards the National Autistic Society.
- **Friday 1/4/22- Y3** Sacrament of Reconciliation – Parents to arrive for **1.30pm in school.**
- **Friday 8/4/22**- School closes for the Easter break- all children need to be collected from school at 1.30pm on this day.
- **Wednesday 27/4/22 and Thursday 28/4/22** Parents' Consultations in school between 4pm and 7pm each evening.
- **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. A letter regarding this was sent out last week.
- **Monday 25/4/22**- Y3 Parents' Holy Communion Meeting 6pm in school.
- **Saturday 14/5/22** Y3 Sacrament of Holy Communion 11am and 1pm.

And Finally...

We remember all of those Grandmothers and Mothers in our community, living and dead, who have shaped our lives, with their love and care. We ask for God's special blessing on them, this weekend.