



# St Mary's News 2021 September Issue 4

Dear Parents,

**Co Vid updates-** Week 4 brings news of a further 4 positive Co Vid 19 tests in school- 2 staff members and 2 pupils. Letters have been shared with parents, advising next steps. We thank parents for their vigilance and level headed approach to a situation which we need to handle together. Thanks also for your pro active approach towards testing if you suspect your child may be positive. This protects us all.

**Behaviour-**Your children are well behaved, polite children with a love of learning, which we are very proud of. However, since the return to school, this term, we have noted that certain non-negotiable, bottom line expectations, such as: **listening to their teacher on first request; walking safely around the building; responding politely when their name is called by a member of staff and, doing as they are asked without argument,** have slipped in some cases and in some classes. For that reason, we have made it really clear, in all classes, that we expect better from them. **The children agree- some voiced their annoyance; some recognised their part in this inappropriate behaviour.** All are ready for the challenge. However, parents, we also require your full support in this matter to "nip it in the bud". Some of your children and sadly, a small number of parents too, will gossip and apportion blame without knowing the true facts. My advice is to be professional, speak directly to us and we will share the truth, even when it is not what you want to hear, objectively and honestly.

**Thank you, as always, to the 90%+ parents who are a pleasure to work with, and who know their own children.** I will keep you updated across the Autumn term, as we move towards outstanding behaviour, once more, with your full support and backing at home/school.

## This week and Reminders:

**School Fund** – Almost all classes, have received over £400 worth of gorgeous, new books for their class libraries, since the beginning of term. The excitement as they are shared, has been great to be part of. This is directly linked to your School Fund Contributions. Thank you very much - we will continue to share how we spend it. Please keep adding to it, when you can!

**Y6 Secondary transfer-** The closing date for the application is 31<sup>st</sup> October **however, we strongly advise that all applications are made by Friday 22/10/21, when we finish for half term.** Please ask for support if you are unsure, in any way, via the school office.

**Parent Governor-** The deadline for nominations is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please find attached the nomination form.

**Lunchtime Supervisor needed-** the advert and job description for this post are available via the school office. It will also be available via the website before the close of school tomorrow.

**Morrison tokens** -Please take the time to download the **MyMorrison's app** today, to start collecting tokens, and choose St Mary of the Angels for your donation.☺

## Upcoming events:

**Flu Vaccinations** will be in school on 14<sup>th</sup> October for children in R-Y6.

**Paralympian Darren Harris school visit** – We look forward to welcoming Darren, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. **Please see details on the attached letter, which involve a sponsored fundraising event.** It looks like great day. Thanks Miss Wood.

**Dinner changes** - Next week our ROAST dinner will be served on Wednesday and our PIZZA Day will be on Thursday. Please come and join in!

**Twitter- new members** – It is great to see our twitter account growing, we now have over 140 followers. **If you wish to request to join this closed account, please email [twitter@st-maryangel.co.uk](mailto:twitter@st-maryangel.co.uk), to confirm who you are and your user name.**

**Bikeability-** will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, for Y6 children, who have requested a place.

**Harvest Mass in school for Y1-6.** We hope to host our Harvest Mass in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This will be led by Y5 children. Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us. Covid restrictions will be in place and masks will be required, please.

**GO GREEN**  
FOR CAFOD  
However you raise money,  
make it bright green

*Parents of children who bring sandwiches, please remind your children to bring their rubbish home and recycle it responsibly. Thanks*

**And Finally**....Our Gospel Virtues, this half term, are Truthfulness and Eloquence. Please find attached some ideas to share with children, if you would like to do so.